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Winterfest 2014

We have just completed another successful calendar year, and it is time once again for our Winterfest program and the related agency service awards. We celebrate these activities together because we believe it is important to share with our co-workers in the celebration of landmarks indicated by years of service. These important milestones reflect the dedication and commitment of staff to the agency and to their chosen field. And, it is through these individual accomplishments that our agency becomes rich in the value and uniqueness that each individual brings to our "One Auraria" success.

This year we are celebrating one individual at 30 years, two at 25, three at 20, eleven at 15, eight at 10, and six at 5 years! That's 31 individuals for a collective 415 years of experience! When you think of it in those terms, you can further appreciate how important each of you is in making this campus the best it can be!

I look forward to congratulating everyone in person at Winterfest! You are, indeed, what makes Auraria thrive!!

Barb Weiske
Executive Vice President for Administration
Agency Chief Executive Officer

One Auraria

'ONE AURARIA' NEWS

WINTERFEST 2014



Friday, December 19

12-1:30 p.m.

Tivoli Turnhalle

Join fellow staff at Winterfest tomorrow to celebrate another successful year! State Service Awards will be given to AHEC staff celebrating milestone work anniversaries. In addition, the Student, Employee, and Manager of the Year awards will be announced.

CAMPUS NEWS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

Governor Forum Hosted by Student Government Association



On October 28th, Community College of Denver's Student Government Association hosted a gubernatorial forum in the Tivoli Turnhalle. While both Governor Hickenlooper and former Congressman Bob Beauprez were invited, only Governor Hickenlooper was able to attend.

Moderated by CCD Chair of Political Science William Ashcraft, the event drew a large crowd in the Turnhalle of interested voters who were eager to learn more about the candidate and his position on a number of topics. The event was open to the public, and a VIP reception followed the forum.

A panel of six students formulated the questions for Governor Hickenlooper. Two students from each institution (CCD, MSU Denver, and CU Denver) participated in the panel.

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Regency Athletic Complex at MSU Denver: Development Update

The 12.5-acre Regency Athletic Complex at MSU Denver, located south of the Colfax Avenue viaduct and adjacent to Shoshone Street, will soon be complete, becoming home to six of MSU Denver Roadrunners' 15 sports, including men's and women's tennis, men's and women's soccer, baseball, and softball.

MSU Denver requested that AHEC provide services for maintenance of the soccer field and surrounding facilities. Matt Carlson, from the AHEC Grounds Department, recently moved from his position as a

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, January 21

Kindergarten Open House

5-6 p.m.

Room 129

Set the foundation for your child to thrive! Learn about the Auraria Early Learning Center's accredited, high-quality kindergarten program at their Open House on January 21st. Registration begins that evening. More information: www.ahec.edu/earlylearning.

Auraria Early Learning Center

AURARIA CAMPUS BOOKSTORE



Still buying gifts for the holidays? Save time and shop on campus at the **Auraria Campus Bookstore.** Get most items at **20% off until December 24th!**

10 Essential Gifts

- **School spirit items** (blankets, hoodies, water

landscaper for the other athletic fields on campus, to sole caretaker for the MSU Denver Regency Athletic Complex soccer stadium.

"Because the soccer field is made of synthetic turf, it has particular needs that differ from regular grass turf," said Carlson. "Instead of mowing, the field must be 'swept' using a machine to periodically remove debris from the surface." He explained that over- or under-sweeping will result in damage, so it's important to strike a balance.

With Carlson leading the effort, AHEC provides traditional landscaping services for the grassy and higher vegetation areas surrounding the field. Carlson is also responsible for maintaining the concrete walkways and keeping the stands clean. One of Carlson's most important jobs is to collaborate with MSU Denver's irrigation and lighting crews to make sure that the stadium is ready for game days.

AHEC will continue to support the new Regency Athletic Complex, working with MSU Denver to identify and provide needed staff and services for the complex's growing needs.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

Wellness Center Feasibility Study



CU Denver is exploring the possibility of building their own Wellness Center on the Auraria Campus for use by its students, faculty, and staff. A feasibility study will be published next month to outline the details of the potential project.

CU Denver's Office of Student Life is leading the feasibility study and project. Joe Halter, Director of Student Life, says that once the study is released, they will need to obtain approval by their Student Government Association and the University of Colorado Board of Regents. Once those approvals are solidified, the initiative will be put before CU Denver students for a vote, as it would involve a special student fee to support the funding. The vote would take place during the annual SGA election in April.

According to CU Denver's website, the Wellness Center facility could include the following building features:

- Student lounge
- Large weight room
- Numerous cardio workout options
- Large multi-use gym and event space (approx. 3000 seats)
- Classroom and workshop space for wellness-related activities
- Swimming pool
- Extra locker rooms
- Dance studios

bottles, mugs, and more)
- **Computers** and **tablets**
- **Journals**
- **Bookbags**
- **Boots skincare products** and **make-up**
- **Skullcandy headphones**
- **Art supplies**
- Chocolate **candy** and other **treats**
- **Gift cards** — select from over 50 different vendors
- *New York Times* **Best Sellers**

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HR INSIGHT

Reminders

Addresses for W2s
W2s will be processed starting in January. Please verify that your address is correct on your pay advice. If it needs to be updated, contact your supervisor, paymaster, or the Human Resources Office. All corrections must be received by J**anuary 5th, 2015**.

Campus Closure Policy
With winter weather and the possibility of heavy snow, it's a good time to be reminded of the Auraria Campus Closure Policy. The decision to close the campus is made by the Executive Vice President for Administration along with the Auraria Executives Council, which includes leadership from the three institutions. Decisions to close are only made when extreme weather conditions pose an immediate health or safety hazard to campus constituents.

You will receive a text and email alert if a decision is made to close campus, assuming your current information is on file with the RAVE Alert System. You may also call the Auraria Campus 24-hour information line for an update: 303-556-2401.

- Demonstration kitchen
- Indoor track
- Steam room and/or sauna
- Rock climbing wall
- Reflection rooms for prayer or meditation

CU Denver developed a video of a possible design concept and rendering to use as an education tool. View the video: www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/studentlife/clubsports/pages/wellness-center.aspx.

AURARIA CAMPUS BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN



Billboards Put Auraria Campus High in the Sky

The dual-sided billboard by Campus Village facing Auraria Parkway was transformed from a static, traditional billboard to a digital ad interface in early November.

Outfront Media, formerly CBS Outdoor, who owns the billboard granted AHEC the opportunity to advertise the campus institutions for free during their testing period. Each institution had 8 seconds of airtime on rotation for a full week, followed by more sporadic airtime once the testing period was complete.

If you missed seeing them in person, you can view them here at: http://bit.ly/1wGbF7g.

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HUMBLE HEROES

Snow Removal Team Works Tirelessly to Keep the Campus Safe



When it snows in Denver, the 13-person Grounds Crew makes sure that campus roads and walkways are clear. The crew is divided into shifts, taking turns plowing and shoveling, and then going home to rest before their next shift.

Sometimes starting as early as 3:30 a.m., the team works to ensure the entire campus is safe for travel, for both vehicles and pedestrians, by 8:00 a.m. for the start of daily activities. They continue to work

Specific information on closure procedures and notifications can be found in the Campus Closure Policy at www.ahec.edu/policies.

Holiday Schedule
The Human Resources Office and the majority of other AHEC offices will be closed from Thursday, December 25, 2014 through Thursday, January 1, 2015.

To better serve staffing needs, some departments have been granted the discretion of assigning holidays to alternate days throughout the year. For those departments that observe an alternate holiday schedule, employees should contact their supervisor regarding the use of leave.

View the 2015 Holiday Schedule: www.ahec.edu/policies.

SANTA VISITS AURARIA CAMPUS



Santa Meets Auraria Early Learning Center Children Who Donated 96-Gallons of Food to Campus Food Banks

The Auraria Early Learning Center had a very special visitor at the Tivoli on Thursday, December 4th.

The older preschool and kindergarten classes delivered to the Tivoli non-perishable food items donated by the children, which filled 96 gallons-worth of bin space for the three campus food banks.

throughout the day (or many days) until the sun comes out and fresh snow has stopped collecting.

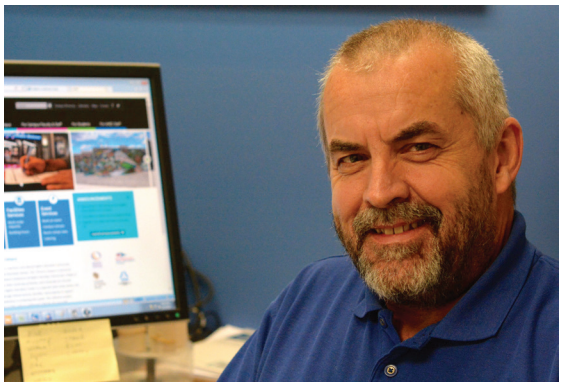
Mike Nichols, Grounds Supervisor, made sure to highlight that the effort is a cross-department effort. “Members of other Facilities Services departments are always on hand to help during snowy days,” he said. These departments include Environmental Health and Safety, Life Safety, the Sign Shop, Vehicle Maintenance, Plumbing, Access Control, Electrical, Paint, HVAC, and General Maintenance.

Custodial crews also assist by shoveling steps, entryways, and sidewalks to create clear access to all campus buildings.

All of the staff helping with snow removal work extremely hard to clear the snow as long as it’s falling. Snow removal truly qualifies as one of the many “all hands on deck” One Auraria events.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Marc Parenteau Office Manager, Parking & Transportation Services



Marc Parenteau took the road less traveled in gaining experience for the office manager role for Parking & Transportation Services. Parenteau grew up in the midwest, mostly in the small farming community of Brooks, Minnesota (population: 140). It’s where his grandfather ran a cheese factory, which is also where Parenteau took his first job when he was in high school.

His next career move was to the newspaper business. For nearly 20 years, Parenteau ran all elements of two small city papers, first in northwest Minnesota, then later in Shell Lake, Wisconsin, where he and his wife, Connie, purchased a newspaper. From reporting, editing, and publishing to accounting and business operations, he did it all. While it was a great career for Parenteau—who gained valuable and transferable skills—he also became burned out from wearing so many hats for almost two decades.

In 1999, he was ready for a change of careers, not to mention an escape from the bitter midwestern winters. He and his family decided on Colorado as their destination.

Parenteau joined AHEC in 2002. Using the skills he obtained from running the paper, he started working in Accounting doing payroll, but eventually transferred over to Parking & Transportation Services.

When not running the operations for Parking, Parenteau can be found spending time with his wife and his three children, two of whom live locally. He’s lucky to have three grandchildren who are spoiled by his love and attention. When he has time, you can find him on the slopes

CU Denver Student Life organized the Santa visit for the children, complete with cookies and milk, to celebrate the children’s generous food bank donations.

Each child had an opportunity to sit on Santa’s lap and share their holiday wishes.

CALENDAR

December 19, 2014
Winterfest
12-1:30 p.m.
Tivoli Turnhalle

December 25, 2014 - January 1, 2015
Campus Closed

January 20, 2015
Spring Semester Begins

January 21, 2015
AELC Kindergarten Open House
5-6 p.m.
Room 129, Early Learning Center

or a golf course, usually with one or more of his grandchildren.

While Parenteau enjoys the work he does for AHEC, he still has a soft spot in his heart for cheese. He has made it a point to discover Colorado dairies to help fill the void left from his time in the midwest. The best, he says, is the Cozy Cow Dairy in Windsor, which is the only Front Range source of fresh cheese curds, a midwestern delicacy.

5 Questions for Marc

1. Before working for AHEC, what is the most interesting or unusual job you've had?
I was editor and publisher of a small weekly newspaper in Wisconsin prior to moving to Colorado. That was interesting because I reported on a small airplane crash, a murder and subsequent trial, and a state football championship for the local high school.

2. If you could choose any period of history to live, when would it be and why?
I think it would have been interesting to live in the early years of the 20th century because of all the inventions that really changed people's lives. Although, I think I'd really just rather visit than have to live during that period. I've grown accustomed to our modern conveniences.

3. What is a tool you use for work that you couldn't live without?
I rely almost exclusively on my computer. Our office utilizes numerous websites to track activity at parking meters, parking lot paystations, online sales, accounts at Central Collections Services, etc. It's also become a primary means of communication.

4. If you could travel anywhere in the world for a week, where would you go?
Actually, I would love to visit Antarctica, by way of New Zealand and Australia. It's pretty far away, so I would need more than a week.

5. What do you enjoy most about your job and working for AHEC?
I have a reasonable amount of latitude and discretion in discharging my duties. I interpret that as my supervisor having trust in my judgment and confidence in my abilities. That is definitely the best part of my job.

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