



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER



# **Our Community**

CU-STARs is a mentoring and outreach program aimed at first-year CU students from diverse backgrounds who are planning a career in science, engineering, and technology.

#### Join Us!

CU-STARs welcomes all students at the University of Colorado with a passion for space to participate in our many social and outreach events. Like us on Facebook to stay informed about our current events or contact us at custars@colorado.edu for more information.

#### Contact Us

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## **Program Sponsors**

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A diverse community for STEM students who love space

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## **Community Outreach**

Each year, CU-STARs members design and lead outreach trips in urban and rural Colorado. We teach high school students about astronomy, science, and technology and hold community "star parties" with our portable telescopes. We frequently visit the former schools of the current STARs members.





#### **Social Events**

The CU-STARs program holds many events at Fiske Planetarium and Sommers-Bausch Observatory. We participate in public planetarium shows and open houses, and host special space/astronomy events on campus. We also host movie nights, hikes, and star-gazing trips for our members.

# Advising, Mentoring, and Tutoring

CU-STARs connects students with faculty, staff, and graduate students to provide personalized help in navigating CU, choosing classes, applying for internships, and excelling in their coursework.



### **Develop Career Skills**

CU-STARs participants learn career-oriented skills that aren't offered in the regular classroom. Many of our members work at Fiske Planetarium or in scientific research labs. We offer training on the 16" and 18" telescopes at Sommers-Bausch Observatory and invite members to help at many public astronomical events. For our outreach trips, CU-STARs learn to create and teach classes on topics such as black holes, satellite missions, and exoplanets.