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Dear Incoming Student:

Welcome to the University of Colorado at Boulder. You have already made many important decisions about furthering your education. Here at CU-Boulder you will make many more. Your college experience is about more than just academics. The people you live with, social interactions and extracurricular activities will all play a large role in shaping your experience. Your ability to learn is enhanced when you are a member of a safe and healthy community. One way we can help is by educating all incoming students about alcohol – how it affects the mind and body and how it can impact the greater campus community and your college career.

To this end, we ask every new incoming CU-Boulder student to begin “AlcoholEdu for College”, an online alcohol prevention program prior to arriving on campus **August 20, 2009**. Used on more than 500 campuses nationwide, AlcoholEdu for College uses science-based research to educate students about alcohol and its effects. By completing this course, all incoming students will have an appropriate and accurate understanding of alcohol and the potential for alcohol abuse. Whether or not you decide to drink while at CU-Boulder, this course will help you make decisions for yourself, as well as assist you in coping with the possible drinking behavior of your peers. Through customization, you will have links to our policies, including our Student Conduct Code, resources available on campus, and ways to get involved. Voluntary completion of the course may be considered a mitigating factor, if in the future, you are found to have violated the Student Conduct Code.

AlcoholEdu for College takes approximately 2.5 hours, so we recommend that you take it in multiple sittings. Login instructions will be available **July 20, 2009** at <http://colorado.edu/alcohol/alcoholedu/>. As a new incoming student we ask you to complete Part 1 of the course by **August 20, 2009**. About 45 days later, you will receive an automatically generated email asking you to complete Part 2 of the course, which takes about 15 minutes. This must be completed by **October 15, 2009** in order to finish the course and fulfill the university requirement.

Remember, all survey responses are strictly confidential; CU-Boulder only receives information about the student body as a whole and will never see an individual student’s answers. You can feel confident that providing truthful answers – no matter what they are – will not have negative consequences.

Congratulations on your acceptance to CU-Boulder. We look forward to seeing you on campus shortly. If you have questions, please contact Jane Curtis, M.A., Director, Alcohol and Other Drugs program by phone at 303-492-5703 or via email at aod@colorado.edu.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Philip P. DiStefano in black ink.

Philip P. DiStefano, Ph.D.
Chancellor

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