As we near the end of another calendar year, we have also turned another corner in a never-ending journey. Having recently taken a look back at what the Auraria Campus has achieved, we are reminded at just how far we have come…and how far we can still go.

Known for pioneering institutional collaboration, in the last seven years the Auraria Campus has gone further and had more impact than anyone could have ever imagined. Through the spirited partnership of the institutions that share this unique campus, we have built six new buildings, made one building acquisition, developed an extraordinary athletic complex, and created the Tivoli Quad—the most dynamic shared asset for the campus since its inception in the late 1970s.

In addition, we have collectively renovated eleven existing facilities, while adding a second light rail station for the new west line. Two more new buildings are in progress (bringing the ultimate number of new buildings to eight), and we have three more renovation projects in the planning stages.

As I mentioned in the October issue of 9th Street News, more than $630 million has been spent in direct investment in construction, renovations, and projects during this short time. Of the 3.4 million square feet that has been added to the campus since 1976, 40 percent of that has been in the past six years. Those are numbers worth repeating, as we begin to launch forward on the next leg of our journey.
Most importantly, though, we should take this time to reflect on our achievements. We have just published a wonderful piece that I like to refer to as our “Success Report.” It captures our journey and recognizes our ongoing potential. I invite you to explore this captivating report, and come to appreciate that it is our collective people who made this campus come alive.

After all, the greatest development that we have to celebrate is the development of a truly cohesive community.

Barb Weiske
Chief Executive Officer

CCD is Awarded $3 Million STEM Grant

CCD, a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, was awarded a $3,001,450 grant to re-envision education and college navigation. STEM Sirviendo, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is a faculty-led, learning-centered reform designed to strengthen recruitment, student retention, completion of associate degrees, and transfers to four-year schools for Hispanic students.

“STEM Sirviendo is an opportunity for CCD to deepen its mission as a Hispanic Serving Institution and to create a pathway to increase the supply of a diverse STEM workforce,” said Dr. Heidi Loshbaugh, Dean of CCD’s Center for Math and Science.

“The number of Latino students in STEM fields is low, yet the demand for Coloradoans ready for STEM careers is higher than ever,” said Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO). “Getting more Colorado students engaged in STEM programs is key to our economy. Colorado’s Latino population is consistently growing and CCD’s STEM Sirviendo program is a great way to engage more of our residents in STEM careers.”

“CCD chose Sirviendo, which means ‘serving’, as this project’s title because we seek to improve CCD’s opportunities to serve our current and future Hispanic student-scholars and help them realize their dreams to become scientists, engineers, researchers, and medical professionals,” said CCD President Dr. Everette Freeman.

Addresses for W2s

W2s will be processed starting in January. Please verify that your address is correct on your pay advice. If it needs to be updated, contact your supervisor, paymaster, or the Human Resources Department. All corrections must be received by January 4th, 2017.

Avoiding Slips, Trips, & Falls

Slips, trips, and falls are leading causes of workplace accidents. Slips happen when there is too little friction or traction between your footwear and a walking surface. Trips happen when your foot collides (strikes, hits) an object causing you to lose balance. Falls result from slips and trips.
Partnership with Detroit Institute of Music Education Initiates New Degree Programs

MSU Denver announced a partnership with Detroit Institute of Music Education (DIME) that enables students to take MSU Denver courses at DIME’s Detroit, MI and Denver, CO campuses. DIME Detroit and DIME Denver will function as extended campuses of MSU Denver, where students will be able to pursue undergraduate degrees in Individualized Studies, with concentrations in commercial music performance, commercial songwriting, and music industry studies.

DIME Denver is an exclusive partnership between the Detroit Institute of Music Education and MSU Denver, and a program proactively recruited by the Downtown Denver Partnership, to provide strong musical and academic foundations to prepare young people for sustained careers in the music industry.

On November 15th, the partnership launched a pop-up venue and temporary headquarters in the basement of the Tivoli Student Union. DIME Denver will be open to the public for special performances and presentations in advance of its permanent location and official launch of the degree programs in fall 2017.

“The program we are starting, with a great set of partners, has the potential to make some substantive changes in not just the local music industry, but in the national industry,” said MSU Denver President Dr. Stephen Jordan. “It’s going to be fun to watch it grow over time.”

The Downtown Denver Partnership brought the two programs together as part of strategic efforts to establish downtown Denver as a unique intersection of music performance, business, and entrepreneurship.

“The Downtown Denver and its center city neighborhoods are home to more than 85 music venues, on par with other well-known ‘music cities’,” said Tami Door, President of the Downtown Denver Partnership. “I knew immediately that we needed to bring DIME to Denver.”

Follow these tips to help avoid accidents:

Plan ahead; take your time
• Study the area; pay attention
• Don’t carry too many objects at once; take several trips
• Ask for help if carrying a large load of items

Stay organized
• Maintain clear, tidy work areas
• Keep clutter to a minimum

Walk safely
• Pay attention to your surroundings—don’t take shortcuts
• Follow normal routes and sidewalks

Wear proper footwear
• Wear shoes with good traction

Most slips, trips, and falls are preventable. Paying attention to your surroundings and eliminating potentially hazardous situations will reduce your chances of being injured.

If you have questions, please contact Human Resources at 303-556-3384.

Tivoli Starbucks Team Delivers as Top-Volume Location in Denver

Since it opened in August 2015, Tivoli Starbucks has become the top-volume location in Denver. During peak periods, staff at the popular campus café are able to process up to 120 transactions per half hour.
Assistive Technology Partners Moves to 5th Street Hub

The 5th Street Hub, once home to the former campus print shop, gained a new tenant this fall. CU Denver’s Assistive Technology Partners (ATP) program moved into the space in September. With a mission to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve their highest potential through the use of assistive technology, the cross-disciplinary program provides clinical services, consultation, education, research, and innovative technology development.

With both financial and hands-on contributions from members of Colorado’s construction industry, as well as the support of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Dean Marc Ingber, Ph.D., and Bioengineering Chair Robin Shandas, Ph.D., ATP moved from its location on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora to the newly renovated space in the 5th Street Hub.

ATP’s new space includes nearly 3,000 square feet in the 5th Street Hub, as well as 2,500 square feet of office space in the Administration Building. In addition to hosting the Assistive Technology clinic for clients, the space provides research and engineering workspace for ATP’s bioengineering students.

The Colorado construction industry, which has supported the ATP program for over a decade, raised close to $250,000 for Hub renovations and contributed another $100,000 in in-kind services and materials. To date, the philanthropic group has raised a total of nearly $2 million for ATP, also funding an endowed professorship, a bioengineering endowment, and a student scholarship.

‘ONE AURARIA’ NEWS

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Officer Corey Averill and K9 Dash

The Auraria Campus Police Department (ACPD) added a new member to its team this fall: Dash, the K9. Dash and his handler, ACPD Officer Corey Averill, are the first K9 unit for the campus.

While it can be incredibly busy at times, the Tivoli Starbucks operation is a well-oiled machine, moving customers through the line extremely fast. The team is cohesive and efficient, with a commitment to delivering the highest level of customer service.

Aimee Baker, Store Manager, and Allie McNall, Assistant Store Manager, are responsible for driving the popular location’s high performance. Their upbeat and unflappable attitude is contagious, which is evident in watching their student employees’ positive interactions with customers, even during the highest volume times. This is the result of their simple and effective operations objective: fast and friendly.

To make this objective achievable, Baker and McNall promote highly streamlined, routine-based processes. They set store-wide goals by the half hour to give employees a common purpose. Staff are well trained in specific roles to optimize productivity, ensuring the right people are always in the right place at the right time.

“We strive for success and work toward being our best,” said Baker. “And it feels good when we see that success happening. It’s a great environment; people really appreciate that we’re here [on campus] and can be fast.”

Baker and McNall’s effective management style is one fundamental reason for the location’s success; the other is the highly motivated and hard-working student staff they hire. Tivoli Starbucks student employees consistently demonstrate the “Respond with Urgency” and “Delight Our Customers” Guiding Principles. Even when a wrench is thrown into the routine (such as a broken...
Dash is a one-year-old white golden retriever who is being trained for explosives detection. As a team, Dash and Officer Averill will conduct searches for a variety of explosive materials on campus. When the ACPD receives calls about suspicious packages or unattended backpacks, Dash and Officer Averill can respond and investigate. In addition, the team will support high-profile events that require protective sweeps.

Dash has been busy learning his job with Officer Averill. His comprehensive training program is a total of 10 weeks through Rocky Mountain Canine Academy. To keep their skills sharp, training will be ongoing through Dash’s career.

Officer Averill grew up in law enforcement. His father was a police officer, and he always looked up to him and his chosen career path. When Officer Averill was 16, he joined the cadet program and was immediately hooked. He’s been with the ACPD since 2015, and was selected from a strong pool of candidates to take on the K9 handler role. Prior to the ACPD, Averill worked as a military police officer for the Army in Baumholder, Germany and Fort Polk, Louisiana.

“One of the things that stood out was Officer Averill’s comfort level and confidence with animals from his years of service in the military,” said Chief Michael Phibbs.

Officer Averill and Dash are excited about their new assignment, and are looking forward to serving the Auraria Campus community. While Dash’s primary responsibility will be explosives detection, he also loves to make new friends with students, faculty, and staff.

“The campus community is invited to stop and meet Dash when we’re out and about on campus,” said Averill. “However, before calling Dash’s name or petting him, please confirm with me that he isn’t actively working.”

When Officer Averill is off duty, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Tasha, who is a dispatcher for Boulder Police Department. When Dash isn’t doing police work, he enjoys romping with his friend, Denali, Officer Averill’s other dog, chasing tennis balls, and savoring Kongs filled with biscuits and peanut butter.

Follow Dash’s adventures on Instagram: @DashtheK9.

**HOBBIES**

**Officer Averill:** Snowboarding and camping  
**Dash:** Explosives detection and playing with Denali

**FAVORITE FOOD**

**Officer Averill:** Steak  
**Dash:** Life’s Abundance dog chow

**BEVERAGE OF CHOICE**

**Officer Averill:** Coffee  
**Dash:** Water with occasional fish oils

**SPORTS**

**Officer Averill:** Denver Broncos  
**Dash:** Tennis balls

**INSPIRATIONAL LEADER**

**Officer Averill:** General George Patton  
**Dash:** McGruff, the Crime Dog

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**Tivoli Starbucks by the Numbers**

- **Student Staff:** 35
- **Customers Per Day:** 1500–1700
- **Average Transactions Per Half Hour:** 80
- **Average Transactions Per Half Hour During Peak Times:** 115
- **Transactions in One Year (August 2015–2016):** 223,638
- **Transaction Growth (compared to same-day results from previous year):** 20–25% each day
NEW HIRES & RETIREES

Discover colleagues who have recently joined the “One Auraria” community, and recognize those colleagues who have retired.

NEW HIRES

John Andrade
Custodian
Support Services

Jacob Arck
Material Handler I
Business Services

Tara Dahal
Custodian
Support Services

Christopher Johnson
Custodian
Support Services

Mike McGee
Custodian
Support Services

Eric Sherman
Electronic Specialist
IT & Telecommunications

REHIRE

Derek Staley
Grounds & Nursery
Facilities Services

Zachary Thompson
Media Specialist
Academic Support Services

RETIREES

Charles Bryant
Media Specialist
Academic Support Services

Elvia Medina
Custodian
Support Services

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

December 16, 2016
Winterfest
2–3:30 p.m. | Tivoli Turnhalle

December 26, 2016–January 2, 2017
Campus Closed

January 17, 2017
Spring Semester begins

January 28, 2017
AELC Kindergarten Open House
5–6:30 p.m. | Room 129 | Early Learning Center

SPECIAL OFFER FOR AHEC STAFF

Discount for AHEC Staff

The Tavern Downtown, located at 1949 Market Street, is offering a generous discount to all AHEC staff.

Swing by with your AHEC ID to enjoy 15% off all food and beverages.

Discount Details

• 15% off food & beverage
• Valid only at Tavern Downtown
• Valid for staff with a valid Auraria Higher Education Center ID
• Valid for ID holder only
• Valid every day until 8 p.m.
• Not valid toward cover or ticket price for an event
• Not valid toward tax or gratuity
• Not valid with other offers or discounts

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