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SSC NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN UPDATED TAKE A LOOK AROUND!

To better reach CU System staff, System Staff Council has introduced the blog SSC news. Here you can find all SSC happenings, events and more.

Explore now



ASK THE PRESIDENT

with President Mark Kennedy

Have a question for President Kennedy?

President Kennedy welcomes questions from our staff members. Each month, we will randomly draw two questions to highlight. Please submit your question to ssc-communications@cu.edu. The name of the questioner will be kept confidential.

Q: When it comes to increasing enrollment at CU, what do you consider to be the biggest challenges? The biggest opportunities?

A: COVID affected enrollment at institutions nationwide and CU was no exception. While our enrollment systemwide decreased only about 1 percent, fewer nonresident and international students enrolled last year, which resulted in less revenue. CU Anschutz saw an increase in enrollment thanks to the pandemic shining a bright light on the importance of and critical need for health care professionals. CU Boulder, CU Denver and UCCS each outperformed their in-state peers in enrollment trends. As vaccines become more widely available, we're anticipating enrollment will increase to pre-pandemic levels systemwide.

Our greatest opportunities for bolstering enrollment – and our greatest challenges – lie in how we deliver education and what we deliver. Increasingly, students demand we meet them where they are in their lives and their learning. This means offering greater flexibility through online learning, which is why our online and IT efforts are huge parts of our strategic plan. Additionally, we need to broaden our thinking to accommodate non-traditional students and lifelong learners. We must look beyond degrees to non-degree credentials that allow students to remain current in their careers, find new jobs or chart new professional paths. While the in-person experience and traditional degrees will remain valuable, particularly to traditional students, we must expand our portfolio and curricula to attract non-traditional students. Doing so will also enable us to diversify our student population – another key metric of our strategic plan.

Q: What is your favorite season of the year and why?

A: My favorite season is fall. I've always found spring too wet, winter too cold, and summer too hot at times, but nothing beats a walk through the woods in the fall when there's just a hint of chill in the air and the sun is shining.



Health & Wellness

Understand how to manage daily stress at Mar. 17 session

Alex Yannacone from CU Anschutz's Depression Center will provide participants tips and tools on staying calm during these tumultuous times.

[Learn more](#)

[Save to your calendar](#)



Brown Bag

SSC hosted a YMCA Healthy Eating at Home webinar this week

Grab informational slides and healthy recipe ideas on our website.

[Slides](#)

[Recipes](#)



Diversity & Inclusion

Did you know that March is Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month?

Check out upcoming events, inclusion and awareness resources including how to become a better ally to our LGBTQ+ community and signing CU's Inclusivity pledge.

[Get started](#)

Spring cleaning is just around the corner

Consider donating any gently used items to a charity. Here are a few suggestions for those items you love and don't use:

1. [The Doe Fund](#) - Accepting business attire and personal technology
2. [Ronald McDonald House](#) - Accepting office supplies, kitchen items, laundry room items, snacks and gift cards
3. [Denver Rescue Mission](#) - Accepting small furniture, clothing, household items, kitchen items and non-perishable foods.



System HR

Focus on you this March

Take time for yourself professionally and personally with these helpful resources.

[See how](#)

Update on Badges

Beginning Mar. 1, the Budget and Finance office will be in charge of requests for new badges and updates to existing access. System HR will continue to submit requests for badge access for new employees. All other requests should be directed to Grant.Building.Questions@cu.edu.

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