March 5, 2014, Marks DU’s Sesquicentennial

DU was founded on March 5, 1864. Show your love for DU and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the University’s founding! The week of Feb. 28-March 7, 2014, will be full of events highlighting the history of DU. Like any good birthday celebration, celebratory cake and refreshments will be served throughout the week.

The “Big Event” kicks off festivities on Friday, February 28 from 8 pm – 1 am on campus at the Driscoll Greens. This major event for students, faculty, staff and alumni will be the biggest late night event in recent memory with horse-drawn carriage rides, laser tag, zip-lining and more. RSVP and learn more...

CELEBRATE DU’S 150th BIRTHDAY

Alumni Masters Languages and a Successful Career

Linda Murphy Marshall (BA ’72, Spanish) didn’t know where her degree in Spanish would take her — until she became a multilingual for the United States Department of Defense. Today, after a career in fields of translation, interpretation and government language analysis, Marshall has had the opportunity to formally study 12 languages, and has professionally worked with more than 20 languages (Romanian, German, Slavic and African languages). She has also traveled all over the world in support of dignitaries, including the President of the U.S., the First Lady and the U.S. Secretary of State.

"Being at DU really was the catalyst that led me to believe that I could pursue a career in languages; it was the seed that was planted and burst forth my junior year in Spain," said Marshall.

"I was drawn to DU by its reputation and by the natural beauty it’s set in," added Marshall. “I have always been drawn to languages, and to literature, to the idea of having a unique view into other cultures, other points of view, by virtue of being able to read and understand other languages. It felt like entire worlds were opened up to me, giving me a rare glimpse of these other cultures.” Read more...

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Chinese Language Classes Help Prepare Students for Careers in Global Economy

When students take Li Li Peters' Chinese language and studies classes, they're not only learning the language and traditions of one of the oldest civilizations in the world; many are preparing for future success in a globalized economy in which China plays a key role.

"The Chinese economy is at a crossroads transforming from one of producing labor-intensive commodities to one with a high-tech and service focus, and there is much the Chinese would like to learn from other countries in the years to come," said Peters, an associate professor in the Chinese program.

According to Peters, China has attracted the largest population of expatriate post-graduates from English-speaking countries, especially Australia, Canada and the U.S.

"Many of my former students have embarked on and developed China-related careers, from starting a wine export business to creating an environmental agency, from joining international law firms to running a financial/investment office, from video production to setting up art galleries," she said. Read More...

GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Grad Student and "Foodie" Puts His Passion to Work

Ray Pang, a self-described foodie, has found a way to translate his passion to his work. As a master's student in anthropology, Pang focuses his research on grassroots food activism and poses the following question: does food activism have the potential to empower vulnerable members of society? To answer this question Pang hopes to conduct research with a group of Somali Bantu refugees at a local urban farm this summer.

"To me, anthropology is a form of self-definition, offering a multitude of lenses to view the world," said Pang. "Specifically, cultural anthropology presents the flexibility to connect fitting research methods to my interests in dynamic food systems, environmental and social justice and race."

Pang’s love for food can be traced back to his childhood when he started to cook at the age of 13. Both of his parents love to cook and they encouraged Pang’s passion when he was a child. Read More...

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Internships Confirms Student's Interest in Law

Internships and work experience give students a leg up when seeking employment after graduation. Senior Sophie Fritz applied for and received an AHSS Summer Internship Grant last spring. The grant enabled her to work as an intern in the United States Attorney’s Office - District of Colorado for academic credit last summer.

"As a socio-legal studies major and hopefully a future Juris Doctorate student, the opportunity to work in such an incredible office helped my love for the law flourish," said Fritz, who became interested in law during her sophomore year.

Fritz chose a socio-legal studies major to explore classes and information pertaining to law that are offered throughout different departments at DU. This enabled her to look at law from a variety of perspectives before making a decision to attend law school. Her internship helped to expand her legal knowledge as well as career possibilities. Read More...

FEATURED EVENTS

THEATRE: Mar. 1, 7, 8 at 7:30 p.m., Mar 9 at 2:00 p.m. — Dog Act
Follow the adventures of Zetta Stone, a traveling performer, and her companion Dog (a young man undergoing a voluntary species demotion) as they wander through the former northeastern United States. Performances will be held in the Newman Center for the Performing Arts Byron Theatre. Tickets are $10. Call 303-871-7720 or order online.

EXHIBITION: thru Mar. 9, 2014, noon-4:00 p.m daily — A Decade of Gifts and Discoveries at the Myhren Gallery
Don't miss seeing all the works from the University Art Collections on display, a collection which began to accumulate soon after the founding of the University’s School of Art in 1880. Artworks rediscovered after years languishing in basements, attics and dark corners— even under layers of house paint—are on display! Held in the Victoria H. Myhren Gallery, Shwazyer Art Building.

FACULTY LECTURE: Mar. 13, 2014, 4:00-6:00 p.m. — Thinking Makes it So: Understanding How the Brain Controls Emotions
Examine the different strategies we use to control our emotions — what works well, what works less well and how our brain can give us clues about the best ways to reach our emotional goals. Presented by Kateri McRae, assistant professor of psychology. This lecture will be held in the special events room, Anderson Academic Commons.

150th EXHIBIT: through Dec 31, 2014 — “Tradition and Legacy” Exhibit
Enjoy this 30-second video on the Sesquicentennial exhibit held in Anderson Academic Commons, then stop by to see it for yourself!