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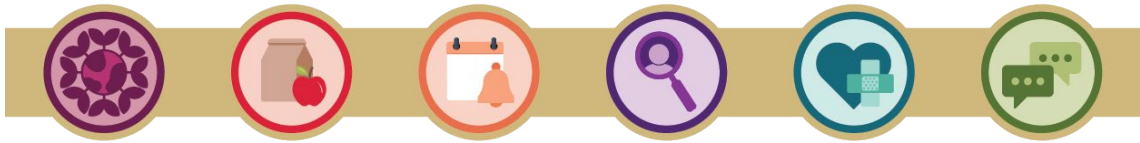
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**SYSTEM STAFF COUNCIL**



Stay on top of CU System happenings! This month features vaccine resources, a hike to Quandary Peak and more.



**ASK THE PRESIDENT**

with President Todd Saliman

### Have a question for President Saliman?

President Saliman welcomes questions from our staff members. Each month, we will randomly draw two questions to highlight. Please submit your questions to [ssc-communications@cu.edu](mailto:ssc-communications@cu.edu).

The name of the questioner will be kept confidential.

**Q: What are some of the challenges you anticipate with the hybrid work environment?**

**A:** Let me start by saying that while there will be challenges, I'm really looking forward to this new hybrid approach that enables us to get our work done while improving our life-work balance. That said, since hybrid work is new for the CU System – and for so many organizations – we know there will be challenges, but it's difficult to anticipate many of them until we've got more experience with the hybrid environment. One challenge I've noticed is that meetings can be tricky when a few people are in-person together in a conference room and a few people Zoom into the meeting. And for those of you who have Zoomed with me, you've probably heard my dog enthusiastically alerting me when the mail is delivered!

The pandemic showed us that remote work doesn't mean having to sacrifice productivity and efficiency. We'll all learn as we go and we'll adapt. It's also so important that we keep our sense of community strong – systemwide and on each of our campuses. Doing that in a hybrid environment will take work but it's something we must commit to. We have awesome people at CU. I want everyone to be happy and fulfilled and able to do their best work. That's good for people who work here and it's good for CU. Logistics like sharing office space or running hybrid meetings can be figured out and fixed if need be. The essence of CU – our people and their satisfaction, our camaraderie, our continued alignment around the common goals of serving our students and the state of Colorado – these are some of the things that are top of mind for me.

**Q: Do you like to barbeque during the summer and if so, what's your favorite food to grill?**

**A:** Yes! We moved away from our gas grill a few years ago and went with a Weber. I don't think we'll ever go back – we love the extra flavor that comes from the charcoal. These days, my favorite food to grill is salmon and veggies. We toss some salmon with olive oil, salt and pepper and throw it on the grill. It's the best!



## Events

**Thank you to all who attended the [Welcome to Grant Street Virtual Event](#)**

It was great to hear what each department has been doing these past couple of months, and we loved learning more about 1800 Grant with everyone. If you were unable to attend or want to

refer back to a slide, a recording and slide presentation are now available.

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## System HR

### 1800 Grant fully reopens on Sept. 7

Masks are optional if fully vaccinated and reported. Vaccines are available on all CU campuses along with resources to answer any questions you may have about the COVID-19 vaccine.

[Learn more](#)

### Update on Badges

As a reminder, the Budget and Finance office will be in charge of requests for new badges and updates to existing access. HR will continue to submit requests for badge access for new employees, but all other requests should be directed to [Grant.Building.Questions@cu.edu](mailto:Grant.Building.Questions@cu.edu).



## Health & Wellness

### Take a hike before summer ends: Join System Staff Council Aug. 15 to hike a 14er

The Health & Wellness committee is hosting our first ever group 14er! We will be tackling Quandary Peak, one of Colorado's beautiful 14ers. Register for a spot in our trek to the peak. All experience levels welcome.

As the date gets closer, we will follow up with more details including travel routes, safety tips, and a list of required items to bring. **If you are interested, please register, and we will set up an informational session with participants to review details and answer any**

questions you may have.

**Hike Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, Aug. 15

**Meet Time:** 4:30 a.m. MST

**Peak:** Quandary Peak

Register today



## Diversity, Inclusion & Outreach

### Mark your calendar for special August holidays

We would like to recognize a few special days in our communities:

- **Aug. 1: Lammas**, a festival to mark the annual wheat harvest within some English-speaking countries in the Northern Hemisphere
- **Aug. 1: Lughnasadh**, a Gaelic festival marking the beginning of the harvest season

See more

### Expand your diversity and inclusion knowledge

- [CU Boulder Center for Teaching and Learning](#) offers several classroom-focused seminars, workshops and event in August through the year.
- CU Boulder Dept. of Ethnic Studies hosts a 3-week [Anti-Racism](#) 101 program on Coursera.

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