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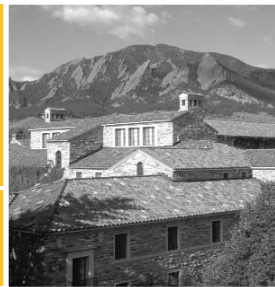
A black and white photograph of a winter scene at the University of Colorado at Boulder. In the foreground, there are snow-covered trees and a large, historic building with a prominent tower. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains under a clear sky. An American flag is visible on a tall pole in the distance.

# Winter greetings!

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## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Baker RAP

*Residential Academic Programs (RAPs) can be found in residence halls all across campus, connecting diverse students with similar interests while promoting extensive understanding in a vast range of subject areas.*

**T**HE BAKER HALL RAP reaches out to students interested in natural and environmental sciences, and is also popular among students who simply enjoy nature and the outdoors.

“Baker has a large RAP because Boulder has such a strong commitment to the environment,” said Darin Toohey, a professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences as well as in the environmental studies program.



About 460 students are involved in Baker RAP this year, and the number of applicants has been growing continually with longer waitlists each year.

“I use the term ‘self select,’” Toohey said. “Participation is not an assignment for the students; it is a choice, and that helps us generate a lot of enthusiasm.”

Junior Natalie Troy is a student coordinator for the RAP. “The entire program creates a homey feel for the residence hall environment,” she said.

The RAP provides an interdisciplinary curriculum in the natural sciences, with classes limited to 25 students.

Baker’s program also offers many opportunities to explore the natural world outside the classroom, including rafting trips, camping at the Great Sand Dunes, and studying the behavior of elk during their annual bugling ritual.

For more information, visit the Baker RAP website, [www.colorado.edu/WRAP](http://www.colorado.edu/WRAP).

*By Corey Jones, sophomore, Pre-Journalism*

## More than Football—athletics at CU-Boulder

**F**OOTBALL AND MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL often get the lion’s share of public attention in college sports, but the University of Colorado boasts 16 different intercollegiate varsity programs, most with a rich tradition. Players in those three sports at CU represent just 130 of the over 300 student-athletes working hard to represent their university on the field of play as well as in the classroom.

Skiing has enjoyed the most success on the national level, as Buffalo teams through the years have claimed 17 national championships, including five since the sport went co-ed in 1983. The most recent title came last winter, when CU won the 2006 NCAA crown at Steamboat Springs.

Cross country has also enjoyed national prominence, as both the men’s and women’s teams have won two NCAA titles each this decade. CU’s cross country squads have been the most dominant programs in the Big 12 Conference, winning 19 of a possible 20 titles in the first 10 years of the league.

The men’s golf team and women’s volleyball squad are perennial participants in the NCAA, and the indoor and outdoor track teams annually send about two dozen athletes to national championships. The women’s golf and tennis teams have had some recent successes and those programs are on the upswing.



*Athletics continued on page 5*



## Financial aid news

**2007–08 FAFSA.** Beginning January 1, 2007, students can submit their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2007–08 academic year. The FAFSA is required to apply for financial aid, including scholarships, from CU-Boulder. We strongly recommend applying online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The hardcopy version of the FAFSA is available from our office.

### CU Scholarships Application Online.

You'll find the CU-Boulder scholarship online application at [www.colorado.edu/finaid/scholarships.html](http://www.colorado.edu/finaid/scholarships.html). Using their student identification number and CU-Boulder personal identification number (PIN), students can easily submit their application, resume, and essays online. March 1, 2007, is the deadline to apply for scholarships offered by CU-Boulder for the 2007–08 academic year. This is an absolute deadline.

**Financial Aid Deadlines.** April 1, 2007, is the "priority" deadline for applying for financial aid (other than scholarships) from CU-Boulder; if an application is complete by that date, your student is assured of receiving the best aid package for which he or she qualifies. The application requires the FAFSA, and the Office of Financial Aid may also request a signed copy of the first two pages of the parents' 2006 federal tax return. After April 1, the office will continue to offer aid based on fund availability.

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 303-492-5091, [finaid@colorado.edu](mailto:finaid@colorado.edu), or [www.colorado.edu/finaid](http://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](mailto: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

## Charting a course for the future

*Dear Parents and Families,*

Since my arrival on the University of Colorado at Boulder campus several months ago, I have tried to learn as much as possible about the people, places, and things that make this university so special. At Family Weekend, football games, and other events in Colorado and around the country, my wife, Val, and I have particularly enjoyed talking with many of you about your students and their experiences here at CU-Boulder.

Through these conversations, I have come to better understand what it is that you, as parents, expect from our university: You want us to provide a safe environment that is both challenging and rewarding. You also want us to provide our students with all the tools necessary to achieve success in their future endeavors. As parents of four "20-somethings," Val and I can relate to the hopes and dreams you have for your students and your expectation that we provide them with an outstanding, enjoyable, and challenging college experience.

All of us at CU-Boulder—administrators, faculty, and staff—place tremendous value on the investment you are making in your students' education and we are continually seeking ways to improve and enhance their experiences. To do this we are focusing on how to strengthen our position as the flagship university for the state of Colorado and one of the finest national comprehensive research universities in the world. To that end, we are engaging our community in strategic discussions in order to clarify our goals and long-term strategies.

We consider you, our CU parents, important partners in the educational and personal development of our students, and therefore welcome your input to this process. As parents, you are in a unique position to contribute to the learning experiences of our students in significant ways—through your participation on the Parents Association Board and other campus activities, and by your continued support of our scholarship programs and the Parent Fund, among others. I hope you will join with us as we plan for the future. To facilitate this, we will keep you posted on upcoming meetings, surveys, and other ways that you can offer your input on our future directions. In the meantime, feel free to contact Barney or Jennifer in the Office of Parent Relations at [parents@colorado.edu](mailto:parents@colorado.edu) with any thoughts that you might have.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your student. We look forward to hearing from you.

G. P. "Bud" Peterson  
Chancellor, University of Colorado at Boulder

*Chancellor Peterson took the helm at CU-Boulder on July 15, 2006. You can read his messages to the campus community at [www.colorado.edu/chancellor](http://www.colorado.edu/chancellor).*



## Ready or not, spring semester is coming

**T**IME FLIES WHEN IN COLLEGE. The first semester is over, finals are being taken, and our students are planning on sleeping through the Christmas holidays and catching up with friends. Knowing how fast this first semester has gone makes us realize that spring semester is just around the corner. From a parent's perspective, let's go over a few to-dos.

**Dates to know.** Spring semester starts January 16. Tuition is due January 24. Spring break is March 26–30—set up those travel arrangements soon. Graduation ceremonies are May 11—seriously, make your hotel reservations now.

**Housing.** For returning students, now is the time to start looking for next year's accommodations. Your student will probably be on top of this, but for more information, check the off-campus housing site, [www.colorado.edu/OCSS](http://www.colorado.edu/OCSS). For important on-campus housing information, such as dates for the housing fairs, check [housing.colorado.edu/housing/h\\_faqs\\_acad\\_supp.cfm](http://housing.colorado.edu/housing/h_faqs_acad_supp.cfm). CU and Boulder housing will only get tighter next year so plan ahead for your best choices.

**Options for Spring Break.** CU loves volunteers! Students can check with their advisor to learn about spring break options, from building a home for Habitat for Humanity to assisting the Red Cross in New Orleans and more. The more we give, the more we receive.

**Internships/Jobs.** Internships and jobs are great resume builders. Early spring semester is the best time to start looking for summer internships or jobs. Each college offers information on internships (search "internships" at [www.colorado.edu](http://www.colorado.edu)). Advisors can assist with internships that would best pro-

mote career choices. The large spring career/internship fair will be held January 24 and 25, 2007. Go to [career.services.colorado.edu](http://career.services.colorado.edu) for more information. Graduates should check out this website for career placement.

**Summer School Options.** CU's summer schedule will come out around spring break. However, your student may need to be closer to home or want to take classes at a junior college. Make sure all credits will transfer toward their degree at CU before committing to another school. Often credits may transfer, but not where you want or need them, so make sure your student does his or her homework by checking with an advisor. Speaking from experience, it doesn't hurt to get it in writing.

**Summer or fall abroad.** March 1, 2007, is the deadline to apply for all 2007 summer and fall study abroad programs. See [studyabroad.colorado.edu](http://studyabroad.colorado.edu).

**Graduate Studies.** If your student is thinking about graduate school in two years, now may be the time to start the admission process. Contact the admissions office at the schools of interest to learn about the admissions requirements and procedures. Check out this website for all the information you will need: [www.mapping-your-future.org/graduate](http://www.mapping-your-future.org/graduate), including tests that may need to be taken.

Stress can be managed through planning. Your student can be on top of these opportunities, but an occasional question may be welcome and show them that maybe, just maybe, you know a thing or two.

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

## Bursar news: questions to ask your student

Looking for ways to communicate with your student about financial issues and his or her bursar account? Here are some questions to ask your student:

### Have you set up a billing address?

The bills are designed to follow the student. If there is no billing address, the first bill of each semester is mailed to the permanent address. Additional bills are mailed to the local mailing address. We highly recommend that students set up a billing address on CUConnect under the PLUS tab so the bills will be mailed directly to the person paying.

### Have you signed the FERPA release form?

Signing the federal privacy release form allows bursar staff to talk with parents about the tuition and fee bill. Students can sign the release form in the Registrar's Office in Regent Administrative Center: [registrar.colorado.edu/regulations/ferpa\\_guide](http://registrar.colorado.edu/regulations/ferpa_guide).

### Have you checked your account information under the financial tab on CUConnect at [cuconnect.colorado.edu](http://cuconnect.colorado.edu)?

On CUConnect, students can

- see current and past bills and current term details with due dates
- set up direct deposit for refunds
- pay their balance
- select the two payment plan
- waive/select health insurance
- obtain the 1098 tax form

### Do you read your e-mails at your colorado.edu address?

This is the official method of university communication and the best way to stay current on financial matters. The bursar's office sends personalized e-mails that inform your student about refunds and due dates.

**Other news:** Spring tuition and fees are due January 24. 1098T Tuition Statement tax forms will be sent to student's permanent address in late January. E-bills will be available next year.

*By Patricia Cassell, Bursar's Office*

## Important Dates for 2007–08

### Spring Semester

Residence halls open (10:00 a.m.)	Jan. 10
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 15
Classes begin (8:00 a.m.)	Jan. 16
Tuition due	Jan. 24
Spring Break	March 26–30
Last day of classes	May 4
Final exams	May 5–10
Residence halls close (1:00 p.m.)	May 11
Commencement	May 11

### Maymester

First day of classes	May 14
Memorial Day	May 28
Last day of classes	June 1
Final exams	June 1

### Summer Session

First day of classes, Terms A, C, D	June 4
Independence Day	July 4
Last day of classes, Term A	July 6

Final exams, Term A	July 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, D	Aug. 10
Commencement	No summer ceremony.
Official summer graduation date is	Aug. 11.

## More than 4,500 visit CU-Boulder during Family Weekend

**F**AMILY WEEKEND 2006 got high marks from visitors as approximately 1,700 CU families, amounting to more than 4,500 guests, made the trip to Boulder for the fall festivities. The weather couldn't have been better Friday, as folks participated in activities ranging from golf and recreation center classes to area tours and faculty presentations. Friday also featured the grand opening of the new

ATLAS Building and the campus' inaugural Fall Convocation.

Saturday dawned bright and clear, as guests prepared for the Buffs clash with the Red Raiders by enjoying a hearty brunch and a mini-pep rally at the University Memorial Center. The day was capped by a convincing 30-6 CU victory over Texas Tech, the first win of the year for the Buffs.

Family Weekend concluded on a beautiful Sunday morning with Wardenburg's largest 5K Fun Run/Walk to date, featuring more than 350 participants.

It's not too early to start planning for Family Weekend 2007, October 19-21, featuring a Big XII Conference contest with the Kansas Jayhawks!

*By Barney Ballinger, director of Parent Relations.*



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## Introducing Parent Fund staff

**G**REETINGS FROM BOULDER! We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the new University of Colorado Development Team for Campus Programs and the Parent Fund. Both the university and the foundation are committed to the Boulder campus student programs, which support and enhance the overall college experience for all of our students. We appreciate the support of the university that parents provide.

My name is **Brian Winkelbauer** and I am the new director of development for Campus Programs. I am a graduate of CU with a degree in music education. After teaching high school, I joined the University of Colorado Foundation in athletics as the business manager. I spent a total of 11 years with athletics with my last position

being the assistant athletic director of student services. I accepted my current position with the foundation after serving as the vice president for business development for a regional consulting firm.

My name is **Abby Redwine** and I am the new development associate for the Parent Fund. I am a graduate of the University of Puget Sound with a degree in psychology. I am originally from Colorado and moved back about five years ago to accept a job as an admission counselor with the Office of Admissions at CU. I have also been the program manager of the National Alumni Admissions Assistance Program. I look forward to the opportunity to apply my experience working with parents to promote the importance of Campus Programs and the Parent Fund.

As the Development Team for Campus Programs and the Parent Fund, we help to develop campus programs available to all CU-Boulder students including various scholarship opportunities, Career Services, Student Academic Services, Wardenburg Student Health Center (and various health related services), Counseling and Psychological Services, Night Ride, Colorado Creed, Honor Code, and many more. The Parent Fund directly supports these programs.

If you have any questions about the Parent Fund or Campus Programs, contact Brian Winkelbauer at 303-541-1250 or [brian.winkelbauer@cufund.org](mailto:brian.winkelbauer@cufund.org), or Abby Redwine at 303-541-1263 or [abby.redwine@cufund.org](mailto:abby.redwine@cufund.org).

*By Abby Redwine, development associate for the Parent Fund*

# Why should your son or daughter do an internship?

**I**NTERNSHIPS HELP STUDENTS EXPLORE their career interests and offer hands-on, practical experience—a way of “trying it on” for a few months. Additionally, they help students develop solid contacts in their field of interest—people who might be willing to assist students with their job search down the road. Career Services recommends that students do at least one, if not two or three, internships while they are at CU. Most students do their internships during the summer months, when they can put in 40 hours per week. But many employers offer part time internships during the academic year, when students can work 8–15 hours per week on average. Many opportunities are paid.

Many employers recruit summer interns as early as the fall semester, but the majority start posting their positions in January. Your student can view internship opportunities anytime on CSO (Career Services Online): [careerservices.colorado.edu](http://careerservices.colorado.edu).

## International Internships

Finding an international internship can be a rewarding, culturally rich experience but it takes a lot more work than a domestic internship search. Students must know where they want to work internationally and what skills they can offer. Employers overseas are the same as in the United States; they want to know why they should hire someone over the next person. Students need to clearly articulate their interest in a country/region, their knowledge of a language, and what they can do for the

employer. The same rule applies no matter where geographically one hopes to work—networking is critical!

It is also useful to check out U.S. companies with offices overseas. These can be found through the U.S. embassy or the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in each particular country. Other suggestions include studying abroad (which sometimes helps in finding part-time work or internships), teaching English, joining the Peace Corps or other volunteer programs, or working in a hostel. Again, many of these ideas provide the opportunity to make contacts overseas.

Check first with the embassies of the countries of interest to see if short-term work permits are an option, or if you need company sponsorship. If the latter, again it is important to communicate the skills you can offer an overseas employer, such as policy writing and research, international business knowledge, refugee assistance, etc.

Whether your student is seeking an internship in the United States or abroad, Career Services can help by pointing out resources, helping to create or revise a resume or CV, and doing mock interviews.

Contact us with any questions: Erin Doherty-Ratay, internship program coordinator, [Erin.Doherty-Ratay@colorado.edu](mailto:Erin.Doherty-Ratay@colorado.edu) or 303-492-4129; Ann Herrmann, career counselor, [Ann.Herrmann@colorado.edu](mailto:Ann.Herrmann@colorado.edu) or 303-492-8020.

*By Ann Herrmann, career counselor, and Erin Doherty-Ratay, internship program coordinator*

## Athletics, continued from page 1

CU's newest program, women's soccer, is 10 years old and is already one of the dominant programs in the Big 12. The team earned its first NCAA Championship appearance four years ago.

In any given year, CU will have around a dozen All-Americans and 50 All-Big 12 performers. And annually, almost 50 percent of our student-

athletes make the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll, which requires a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

It all adds up to a balanced athletic program, one that everyone can be proud of.

*By Dave Plati, athletics media relations director*

## THE NUMBERS: International education and study abroad

1,114	Number of CU students who participate
28%	Percentage of undergraduates who participate
60 +	Number of countries to which students can go for study abroad
164	Number of available study abroad programs
	Most popular study abroad countries: Spain, Australia, Italy
1,035	International students on CU-Boulder's campus (63% graduate) (37% undergraduate)
	Countries with largest enrollments at CU:
158	India
153	China
119	Korea
56	Japan
50	Taiwan
46	Germany
36	Canada
32	United Kingdom
31	Thailand
29	Saudi Arabia
618	International researchers, post-docs, and faculty

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