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Recap: 2016 CU Innovation & Efficiency Awards Program [1]

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We saw a strong showing from all campuses in the CU Innovation & Efficiency (CU I&E) Awards Program [3] this year. CU I&E is a recognition program that highlights employee creativity. You – our faculty and staff – are constantly re-thinking business processes and implementing new ways of working ... ways that create efficiencies, save resources, and enhance individual job performance and satisfaction.

You made CU a better place to work this year

We received dozens of entries during the annual submission period. Fourteen entries passed a rigorous vetting process [4] prior to being posted on the CU I&E website. A group of semifinalists delivered summary presentations to the voting committee and took part in a high-energy Expo in May. Five of those semifinalist teams were honored with cash awards at the Expo reception.

Congratulations to all!

We presented cash awards [5] to:

- **Water Fill Trucks** (Mike Hilton and Don Seeley/CU Boulder) - University Controller's Award for Excellence
- **Student Academic Success Center (SASC) Upgrade** (David Lawlor/CU Boulder)
- **PreAward Core** (Rob Stiner, Myra Keeble, Kate Beatty, Thomas Shallow, Kristine Jenkins, and Steve Osswald/CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus)
- **Slack and Trello** (Travis Chillemi and Michael Edwards/CU System
- **Deferred Maintenance Projects** (Gregg Kahler, Denise Thomas, Jodie Ferrera, Zack Tupper, Ron Ried, and John Kamprath/CU Boulder)

We were impressed with the presentations of semifinalists:

- **Total Compensation Snapshot** (Sophia Lueth and Kelly Tasky/CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus)
- **Typhon** (Allison Boyrer and Deana Alfonso/CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus)
- **Human Resources and Student Employment Offices** (Rebecca Stephens, Jeanne Durr, Shannon Cable, and Susan Watson/CU Colorado Springs)
- **Qgenda** (Lauren Brummett and Marcy Gilbert/CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus)

We were pleased to see the other strong submissions that passed the vetting and posting process [6]:

- **Event Lighting** (Sergio Laureano Rivera/CU Boulder)
- **HireRight** (Cynthia Rhoads and Anja Wynne/CU Colorado Springs)
- **Integrated Recreation and Wellness Centers** (Stephanie Hanenberg/CU Colorado Springs)
- **Online Gift Cards** (Timothy Halliday/CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus)
- **Retrofit Kaivac Machines** (Jack Bradford, Kit Powell, and Alisha Swofford/CU Boulder)

Read what they did

You can find out how they made things work better by checking out the CU I&E website [4].

Share what you've done

We'll accept entries for the next program year during our annual submission period, January 1 through March 31. We look forward to hearing from you! [7]

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