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A MESSAGE FROM

President Mark Kennedy



August 2019

Dear Catherine:

It has been an eventful month-plus since I began my position as president of the University of Colorado. I've met many people inside and outside the university, visited each of our four campuses multiple times and gotten to experience different parts of our diverse state and the Denver metro area.

Two things strike me. First, it is remarkable to see the breadth, depth and high quality of teaching and learning, research and service at CU. For a sampling, I met with physician researchers at CU Anschutz who have



developed effective treatments for pediatric cancers. Students at CU Boulder who

are guiding satellites told me about what drives their passion for space. I toured the fabulous Ent Center for the Arts at CU Colorado Springs, an exceptional facility where performing artists thrive. CU Denver faculty demonstrated how they are meeting significant needs for math and science teachers in rural Colorado communities. All that happened on my first day.

I've barely scratched the surface of what's happening at CU, but I am mightily impressed with what I see. The more I learn, the more I want to know about the incredible work at CU.

The second thing that struck me is the deep well of good feeling people have about CU, whether they have a connection with the university or not. On our campuses, in Washington, D.C., in restaurants, in Fort Morgan or Pueblo, people recognize the substantial asset CU is to our state and beyond.



I've met alumni who have an unwavering pride in their alma mater. They are people making a mark in communities, businesses, the arts, health care, education and dozens of fields in between. If there is a common denominator, it's that they are passionate about what they do, and they want to make a difference.

I intend to do much more listening to people and learning about the university and state. Yet what I've seen and heard thus far is impressive. I can't wait to see what month two and beyond bring.

Sincerely,



Mark Kennedy President

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