Dear Alumni and Friends,

It’s not enough to merely make it through these strange and uncertain times. We’ve got to meet them head on by leaning into our strengths, resources and potential. By doing so, CU will emerge as an even more vital asset for our students, state and nation.

We’re already well on our way. I’m proud of the proactive approach we’ve taken since the pandemic’s onset to ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff while also delivering on our educational mission. By banding together and pivoting quickly, we led in implementing remote teaching and learning, which enabled our students to continue or complete their academic journeys. Similarly, we were ahead of the curve in implementing remote work for our faculty and staff.

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**Critical conversations after the tragic death of George Floyd**

The tragic, senseless death of George Floyd at the hands of a policeman, along with other recent acts of racism and violence, remind us of a bitter reality we see not just in Minnesota, in Georgia, in Kentucky, here in Colorado, and in too many other places — the reality that issues of racism, inequality and violence are too frequent, too terrible and too debilitating to our communities and our country.

We condemn racism and violence in the strongest terms. They are antithetical to the values of our university and society. We must continue and indeed, hasten, critical conversations at our university and in our country about race and equality.

Many University of Colorado students, faculty and staff have raised their voices this weekend, as they have raised them many times before, to protest racism, inequality and violence. I applaud and support their passionate but peaceful
engagement. We have seen too many others in Denver and around the country whose protest is cloaked in violence and vandalism. We cannot lift up our communities by tearing them down, so we also condemn those senseless acts.

The University of Colorado’s values and guiding principles place diversity, equity and inclusion at the forefront of how we meet our mission to our students, state and society. We must do all we can to ensure those values are furthered not just at our university, but in our society.

**IN THE NEWS**

U.S. Space Force calls Colorado home for 6 more years

Colorado Springs’ Peterson Air Force Base will remain the home of the U.S. Space Command for at least six more years. This is great news for our state and for CU. The Space Command will continue to benefit from CU’s and Colorado’s commercial and national security expertise, combined with the many capabilities at Peterson, Schriever and Buckley Air Force Bases, making a compelling case for the designation to be permanent. The U.S. Space Command will play a critical role in defending our space-based assets, including those that serve our economic interests and ensure our national security. CU is an important part of a coalition that is working to make Colorado the permanent home of the U.S. Space Command.
Farewell Chancellor Horrell

Dorothy has not only been an exceptional leader of energy and passion at CU Denver, she also has had a remarkable and successful career in many educational endeavors. She and I have a special affinity, having both grown up in small towns (she is the pride of Holyoke, Colorado) and both benefitted from deep involvement with 4-H as youngsters.

Padilla named vice president of University Counsel and secretary of the Board of Regents
I am delighted to share that José Padilla will be the next vice president of University Counsel and secretary of the Board of Regents. Padilla comes to CU from DePaul University in Chicago where he is currently president, general counsel and secretary. He has deep and wide-ranging experience in higher education, public policy, community engagement and government. He will begin his duties at CU July 6.

Barry announces retirement

It truly is an end of an era as legendary University of Colorado Boulder women’s basketball coach and administrator Ceal Barry last month announced her retirement, effective July 1. Barry served 43 years in college athletics, including 37 on the CU Boulder campus. We are grateful for her service to the women’s basketball team and as a leader at CU.
The importance of innovation for CU in the age of COVID-19 and beyond

I recently sat down with CU on the Air to discuss the University of Colorado’s response to COVID-19 and its transformation to greater technology and online learning.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPUSES

CU BOULDER

Prenatal exposure to ‘good bacteria’ prevents autism-like syndrome

Giving beneficial bacteria to stressed mothers during the equivalent of the third trimester of pregnancy prevents an autism-like disorder in their babies.

CU COLORADO SPRINGS

New normal = new mindset

As we venture out into the world as restrictions are lifted, the way we go about our daily lives will look different.

CU DENVER
Looking ahead with CU Denver’s incoming chancellor

Michelle Marks looks forward to the day she can relocate from Virginia to downtown Denver and immerse herself in CU Denver’s one-of-a-kind community.

Amputee steps back into life with new limb

A Facebook group for amputees led him to the Limb Restoration Program (LRP) at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and UCHealth.