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Join us in celebrating new hires, transfers and changes to the UIS team!

New to UIS

Alexandra (Ali) Horton	3/9/2026	Digital Engagement Administrator	Ali has been involved with digital marketing and communications with UCCS for the past seven years, earning her bachelor's degree and master's degree from UCCS. Now, Ali will be serving as the digital engagement administrator, working toward building and implementing strategic, constituent-centric and technology-forward experiences through systemwide communication initiatives. In her free time, Ali participates in aerial sports, flying high in the air. Often, she is also thinking about cats — specifically those dwelling in her home.

Brad Barfield	4/6/2026	Senior Project Manager	Brad has been working in project and program management capacities for over 10 years at the State of Colorado's Office of eHealth Innovation and Office of Information Technology, as well as nonprofit and public organizations. They will be joining the UIS Project Management Office as a senior project manager, contributing to the Tableau Cloud and fall semester start projects. Brad has a Bachelor of Engineering from Vanderbilt University, an MBA from George Washington University and has been PMP-certified since 2017. Brad lives in the Baker neighborhood of Denver with their partner and rescue dog. They also enjoy cooking, reading and a couple of years ago, began a lifelong dream of writing their first novel through a two-year program ending in June with Denver's Lighthouse Writers Workshop.
Katelyn Franke	4/6/2026	Principal Solutions Manager	Katelyn comes from a career rooted in research, evaluation and enterprise solutions, most recently leading federal?level projects of national significance and guiding organizational research regulations. She has a particular interest in research compliance and operational improvement and now manages compliance activities within the eRA team. Outside the office, Katelyn enjoys the simple things in life: dogs, books and a thriving garden.

Jason Sipma	1/6/2026	Senior QA Test Coordinator	Jason previously worked as a senior business analyst with the Colorado Department of Revenue, supporting system improvements and cross-functional initiatives. In his new role, Jason is responsible for managing testing processes, supporting QA efforts, and collaborating across teams to ensure quality outcomes. In his free time, he’s passionate about video production, filmmaking, and storytelling. He enjoys working with camera and audio gear on creative projects, with the goal of one day producing a full-length feature film or documentary
Fred LaCrosse	1/26/2026	Principal Data Warehouse Engineer	Fred's background is in data engineering and data warehouse architecture, with the past six years focused on cloud migration, including the last four years supporting data and reporting for Graduate Medical Education accreditation. His role as a principal data warehouse engineer focuses on designing and developing ETL processes to support enterprise data warehousing and analytics. Fred lives in Fort Collins with his wife, his daughter and his two cats, Sully and Beans. Outside of work, he enjoys birding—a new hobby that’s gotten him back outdoors and into photography.

Changes within UIS

Desiree Miller	2/1/2026	Senior Risk and Compliance Analyst	Desiree has worked in cybersecurity throughout her professional career, primarily in incident response for seven years, most recently in threat intelligence. As a senior cybersecurity risk and compliance analyst, she develops and manages security compliance efforts and oversees risk associated with third-party vendors. Outside of work, Desiree enjoys spending time with her husband and 7-month-old daughter or reading a good book.
David Franz	3/1/2026	Senior BSA for Pharmacy/Anschutz	David joined UIS in 2023 as a data quality analyst on the CRM team and now will be supporting the School of Pharmacy as a business systems analyst. He will be involved in helping the School of Pharmacy leverage UIS CRM tools to enhance the student journey experience. David enjoys riding his bike and going on lots of walks with his partner, Chea, and his dog, Benny

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