



CU-Boulder reaches Peace Corps milestone

IN RECOGNITION of CU-Boulder's commitment to the Peace Corps, the spring 2007 semester kicked off with the celebration of a milestone. On January 16, CU-Boulder became the sixth university in the nation to produce over 2,000 Peace Corps volunteers. Since the volunteer organization's 1961 inception, 2,052 graduates from the university have served in the Peace Corps.

"We have great hopes and a strong indication that CU-Boulder will move on to the top five list of all-time-top-producing schools in 2008," said Jill Thiare, public affairs specialist at the Peace Corps regional recruitment office in Denver. "Because of CU-Boulder's consistently strong performance throughout the Peace Corps' 45-year history we will be thrilled, but not surprised, when that happens."

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Chancellor G.P. "Bud" Peterson attended the celebration honoring CU-Boulder's commitment to the Peace Corps.

Making Moves: Collegiate Sport Clubs at the CU Recreation Center

THE CU-Boulder Collegiate Sport Club Program consists of 33 sport clubs, ranging from larger clubs such as Cycling to smaller clubs such as Fly Fishing. Last season 21 clubs competed in national championships across the country. Some of the recent achievements of CU clubs include:

Triathlon Team: Eleven-time national champions, current Rocky Mountain Region and Southwest Regional Champions.

Cycling Team: Over 12 national titles in Road Racing, Mountain Biking, Track, and Cyclo-cross; 2005 National Champions.

Men's Ultimate: Western Region Champion, 2003 and 2004 National Champions.

Women's Soccer: NIRSA (National Intramural Recreation Sports Association) National Champions, 2005.

Men's Hockey: ACHA Division II National Champions, 2003 and Division III National Champions, 2004.

Men's Soccer: NIRSA National Champions, 2005.

Swimming: National Champions, 2006.



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Financial aid checklist

Apply now for next year! Some aid is offered on a first-come-first-served basis, so if your student hasn't already done so, it's time to apply for financial aid for the coming academic year. The application is two-pronged: submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the FAFSA processor, and submit a signed copy of the first two pages of your (the parent's) 2006 federal tax return to the CU-Boulder Office of Financial Aid. Generally, we will NOT need a copy of your student's tax return. The best way to submit the FAFSA is by completing it online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Apply now for the summer 2007 aid. The application for summer aid is quick and easy. It's available through **CUConnect**, under the "Financial" tab. Note that if your student is enrolled this spring, preregisters for the fall 2007 term, and has had work-study aid this academic year, they may be eligible for work-study aid during the summer even if they don't enroll for the summer term.

Check your application status and aid online: It's easy to determine the status of your student's application for financial aid! Have your student check their Financial Aid information on the "Financial" tab on **CUConnect** to confirm that the documents you submitted have been received. They can also check the status of their financial aid award there and, if desired, accept any offered loans.

For more information about the above or any financial aid questions you may have, contact the Office of Financial Aid at **303-492-5091** or finaid@colorado.edu, or visit www.colorado.edu/finaid.

By Gayle Lalich, Office of Financial Aid

Changing your address

If you are currently listed on your student's record, your student can change your address using **CUConnect**. To add a parent name or an additional address not currently on their record, students must e-mail Judy Myers in the Office of the Registrar at judy.myers@colorado.edu. Students need to provide the following:

- The name and address of the parent(s) they wish to add
- The last 4 digits of their student ID number

Help us plan CU-Boulder's future!

FLAGSHIP 2030, CU-Boulder's new strategic planning process, is underway and we need the perspectives of our CU parents to help shape the educational experiences of our students. March 22–April 27 is an especially good time for you to offer input on what characteristics are necessary for CU-Boulder to excel in the future. Chancellor G.P. "Bud" Peterson invites you to visit the website and provide comment on initial drafts of the subcommittee reports, along with other ideas that you might have, at www.colorado.edu/chancellor/flagship2030. You can also e-mail Barney or Jennifer in the Office of Parent Relations at parents@colorado.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

Career Planning: It's never too early

Is your student having difficulty deciding on a major and/or career plan?

If so, please feel free to send him or her our way (freshman year is not too early!). We are happy to help students with all aspects of the career-planning process, including career exploration and decision-making. We offer a variety of career interest inventories that can help those seeking direction. Asking probing questions and encouraging students to talk about their interests, skills, and early life experiences can generate some ideas and motivate them to begin investigating careers. If you want to know more about the career interest inventories offered by Career Services, go to careerservices.colorado.edu/public.cs?assessment.

Is your student looking for a job or internship?

Many students are conducting their full-time job or summer internship search this time of year. There are a few things your students can do to get an edge:

- *Attend the "Just in Time" Career and Internship Fair.* Scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, many local small- to medium-sized companies will be recruiting for both full-time and internship opportunities. See the list of registered companies at careerservices.colorado.edu/public.cs?studentFairs.

- *Create an electronic portfolio through CSO's Folio21.* Employers say that students who submit a Folio21 with their resume will have an advantage in the hiring process. Additionally, giving employers access to one's Folio21 will likely prevent them from viewing Facebook and/or MySpace profiles. Students can activate their Folio21 account by choosing Folio21 under the "My Account" menu on their CSO account page. To see an outstanding example of Folio21, go to ehacker.folio21.com/2007. For more general information about Folio21, go to the Folio21 page on the Career Services website: careerservices.colorado.edu/public.cs?folio21.

Remember, students can access Career Services for free within one year after receiving their CU-Boulder degree. After one year, alumni pay a \$35 fee for career counseling and \$35 for access to job listings on Career Services Online (CSO).

If you have any questions about Career Services, please feel free to contact Ann Herrmann at Ann.Herrmann@colorado.edu or at **303-492-8020**.

By Ann Herrmann, career counselor

Important Dates for 2007

Spring Semester 2007

Last day of classes.....May 4
Final ExamsMay 5–10
CommencementMay 11

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First day of classesMay 14
Memorial DayMay 28
Last day of classesJune 1
Final exams.....June 1

Summer Session 2007

First day of classes, Terms A, C, D.....June 4
Independence DayJuly 4
Last day of classes, Term A.....July 6
Final exams, Term AJuly 6
First day of classes, Term B.....July 10

Last day of classes, Term C.....July 27
Final exams, Term C.....July 27
Last day of classes, Terms B, D.....Aug. 10
Final exams, Terms B, DAug. 10
CommencementNo summer ceremony.
Official summer graduation date is Aug. 11.

Fall Semester 2007

Residence halls open (10:00 a.m.).....Aug. 23
Classes begin (8:00 a.m.)Aug. 27
Labor DaySept. 3
Family Weekend.....Oct. 19–21
Fall BreakNov. 19–21
Thanksgiving BreakNov. 22–23
Last day of classes.....Dec. 14
Final examsDec. 15–20
CommencementDec. 21
Residence halls close (10:00 a.m.).....Dec. 21

Student house hunting in Boulder

JUST WHEN YOUR STUDENT is getting comfortable with his or her living situation at CU-Boulder, it is time to start thinking about next year. Although there may be some on-campus housing available for sophomores and up, most on-campus housing is reserved for the ever-growing freshman classes. Your student's options are numerous and varied.

Check housing.colorado.edu/index.cfm for availability and opportunities, such as becoming a Residential Advisor to help pay for room and board in exchange for your student's time and skills working with other students in the residence halls. Either way, it is time to start thinking about next fall.

First, students need to determine what they want their living situation to look like. Do they want to do their own shopping, cooking, and cleaning of bathrooms? Do they want roommates and/or housemates? Just as the CU Residential and Housing Office tried to carefully match roommates, it is very important for students to recognize their needs not only in location and cost of housing, but in living with like-minded students with similar study habits. Do they want to live in a residence hall, an apartment, a condo, or a house? Where is the closest laundry facility and grocery store? Are they picky as to the quality/age of their housing? How close or far from campus do they want to live? Although RTD buses are frequent and free with a Buff OneCard in and around Boulder, often students feel disconnected from the campus and fellow students when they live farther from campus. Time spent on campus will dictate their needs as well. Our son is a CU architecture major spending a lot of time in on-campus studios at all hours of the day; therefore, he wants to be as close to campus as possible.

If students decide to live off campus, they should have a lease signed before summer break (which is just a couple of months away!). The best place to start is with good, old-fashioned networking. Here are a few steps your student can take now:

- Ask around about the best places to live. More expensive rentals are to the west and north of campus. Less expensive are to the south and east. Neighboring communities such as Longmont and Gunbarrel to the north, Lafayette to the east, and Louisville and Superior to the south all have less expensive housing available.
- Ask junior and senior students to see who's moving out of their place—they know the area better than most first-year students.
- Maybe your student wants a place with character, like on “the Hill” just west of campus. A good college rental will be passed down from year to year to friends. Most co-housing opportunities, including Greek houses, are also in this area.
- Read the local papers and check the real estate rental sections. Check Craigslist, an excellent free online referral service at denver.craigslist.org. The largest local newspaper is the *Daily Camera* (www.dailycamera.com) and the most student-read is the *Colorado Daily* (www.coloradodaily.com).
- Visit public places on campus where landlords post rental notices on bulletin boards. Post a “House Wanted” card on the same bulletin board. A good resource is the CU Off-Campus Student Services Office at www.colorado.edu/OCSS. You will find excellent advice for finding housing as well as legal and practical advice and resources specifically for CU students. Another viable resource we found is the Naropa University Off-Campus Office at www.naropa.edu/campuslife/housingresources.cfm, which includes links to Boulder property management websites.

Most leases are for 12 months, which means your student will be paying rent through the summer months. Most leases do not include utilities, which can be very expensive in Boulder. Many buildings are in various states of disrepair. Many are not networked for high-speed Internet, so students will have to



deal with that by either setting up their own wireless network or installing (with landlord approval) wires to roommates' computers.

Although our son did not choose our first choice in Boulder, it may be helpful to pass our favorite location on to you. Bear Creek Apartments, located just east of campus next to Williams Village, is now managed by CU Housing & Dining Services. This is a newer complex that has all the amenities, including on-site laundry facilities, parking, and a recreation complex. Leases include all utilities except telephone, and high-speed internet is available in all units. There are single- and multiple-student suites available on nine- and 12-month leases as this article goes to print. Although students can easily walk or ride their bikes to campus, a Buff Bus stops in front of Bear Creek every 10 minutes during the day. We suggest your student look at this option quickly before it is full.

There is a perfect living situation available for your student in Boulder. Finding it through networking and using resources readily available is just another step toward becoming an independent, self-sufficient adult. Go Buffs!

CUPA Board members Dennis and Joyce Kinde have four children ages 19–24 who are attending or have recently graduated from college. Their youngest is a sophomore at CU.

THE GOLD STANDARD

CU's Air Force ROTC unit earns national honor

Headquarters Air Force ROTC at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, recently recognized Detachment 105 at CU-Boulder as the best "large" AFROTC unit in the country. A "large" AFROTC detachment boasts more than 150 cadets and there are 21 of them located at schools across the country.

CU-Boulder boasts 17 astronaut alumni

CU-Boulder alum and astronaut Steve Swanson launched to the International Space Station on NASA's space shuttle *Atlantis* on March 17, bringing the total number of CU alumni who have flown in space to 17. Swanson received a bachelor of science degree in engineering physics from CU-Boulder in 1983.

Mark Wetmore named Coach of the Year

CU Cross Country Head Coach Mark Wetmore was named the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coach's Association Men's Coach of the Year. Led by Wetmore, the CU men's cross country team won its third national championship, while the Buffalo women earned a second straight runner-up finish in the NCAA Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

CU-Boulder student space team awarded contract to build satellite

CU-Boulder has been awarded a contract from the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research to design and build a small student satellite to study variations in the Earth's atmosphere and its effects on spacecraft. CU-Boulder was one of 11 universities in the nation selected to receive \$110,000 over two years to design and build student satellites.

Nine CU doctoral programs rank in top 10 of faculty productivity index

Nine CU-Boulder doctoral programs ranked in the top 10 in a faculty productivity index featured in the January 12 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Geography ranked second in the nation, followed by physical oceanography (4th), communication (6th), cognitive science (7th), atmospheric sciences (8th), chemical engineering (8th), biomedical engineering (9th), civil and environmental engineering (9th), and aeronautical and aerospace engineering (10th). The ranking rates scholarly output of faculty members at more than 7,000 doctoral programs across the country.

CU Parents Association honors faculty, staff award winners

TWENTY-THREE UNIVERSITY OF Colorado at Boulder faculty and staff members received the 2007 Marinus G. Smith Recognition Awards from the CU Parents Association.

The award recognizes CU-Boulder faculty, instructors, and staff who have made a significant impact on the lives of one or more CU-Boulder undergraduates. Students and parents were asked to nominate candidates who were deserving of this recognition.

This year's recipients are: Lawrence Kaptein, associate professor, College of Music; Claire Figel, staff member, Baker-Environmental Residential Academic Program; Petger Schaberg, instructor/lecturer, Program for Writing and Rhetoric; Ravinder Singh, associate professor, Biology; Matthew Roeder, assistant professor, College of Music; Jerry Aronson, senior instructor, Film Studies; Kim Kelley, staff member, College of Architecture and Planning; Mike Bohn, director, Intercollegiate Athletics; Kevin MacLennan, director, Office of Admissions; Ken Kucera, staff member, Housing; Adri-

anne Fillerup, teaching assistant, Spanish and Portuguese; Raymond MacFee, senior instructor, Leeds School of Business; Ken Bonatti, professional academic advisor, Academic Advising Center; Dave Biagioni, teaching assistant, Applied Mathematics; Michael Dubson, senior instructor, Physics; Nicholas Flores, associate professor and chair, Economics; Kenneth Wright, assistant professor, Integrative Physiology; Michael Delgado, assistant professor, Army ROTC; Chris Ingraham, teaching assistant, English; Karen Ramirez, instructor, Sewall Residential Academic Program; Dave Martinez, staff member, School of Journalism and Mass Communications; Jonathan Peeters, instructor, Philosophy; and Daniel Jones, senior instructor, Kittredge Residential Academic Program.

The awards were presented during a ceremony on March 3 by Provost Phil DiStefano. The award is named for Marinus G. Smith, a Colorado pioneer who made significant financial and land donations so the university could locate in Boulder at the base of the Flatirons.

CU Parent Fund does it again

EACH YEAR, the Parents Association awards grants to campus programs that help to enrich student life. This year, the Parents Association has awarded \$50,765 in grants to 19 CU-Boulder organizations whose projects build community, promote diversity, improve student's safety, or meet other association goals.

This year's recipients include the International Festival, the UMC Welcome Fest, the CU Public Interest Internship Experience, security cameras for residence hall entrances, the Athletics Department's Healthy Kids Day program, and CU Day of Service, and others.

Said Sandy Pennington, the CU Parents Association Grant Committee chair, "I think I speak for most parents when I say that we're interested in the full college experience for our students at CU. What happens inside the classroom is extremely important, but so are opportunities outside the classroom—opportunities for leadership, volunteerism, and civic

responsibility. The CUPA Grants Program focuses on ways for students to look beyond themselves to the world at large."

The CU Parents Association grants are made possible by supporters of the CU Parent Fund. The Parent Fund, coordinated through the CU Foundation, provides vital financial support to a variety of campus programs and student services administered by the Division of Student Affairs, including the Office of Parent Relations and the CU Parents Association. Many of these programs, including the programs supported by the Parents Association grants, are not supported by tuition or state funding. Therefore private support, such as gifts to the Parent Fund, are critical for programs that might not exist otherwise. We want to thank all of our parents for their involvement and for making generous donations to the CU Parent Fund and making these grants possible!

By Abby Redwine, development associate for the Parent Fund

Clearing up confusion about FERPA

THERE ARE SEVERAL ISSUES OF CONFUSION concerning the Federal Educational Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA), billing address, and access to your student's account. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions:

What does signing the FERPA release do?

When your student signs the FERPA release form, it gives permission for university staff to answer your questions about a bill; it does not add a billing address or give you online access to your student's account.

My student signed the FERPA release form; how come I didn't get the bill?

In order for you to get your student's tuition and fee bill, your student needs to designate your address as his or her billing address on **CUConnect**.

My student signed the FERPA release form; how do I get access to her account?

Signing FERPA doesn't provide parents with online access to a student's account. It only allows you to talk with CU staff over the phone or in person about your student's account.

I didn't get a bill; how can I find out how much my student owes?

We suggest you talk directly with your student. Students can do the following 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **CUConnect**:

- see a copy of all past and current printed bills
- view the account detail
- see their current balance
- pay the bill online
- sign up for direct deposit
- get a copy of their 1098T

Students can also contact our office directly with any questions or concerns at bursar@colorado.edu or **303-492-5381**.

My student signed the FERPA release form; why can't I give you a change of billing address?

Designating proper addresses is the responsibility of the student. Remember FERPA allows the parent the ability to talk to staff about your student's account information, not the ability to change their information. University policy is for students to change/update their own addresses on **CUConnect**. If they have a problem, they can contact the Registrar's Office.

My student signed the FERPA release form; why won't you send me the refund?

All refunds go directly to the student because it is the student's account. Signing the release form does not alter that.

For more information about FERPA, see registrar.colorado.edu/regulations/ferpa_guide.html. For more information about where bills are mailed, see www.colorado.edu/bursar/now/bills.html#mail.

E-bills are coming soon. This will eliminate all these issues around billing addresses because your student will be able to give you access to see the bill online. Watch for more information in this newsletter and on the bursar website.

By Patricia Cassell, Bursar's Office

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CU-Boulder currently ranks third among all U.S. colleges and universities with 100 alumni now serving as Peace Corps volunteers.

Karen Nann graduated from CU-Boulder in December 2005 with a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a minor in biology. She is currently a Peace Corps community development volunteer in St. Vincent where she started serving in August 2006.

"When I was in college, I felt like school took up so much of my time that I did not get the chance to volunteer enough," Nann said.

The Peace Corps volunteer attributes much of her interest in other cultures to her studies in anthropology. "The Caribbean is a beautiful place to be, but it also has its own set of cultural practices. Getting to know those practices has been most enjoyable," she said.

Nann explained that issues of illiteracy are overwhelming in St. Vincent, so she often works with children and adults from the area in order to teach them how to read and write. However, the Peace Corps allows her a variety of volunteer opportunities, including the work she does in animal education, which happens to be one of her personal interests.

"I appreciate the flexibility and enjoy the freedom to choose from a lot of different activities," Nann said. "I am always excited to go to work."

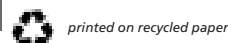
By Corey Jones, sophomore, Journalism

Sign up for the CU Parent E-Connection!

Do you want to receive regular e-mail updates on CU policies, programs, and news of interest to parents? If you do, you may subscribe by simply sending your e-mail information to parents@colorado.edu. There are already more than 2,500 subscribers.

Your contact information will remain in the Office of Parent Relations and will not be shared or used for any other purpose than providing you e-mail updates.

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The CU Collegiate Sports Club program is one of the strongest in the country with over 1,200 student-athletes and is currently the second largest student organization on campus. Collegiate Sport Clubs are identified as groups of fee-paying students and Rec Center members voluntarily organized in a sport through participation and competition. Club sports include the opportunity for members to enhance their experience at

CU-Boulder by becoming involved in the administration of club programs through leadership and participation in fundraising, scheduling, and budgeting. Clubs are open to everyone from the beginner to the seasoned expert.

For more information call **303-492-5274**, e-mail csports@colorado.edu or go to www.colorado.edu/rec-center/programs/club-sports.

By Dawna "Bunny" Swenson, Recreation Services

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