Be engaged.

We advocate for and lead programs and initiatives that bring together faculty, staff and the community and offer ongoing outreach and engagement opportunities.

**CU on the Weekend**
These free, on-campus lectures feature some of CU Boulder’s most accomplished and dynamic faculty.

**CU in the Community**
We build relationships between communities and faculty and staff through educational programs for all ages, lectures, performances and more. These focus on but are not limited to three strategic initiatives that advance engaged scholarship:

- **Environmental Sciences and Sustainability** connects CU Boulder climate change and sustainability research and scientists to K-12 teachers and the public through programs like Learn More About Climate (learnmoreaboutclimate.colorado.edu).
- **Arts and Humanities** partners Colorado’s creative communities with faculty, staff and students.
- **Community Development and Design** focuses on economic, planning and sustainability issues in areas facing demographic and economic transition.

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AMANDA GIGUERE, Colorado Shakespeare Festival

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Meet our team.

The Office for Outreach and Engagement can connect you to faculty and staff at CU Boulder and with communities in Colorado and beyond. Our staff helps build relationships, design programs and develop projects that focus on K-12 education, science, math, arts, humanities and more.

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At the University of Colorado Boulder, we take our public service mission seriously. As a center of world-class research, teaching and creative work, we have both the opportunity and responsibility to use our distinctive resources and expertise to help address the complex problems facing our society. We also know that our scholarly work benefits greatly from collaboration and dialogue with constituencies outside the university.

For these reasons, we view the work of the CU Boulder Office for Outreach and Engagement as fundamental to our role as the state’s flagship public university. The office provides an accessible point of contact for external constituents from across our state and region. In addition, the office supports an impressive array of outreach and engagement activities across campus and administers funds we have committed to these projects.

These efforts help us realize our vision for CU Boulder as a next-generation research university that is a leader in addressing the humanitarian, social and technological challenges of the 21st century. We invite you to join us in celebrating this work – and, better yet, to become a part of it! Connecting with the Office for Outreach and Engagement is an excellent place to start.

Sincerely,

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