



Retired Faculty Association

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Welcome to Your New Retired Faculty Association

Welcome to the new Boulder Campus Retired Faculty Association, with the catchy acronym UCBRFA, and a new website at: <https://www.colorado.edu/retiredfaculty/>. I'm pleased to reach out to you and all our fellow Boulder campus retirees today to encourage your participation in the programs and activities of our new organization.

In the past ten years or so, I've served as the President of CURFA, the University of Colorado Retired Faculty Association, sponsored by the Office of the President. As an organization that operated at the System level, CURFA offered a variety of valuable services to retirees on all of the CU campuses. However, I've always imagined that a campus-based organization would attract more interest and involvement by my colleagues.

A little more than a year ago, I proposed to Chancellor DiStefano that he invest in the Boulder campus retirees, because I strongly believe that the experience and expertise of retirees would provide a significant contribution to the mission and objectives of the Boulder campus. The Chancellor agreed to help.

Our new organization has the support of the Office of Faculty Affairs and is also closely allied with the Boulder Faculty Assembly. The overall objective of our new organization is to facilitate successful and meaningful retirement experiences for current retirees and to help prepare active faculty for that as well. We hope to do this by encouraging our retired colleagues to remain engaged with the campus through scholarly work, teaching, and mentoring of students, as well as to take on organizational responsibilities where able and appropriate.

Retirement should be viewed as a new beginning: a time to redirect and refocus our attention to interests previously unpursued, and a time to take on new, novel challenges as the landscape of the Boulder campus (and the landscape of higher education, in general) continues to evolve in the 21st century.

With this in mind, the creation of UCBRFA has opened up opportunities for the following:

- Leadership roles as officers of UCBRFA, to help facilitate the development and growth of our new organization;
- Research awards for retirees, similar to that offered in the past by CURFA;
- Workshop sessions providing advice in estate-planning and wealth management; and
- Access to campus seminars, classes, performances, and exhibits

Please let me know if you would like to pursue a leadership role in our nascent organization. My own experience at CURFA has convinced me that these opportunities not only keeps us connected and engaged with the campus community, it also helps us thrive in our retirement years.

Additionally, I encourage you to contact me with any questions and/or suggestions that will be helpful in advancing the development of our new retired faculty association. Thanks.

Cheers,
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