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Tivoli Quad— A Winner!

We always knew the Tivoli Quad would be a winner, even before we built it.

A green space that supports campus events and activities, the Tivoli

Quad initiative was the need identified by all three institutions as the most important shared addition to the campus. Yet, we knew securing funding would be a difficult hill to climb, as academics and other needs took understandable priority. Nonetheless, partnerships developed that included the Auraria Foundation, Auraria Board, and most importantly, the Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board. The result is the wonderful space that we have today.

Nearly 42,000 students were collectively strong in their will to make this initiative happen. What followed was an orchestrated process of vision becoming design. It was a unified effort among multiple groups—architects, contractors, and our own stellar team of campus planning, finance, and project management. Behind the scenes, the students worked with our Events Services staff and developed user policies and guidelines so the area could be utilized from day one. The Quad is a perfect example of community success!

Since then, others have noticed that the Quad is a winner, as well. On May 18th, the Tivoli Quad received a prestigious award from the Downtown Denver Partnership for contributing to the economic vitality of downtown Denver. As another component of achieving one of the seven transformative projects of the Downtown Area Plan, the Quad



HR INSIGHT

DID YOU KNOW?

Tuition Reimbursement

As permanent staff and Colorado residents, AHEC employees are eligible for up to six credit hours per year of tuition reimbursement through MSU Denver.

The first step is to put in an application with the Admissions Office. Fees are waived with the presentation of an AHEC staff ID. The application must be COMPLETED and present on the first day of class for proper enrollment.

The application and stipulations can be found on the HR webpage at www.ahec.edu/tuition-reimbursement.

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was recognized as an important connection between downtown Denver and the Auraria Campus. (Watch the video: bit.ly/2pTTINS)

The Tivoli Quad is truly an award winner—something to be extremely proud of. Just as the Quad belongs to everyone, so does this great award. Congratulations to all of you!

Barb Weiske

Chief Executive Officer

CAMPUS NEWS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER



Higher Learning Commission Accreditation

In March, the Community College of Denver completed an important step in the accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)—the campus evaluation visit by peer reviewers.

The HLC is a regional agency that accredits degree-granting, post-secondary institutions in the north central region of the United States. The process

is based on a system of peer review, which involves research, information gathering, and meetings at the institution. The reviewers take that data to formulate their recommendations and produce a final report with the goal of assuring and advancing the quality of the institution's higher learning.

The HLC process for CCD, which has been led by Associate Dean of Instruction Kayla Zelig, has been months in the making with surveys, mock visits, and other preparations by faculty and staff.

Zelig followed up the peer review visit with a grateful message to CCD faculty and staff for their dedication and engagement in the process. "The HLC peer reviewers were awed by your knowledge, your pride, and your commitment to being an active participant to this comprehensive visit for re-affirmation," she said. "You attended the forums in droves, far more than the peer reviewers had been accustomed to."

The peer reviewers are evaluating their findings and finalizing their recommendations. Next, the recommendations will go to a formal board hearing at the HLC, called the Institutional Action Committee. This committee will approve the final report, which CCD estimates will be completed in August.

President Everette Freeman thanked CCD faculty and staff for their time, energy, and commitment to the HLC process. "Often times we neglect to give a special shout-out to those who steer the ship from the ocean up; the men and women in the offices, cubicles, and duty stations around the campus, I want to especially thank you for your contributions."

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Shannon Fluckey **Creative Services** **Manager Integrated** **Marketing &** **Communications**

Shannon Fluckey, Creative Services Manager for Integrated Marketing and Communications (IMC), is a selfless, humble, and committed "One Auraria" employee. Underneath her quiet demeanor is passion, fierce loyalty, and a generous spirit

Fluckey celebrated her 15-year anniversary with AHEC just last year. She started out as a graphic designer for the former Click's print shop after earning her bachelor of fine arts degree from Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design.

She's been an essential member of the IMC team since the department was created. An insightful and dependable teammate, Fluckey always gives her time and support freely. If someone needs a helping hand, she's the first to volunteer assistance. If she needs to meet a deadline, she's been known to take a project home to complete it over the weekend. If someone on her team is overwhelmed, she takes on an extra assignment to ease the stress. If she isn't sure how



MSU Denver President Stephen M. Jordan (standing left) receives accolades in the Colorado State Senate chambers for his service to the university. Photo: MSU Denver

President Jordan Honored by Legislature

President Stephen Jordan has built a legacy of transformation for MSU Denver. The legacy also stretches to the Colorado State Capitol—and well beyond.

Jordan was honored on April 19th by leaders in both the State Senate and House of Representatives, who extolled the growth and impact of MSU Denver under his leadership. He was accompanied by his wife Ruthie, son Ross, Trustee Barbara Grogan, and Chief of Staff Cathy Lucas.

“He’s opened doors for innumerable students, especially for those who wouldn’t otherwise have access to higher education,” said Nancy Todd, State Senator from Aurora, who kicked off the tribute on the Senate floor. “We’re thrilled to be able to recognize him and say thank you.”

A procession of four senators then took the opportunity to acknowledge the strides taken by MSU Denver during Jordan’s tenure. Remarks noted his initiative to recruit and retain students of color, to achieve University status, the work toward Hispanic-serving institution designation, establishing the School of Education, and numerous public-private partnerships—such as the Hospitality Learning Center, which Todd pointed out hosted legislative leaders kicking off a recent session.

Afterward, Jordan was recognized in the House of Representatives chamber by Speaker Crisanta Duran.

“With his leaving, any new leader would have big shoes to fill,” said Duran. “It’s appropriate that we recognize his work of putting MSU Denver on the path to become the preeminent public urban university since 2005.”

to approach a project, she’ll do research until she finds a solution.

Fluckey believes whole-heartedly in the **“Make an Impact”** Guiding Principle, priding herself on delivering the highest quality work, regardless of whether it’s a business card order or a 32-page publication. “I love the variety of people and projects I get to work with,” said Fluckey.

Her projects range from ads for Starbucks, maps for Parking & Transportation Services, and the annual report for the Executive Office, to promotional materials for MSU Denver, journal design and layout for CU Denver, and business cards for CCD.

Fluckey never does anything half way—at work or at home. She’s driven by her life passions: art, design, swing dancing, reading, and last but not least, the Denver Broncos. A die-hard fan, she’s been a Broncos season ticket-holder for six years after being on the waitlist for 15 years. Prior to that (for almost eight years), she and her mom purchased individual game tickets.

When she’s not cheering on the Broncos, Fluckey is busy exploring the city. Born and raised in the north Denver-metro area, she’s well versed on the best of the best for local restaurants, shopping, and bakeries. Her team jokes that she’s a living, breathing version of Yelp. So, the next time you need a recommendation on where to find the best cupcake, where to buy a unique gift, or where to enjoy a traditional cup of Welsh tea, Fluckey is your resource.

BEVERAGE OF CHOICE

English breakfast black tea with milk and sugar

FUN FACT

My great uncle Bob Mathauser was an Indy race car driver in the 1960s



The Comcast Media and Technology Center during its opening celebration. Photo: CU Denver

Media and Technology Center Connects Students with Comcast

Comcast Media and Technology Center, a partnership between the University of Colorado Denver and Comcast, opened with a celebration on March 2nd. Comcast supported the creation of the center with a cash and in-kind contribution valued at \$5 million. The College of Engineering and Applied Science and the College of Arts & Media (CAM) co-manage the center, where students and faculty collaborate on a full range of engineering and creative projects with Comcast staff.

Matt McConnell, Comcast Technology Solutions' Senior Vice President and General Manager, is excited about the partnership with CU Denver. "The world is changing so fast that we need really smart engineers and creative types to solve what's changing at light speed," McConnell said. "From our perspective, there's no greater partner."

Chancellor Dorothy Horrell said students in engineering, the arts, media, and technology will now get the chance to work on interdisciplinary teams "just like they will in the real world."

"It's a state-of-the-art place where our university works with a leading industry partner to not only meet workforce needs, but to develop new thinking and new approaches to the emerging issues of today and tomorrow," she said.

Brian DeLevie, Co-Director of the center and Chair of the CAM Visual Arts Department, expects the center to enable CU Denver students and faculty to unleash their creativity.

"One of the missions of the center is to break down silos, to be interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary in our research endeavors," DeLevie said. "We want to take what the colleges do and extend it. We plan to reach out to businesses and say, 'You have a problem? Hire us to do your research and development.'"

BUCKET LIST ITEM

To own an original 1936 Auburn Speedster

INFLUENTIAL PERSON I'D LIKE TO MEET

Theodor Seuss Geisel "Dr. Seuss"

PET

Miniature Poodle, Bentley

NEW HIRES & RETIREES

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

NEW HIRES

ACCOUNTING AND FACILITIES SERVICE

Jill Bowe

Accounting/Facilities Technician

AURARIA CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Kesler

Dispatcher

CAMPUS PLANNING

Bryon Weber

Assistant Campus Planner

FACILITIES SERVICES

John Gonzales

Grounds and Nursery

HUMAN RESOURCES

Janasia Embry

HR Admin Assistant

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Lisa Fultz

Supervising Teacher

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Brenda Albert

Parking Control Technician

Bianca Hurtado

Parking Control Technician



From the left: Tony Saavedra, Karen Taylor, Robert Gomez, Santana Pineda, Darnell Steele, Satya Akquia, Carlos Alcalá, and Amanda Oldani

Parking & Transportation Technicians Bring New Level of Professionalism to Shuttle Program

In February, a dramatic transformation occurred in Parking & Transportation Services when 10 full-time, permanent professionals were hired to drive the Campus Accessible and NightRider Shuttles.

Prior to February, the shuttles were driven by student employees, which could have posed a risk management issue due to the students' inexperienced driving history. The condition of the vehicles was starting to go downhill due to high turnover and a resulting lack of ownership.

Scheduling difficulties played into the decision to hire professional drivers, as well. Student employees are rightfully focused on their education, but as a result, they weren't always able to work their scheduled shifts, affecting shuttle riders' needs.

Due to student staffing shortages, parking staff also discovered they were only driving one of their license plate recognition vehicles on average during each shift, which meant they were unable to adequately enforce parking regulations.

After parking personnel performed a full evaluation and analysis of the service, the Executive Office gave the green light to hire professional drivers for this important role. The Parking & Transportation Services Technicians have been cross-trained to work in all functional areas of the department. When they're not driving shuttles, they are enforcing parking by foot, working in dispatch or the garage huts, and servicing meters and pay stations.

The "**Delight Our Customers**" Guiding Principle is a key focus for the technicians. Already, the shuttle service has received praise and positive feedback from regular customers for the professionalism of the employees, as well as the improved condition of the vehicles.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Karen Astorga

Custodian

Angelika Murray

Custodian

RETIREES

AURARIA CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mark Bradley

Police Officer (March 2)

Leonard Peete

Corporal (May 31)

FACILITIES SERVICES

Mike McDonough

Structural Trades III (April 7)

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

May 29, 2017

Memorial Day
(campus closed)

July 4, 2017

Independence Day
(campus closed)

August 21, 2017

Fall Semester Begins

September 5, 2017

Labor Day
(campus closed)

