

State Legislators Receive 2018 Legislator of the Year Award at CU Football Game ^[1]

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State Senators Owen Hill (R-Colorado Springs), Chris Holbert (R-Parker) and State Representative Chris Hansen (D-Denver) were honored as 2018 Legislators of the Year at the CU vs New Hampshire football game on September 15. Senator Hill was instrumental in passing key legislation this year, [House Bill 18-1309](#) ^[3], Programs Addressing Educator Shortages, and [House Bill 18-1189](#) ^[4], Expanding Effective Teacher Residency Programs. These bills benefit the CU Denver School of Education and create a framework to support partnerships between the university and school districts to address rural teacher shortages in Colorado. Senator Holbert was critical in championing the University of Colorado's top legislative priorities during the session, including serving as the co-prime sponsor and fighting hard to secure the passage of [Senate Bill 18-206](#) ^[5], Research Institutions Affordability for Residents. This important legislation ensures Colorado resident tuition remains affordable and accessible. Representative Hansen helped secure millions of dollars in state funding for the construction of the Anschutz Health Sciences Building that will be home to the Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine, at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.



Regents Sharkey, Griego, Kroll and Carson along with President Benson and Chancellor Horrell pose for a picture with Senators Hill, Holbert and Representative Hansen and their families.

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