



DU Retirees 2026



January 2026 News and Information

Happy New Year!

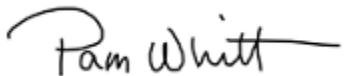
Hello DU Retirees. I am happy to wish everyone a great year. Last year went by so fast that I barely had time to complete any of the projects I declared I would work on. Like finally getting to the boxes in the garage from my move to Thornton in 2022, writing a cookbook and learning Mahjongg. I do play Mahjongg regularly, so I completed one task. I will need to take on the other two projects in 2026.

I think the DU Retirees Association had a great year. Thanks to the financial support of the University, as well as Canvas Credit Union, our generous corporate partner, we were able to host three successful luncheons at the Wellshire Event Center with record attendance for the 2025 year.

We have recently scheduled an opportunity for our members and guests to visit DU's Kennedy Mountain Campus on June 1, 2026. We are also paying for tickets for members to attend select concerts on campus, as well as reimbursing members for continuing education classes at DU with the benefit of the Longbrake Endowment Fund.

Lots of great things coming up! Be sure to read our monthly e-blasts and join us as often as you can.

Happy, happy new year!



Pam Whitt, Chairperson
DU Retirees Board

DU Employee and Retiree Appreciation Event

Join us for our annual DU Employee Appreciation Event in Hamilton Gym on Thursday, January 22 at 6 p.m., proudly hosted by Human Resources and Inclusive Community (HRIC) and DU Athletics! We want to show our gratitude for your dedication and hard work. Come enjoy a complimentary evening of food, fun, and basketball!

- **Complimentary Tickets:** Enjoy free admission to the DU Men's Basketball game for all DU faculty, staff, retirees and their families. The game and reception are at Hamilton Gym in the Ritchie Center. We will also have complimentary parking for retirees.
- **Pregame Reception:** Complimentary food will be served before and during the game.
- **Raffle Prizes:** Exciting raffle prizes will be given away throughout the game.

[Register before January 15](#) to secure your tickets to the reception and basketball game. Maximum five tickets per employee.

This entire event, including game tickets, food and prizes, is made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of DU Athletics and Canvas Credit Union.

For questions about registration for this event, contact [Cassy Zapotocky](#) or call (303) 871-3962.

DU Kennedy Mountain Campus



Save the date: Monday, June 1—DU Retirees Day Trip to the Kennedy Mountain Campus

Please plan to join us on a day field trip to DU's Kennedy Mountain Campus located in the Red Feather Lakes area on June 1. Free Parking on the DU campus, free luxury coach transportation, and free lunch will be provided for you and your guest.

More information will be provided in the February DU Retirees E-Blast, along with a registration link for your participation in this upcoming DU Retiree special event

Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente is excited to announce the opening of our brand-new medical offices in Lakewood. The new Lakewood location will provide high quality primary care, imaging, urgent care, and more. The state-of-the-art, 116,500-square-foot, three story building is located at 8301 W. Alameda and is scheduled to open January 20, 2026. Visit

the [Lakewood Kaiser Permanente website](#) to learn more about how we're making it easier to get the care you need in Lakewood.

Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging (KIHA)

Lunch and Learn: Family Communication: Mastering Difficult Conversations

In-person, Tuesday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join us at the Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging for an engaging Lunch and Learn session with Shelly Smith-Acuña, PhD. Dr. Smith-Acuña is a professor of clinical psychology at the University of Denver and Dean Emerita of the Graduate School of Professional Psychology. Her research and teaching explore the process and outcomes of psychotherapy, emphasizing what actually helps people improve—the quality of therapeutic relationships, meaningful engagement of partners and family members, and culturally-attuned interventions that fit client-lived contexts. This event is proudly sponsored by Aging at 5280.

[Register here](#)

Lunch and Learn: Estate Planning and Cognitive Decline

In-person, Tuesday, April 28, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join us at the Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging for an informative Lunch and Learn session with Jon Kraus, Jenna Merlin, and Peter Merlin. They will be discussing money and assets as we age. More information to come. This event is proudly sponsored by Aging at 5280.

[Register here](#)

If you are having trouble registering for any of the KIHA programs above, please email [Riley Coyne](#) directly for assistance.

Pioneer Journeys—Travel with Curiosity. Learn Along the Way.

Pioneer Journeys offers University of Denver retirees, alumni, family members, and friends the opportunity to explore the world through immersive, educational travel experiences. Programs are thoughtfully paced and led by expert guides, with opportunities to learn alongside fellow travelers from the DU community and other universities.

Peru Explorer | July 13–19, 2026

Explore Peru's cultural and archaeological highlights, from Lima and the Sacred Valley to Cusco and Machu Picchu. From \$2,399 per person (double occupancy)

Sicily, Malta and the Amalfi Coast | May 25–June 2, 2026

Cruise aboard the World Traveller and visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites across Italy and Malta. From \$6,995 per person (double occupancy)

Learn more on the [Pioneer Journeys website](#).

Enrichment Program

New learning experiences and opportunities to connect are on the horizon! The DU Enrichment Program is busy planning future events and courses designed especially for our vibrant retiree community. While specifics for winter and spring aren't available yet, be the first to know when details are announced by [signing up for the Enrichment newsletter](#). Stay engaged; exciting programs are coming soon!

DU Retiree Parking Permit

Please see the information below for obtaining your DU Retiree parking permit:

The DU Parking Office will take payment over the phone at a rate of \$32 a year, or \$8 per quarter. Once paid, they will mail the permit to your address. Call customer service at (303) 871-3210. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1–4:30 p.m. If you have questions, please email [Briony Catlow](#) and she will help ensure you get your permit.

2026 RTD Booklets

To request RTD booklets, contact the DU Retirees HRIC liaison [Stephanie Trujillo](#). Be sure to include your name and mailing address. You may request up to two booklets each quarter, and booklets are subject to availability. Good news: Booklets from 2024 and 2025 are still valid and tickets can be used without exchanging for new ones.

January Lamont Concerts

Guest Artist Recital: Christopher Harder, piano

Wednesday, January 7

Hamilton Hall - 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Free admission

Guest Artist Recital: Geoffrey Burleton, piano

Liszt, Saint-Saens

Wednesday, January 14

Hamilton Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Free admission

Faculty Recital Series: Gang, Stolzman, Barbosa, Heller

Western Classical and Jazz

Friday, January 16

Hamilton Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Two Free \$12 parterre tickets; free parking included

These deals are for Retirees with DU ID

M. Roger Holland II, Director of the Spirituals Project, and Lamont faculty

Brahms, Puccini

Friday, January 23

Hamilton Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Two Free \$12 parterre tickets; free parking included

These deals are for Retirees with DU ID

Winter Opera Showcase: All-Italian program

Rossini's Il viaggio a Reims

Thursday, January 29

Hamilton Hall, 7:30-9 p.m.

Free admission

Faculty Recital Series: Igor Pikayzen, violin

Friday, January 30

Hamilton Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Two Free \$12 parterre tickets; free parking included

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Please contact the Newman Center Box Office for further info at 2344 E. Iliff Avenue, or call them at (303) 871-7720.

Useful Links

- [DU Retiree Benefits](#)
- [DU Campus Information](#)
- [DU Master Calendar of Events Information](#)
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- [Newman Center Presents](#)
- [Lamont School of Music](#)
- [DU Athletics](#)
- [DU Enrichment Program](#)
Use Code DURW18 for a 20% discount; some restrictions apply.
- [Denver Public Library Programs for Older Adults](#)

- [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Programs \(OLLI\)](#)

Retirees are exempt from the \$20 up charge for on campus classes.

- [Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging](#)
- [Senior Resources on Aging \(Aging at 5280\)](#)
- [RTD Access-a-Ride for persons with disabilities](#)
- [A Little Help](#)

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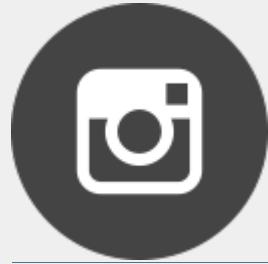
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