Directors Club 2018 Winter Symposium Recap

On a chilly January Saturday, nearly 100 of our members and guests gathered in the Touchdown Club at Folsom Field for our annual Winter Symposium, and what a great day we had!

We heard from our three newest deans, Engineering’s Bobby Braun, Leeds’s Sharon Matsakis and Arts & Sciences’ James White.

Each of them has been in their new role for a year or less, and we heard about the collaboration opportunities they are pursuing to keep CU at the forefront of innovation and attracting the top students. University of Colorado Denver’s Dean of Geography & Environmental Science, Pamela Jansma, spoke about the GPS data project that helped predict the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Then we heard from eight of our amazing scholarship recipients. Later, we listened to professor Doug Seals give us some healthy aging “fact and fiction” for preventing and reversing cardiovascular disease, a leading cause of death in the United States. Here is a link to his site on the subject.

Helping us to close out the day, Sara Sawyer and Joe Dragavon detailed the benefits that come from the BioFrontiers’ shared research facilities model, and how having diverse disciplines working in one space is expanding and accelerating discovery at CU Boulder.

The Care & Outreach Committee is back in action!

With more than 1,000 members in the Directors Club, it is difficult to stay on top of what is happening in the lives of our members.

This reconstituted committee, led by George Gramer, and supported by Cynthia and Dave Howard, Herb and Larrane Wiedman, and Marty Coffin Evans and Robert Trembley, is working on better ways to keep our members connected to each other.

But to be successful, they need your help. Please let the committee know what’s happening in your life. It could be anything from making a move professionally or across the country, to adding to your family or suffering a loss. We want to celebrate your good times and support our members in need, but we can’t do either unless we hear from you!

You can reach the Care & Outreach Committee at: dccareandoutreach@colorado.edu

Members can use this email to communicate any news or updates they have for the committee or club. Please know the committee will keep everything shared with them confidential, only sharing news as it’s appropriate. We hope to hear from you soon!
Directors Club Scholarship Spotlight

It’s time to begin reviewing the applications for 2018-2021 Directors Club Scholarship. Current freshmen have researched the many scholarship opportunities available to them via the CU website. As they look back on their first semester at CU and determine their path forward, applying for scholarships becomes increasingly important.

The Directors Club scholarship process utilizes a common set of tools and questions to identify those students who meet our scholarship requirements. To qualify for the Directors Club scholarship the applicant must have a 3.5 GPA, be a graduate of a Colorado high school and be a true freshman.

The Scholarship Committee, comprised of four members of the Board, will review between 80 and 100 applicants. Each application will be reviewed by two committee members and scored using a common matrix. The top 8-12 applicants will be interviewed in person by the entire committee, who will then award scholarships to the top four applicants. Watch for introductions of the newest Directors Club Scholarship recipients in a future newsletter!

Club Financial Update

In December, we raised $8,475 towards our Scholarship Pure Endowment, which the Directors Club Board matched dollar for dollar, funding the account above the required $25,000 needed to maintain this endowment into the future.

Now it will produce recurring earnings that will help fund our club’s scholarship program into the future. Thank you for your support!

On another note, as of the end of January 2018, our club’s main endowment had a balance of $786,979 and our club’s Earnings Account had a balance of $120,490. These funds are used to support our club’s operations, fund events and support the academic mission of the Alumni Association and the campus.

We want to hear from you about how to support the campus!

The Directors Club Board is currently evaluating potentially funding Alumni Association capital construction projects.

We want your feedback to help us evaluate the capital projects being considered.

Please click this link to rank these potential projects.
Upcoming Directors Club Events

Directors Club Summer Conference
June 14-16, 2018
The Lodge at Vail
Our annual all club meeting that includes golf, our CU spirit night, speakers and more.

Register early for a new Directors Club Polo shirt and we'll see you in Vail!
More information and registration coming soon.

Love’s Labour’s Lost: Directors Club Summer Shakespeare Reception and Performance
Sunday, July 15
Reception - 4-6:30 p.m.
Koenig Alumni Center
Love’s Labour’s Lost - 7 p.m.
Mary Rippon Theatre

Please join us for a private Directors Club reception at the Koenig Alumni Center with a presentation and Q&A with Tim Orr, Artistic Director of the Colorado Shakespeare Festival. Following the reception, you won’t want to miss the performance of Shakespeare’s Love's Labour's Lost at the Mary Rippon Theatre. If you already have tickets and only wish to join us for the reception, that option is available.

Register here.

Upcoming Campus Events

The Chancellor’s 3rd Annual Aerospace Summit
March 22, 2018
5:30-8 p.m.
Denver
Learn how students at CU Boulder are influencing exploration and discovery in space.
Register here.

Denver Chapter Pac-12 Day at the Colorado Avalanche
March 24, 2018
1-4:30 p.m.
Denver
See the Avalanche play the Las Vegas Golden Knights with fellow Forever Buffs!
Get tickets here.