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SSC NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN UPDATED TAKE A LOOK AROUND!

To better reach CU System staff, System Staff Council has introduced the blog SSC News. Here you can find all SSC happenings, events and more.

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ASK THE PRESIDENT

with President Mark Kennedy

Have a question for President Kennedy?

President Kennedy welcomes questions from our staff members. Each month, we will randomly draw two questions to highlight. Please submit your question to ssc-communications@cu.edu. The name of the questioner will be kept confidential.

Q: What value can social media add to higher education?

A: While I regularly caution against relying solely on social media as a news source (please seek out balanced sources that don't use algorithms to determine the content you see), it does have its benefits. Particularly at a large, complex public research university like CU, social media can be useful in spotlighting our myriad stories, great work and exceptional people. As CU president, I use social media to raise awareness about the university, our many accomplishments and contributions, and important issues we're facing; issue statements that affect the CU community; and connect with our stakeholders, friends and the general public. Sometimes I even try to add levity to the mix depending on the platform. I encourage all of you to follow me on Twitter (@CUMarkKennedy), Facebook (@CUPresidentKennedy), Instagram (@cumarkkennedy) and LinkedIn (cumarkkennedy)

Q: Can you provide an update on the 1800 Grant Street remodel?

A: While most CU System Administration staff have been working from home, the 1800 Grant Redesign Project team has been busy overseeing the reconfiguration of office space in the building to accommodate added units and a flexible model of remote and in-office work. Advancement and Government Relations, both of which were located at other sites, have moved into 1800 Grant St. and UIS is relocating to the third floor. Overall, two move crews and 23 on-site moving days were required to rearrange the entire building, 18 truckloads of surplus furniture were removed, and countless tables, chairs and desks were shifted between floors. This is in addition to repainting, recarpeting certain areas and ensuring the building's HVAC system is working optimally. UIS is hard at work setting up all offices, hoteling spaces and desks for our eventual return. We haven't selected a move-in date yet, but will give staff at least 30 days' notice before the building fully reopens. We're in the process of determining criteria to ensure a safe reopening, in accordance with state and health department guidance. For additional updates including new floor plans, information on hoteling spaces and office placements, visit your department's [SharePoint page](#).



Health & Wellness

Oh Spring, how we adore you!

Enjoy the warmer weather this season with free events in Denver this April, including National Park Day on April 17.

[Learn more](#)



Brown Bag

SSC hosted a YMCA Healthy Eating at Home webinar last month

Grab informational slides and healthy recipe ideas on our website.

[Slides](#)

[Recipes](#)



Diversity, Inclusion & Outreach

Join the first quarterly Nonprofit Roundtables April 1

The University of Colorado System Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will host two sessions April 1 to help the CU community to become more aware of Colorado nonprofits. Sessions will include Atlantis Community, Inc., La Cocina, Tilt West and more. Roundtables are led by System CDO [Theodosia Cook](#) and DEI Specialist Emily Osan. If you have any questions, email systemdei@cu.edu.

[Register today](#)

The month of April recognizes...

Diversity, Autism Awareness, Jewish American Heritage, and the beginning of Ramadan (April 12 - May 12). Learn more about April's special days in our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion calendar.

[Discover more](#)

Do you know someone with food insecurities?

The [YMCA Beyond Hunger program](#) provides bags filled with a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy and grains in communities across the metro area to help people in need

[Learn more](#)

Spring cleaning is just around the corner

Consider donating any gently used items to a charity:

1. [The Doe Fund](#) - Accepting business attire and personal technology
2. [Ronald McDonald House](#) - Accepting office supplies, kitchen items, laundry room items, snacks and gift cards
3. [Denver Rescue Mission](#) - Accepting small furniture, clothing, household items, kitchen items and non-perishable foods.
4. [Clothes to Kids Denver](#) - Donate new or gently used clothes



System HR

How will your workday look moving forward?

Last month, System HR introduced the [Remote Work Handbook](#) as a tool to better navigate the virtual workplace moving forward. Two Q&A sessions will be held for System employees to learn more about this new resource and ask any questions you may have.

9 - 9:30 a.m. March 31

2 - 2:30 p.m. April 1

Leave Sweep Reminder

Take advantage of CU's paid leave benefits! Employees who have more than 352 hours of vacation as of June 30 will lose their excess hours July 1. Employees with excess vacation hours are encouraged to use vacation time prior to the annual leave sweep. System HR will notify department heads in coming weeks of employees who are expected to be over 352 vacation hours so that they can work with employees who anticipate using vacation time

before this year's leave sweep.

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