



DU Retirees 2026



March 2026 News and Information

Hello DU Retirees!

Winter will end officially in a few weeks, but what exciting weather will it have in store for us? March is always a tricky month. The bright spot for me is seeing all of you at the DU Retirees Annual Spring Luncheon.

Be sure to join us at the Wellshire Event Center on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Elizabeth Loba, the new Provost, will be attending and participating as our guest speaker. Also, a representative from Retiree First will provide a short presentation about managing DU Retiree benefits. We are currently taking reservations (see contact information below). I hope to see you all there!

Additionally, we are very excited about the June 1, 2026, trip to the Kennedy Mountain Campus. Be sure to sign up for a seat for yourself and a guest when registration opens beginning March 18.

Have a great month, and I hope to see you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pam Whitt'.

Pam Whitt, Chairperson
DU Retirees Board

DU Retirees Spring Luncheon–March 18

Join us for another enjoyable Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, March 18 at the Wellshire Event Center located at [3333 S. Colorado Blvd.](#) Enjoy reconnecting and visiting with friends and colleagues beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by buffet lunch service beginning at noon.

Complimentary, close-in parking is provided. RSVP by email to Carole Burgess at cburgess@du.edu or by phone at (303) 810-9901. Please leave a voice message with your name, number of guests and phone number. Reservations will be taken up until Tuesday, March 10. Space is limited, so RSVP early.

DU Retirees Day Trip to the DU Mountain Campus

Save the Date – June 1

Field trip to Kennedy Mountain Campus



Come experience with other DU retirees and take in the view at the Kennedy Mountain Campus' natural beauty on Monday, June 1, 2026. You will encounter over 700 acres of pine and aspen trees that cover the forest terrain.

- Free Transportation will be provided via luxury coach.
- Free Parking on the DU campus is available for your car if needed, and BEST off all.....
- A delicious, free lunch will be provided for you and one guest.

Registration will open on March 18, 2026. Please stay tuned for additional information to follow.

Kaiser Permanente

Maintaining a healthy weight takes more than diet and exercise. To find the best approach for you, Kaiser Permanente can help you identify your personal needs, goals, and challenges—and build a personalized plan for success. With access to high-quality care, board-certified experts, and online resources for your total health, you have the support you need to maintain a healthy weight and a healthy lifestyle. Visit the [Kaiser Permanente Weight Management page](#) for tips and information.

Under the Dome: Chamberlin Observatory



Saturday, April 18, 8:30 p.m., 2930 E Warren Avenue, Denver, CO 80210

Experience one of DU's most iconic landmarks alongside fellow retirees and Pioneer Alumni Legends, with an evening presentation and telescope viewing (weather permitting). This event is complimentary, but [advance registration is required](#).

Emeritus Tea and 50 Year Medallion Ceremony

June 12, 12:30 p.m., Joy Burns Center, 2044 E Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80208

Join emeritus faculty, retired staff, and Pioneer Alumni Legends for this cherished DU tradition honoring the Class of 1976. Enjoy afternoon tea, music, and fellowship as we celebrate enduring connections across generations of the DU community. [Register today](#).

Knoebel Institute for Health Aging (KIHA)

Guiding Your Journey: We Listen. We Evaluate. We Provide a Roadmap for Successful Aging

Online only, Thursday, March 12, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join Aging at 5280 Founder and Owner, Cindy Koch, and Elder Care Manager, Karen Summers, each month as they feature guest speakers covering essential topics such as: health and wellness, home safety, financial resources and more while providing a variety of tips and tools for successful aging, all tailored for older adults and their families.

[Register here](#)

If you are having trouble registering, please email [Riley Coyne](#) directly for assistance.

Alzheimer's/Dementia 101 with Dementia Friendly Denver

Online only, Tuesday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

You're invited to our free zoom seminar hosted by Dementia Friendly Denver's JJ Jordan titled Alzheimer's/Dementia 101–Facts, Treatments, Caregiving, Research, Risk Reduction. This seminar will explore the risk factors, warning signs, and lifestyle

changes that could lower your risk for dementia. This seminar is offered monthly. Click the date below to register.

[Register for March 31](#)

If you are having trouble registering, please email [Riley Coyne](#) directly for assistance.

Lunch and Learn: Estate Planning and Cognitive Decline

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

2155 E Wesley Ave, Room 510, Denver 80210

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](#)

Lamont School of Music

Lamont Symphony Orchestra and Choirs—Braham's Requiem

Wednesday, March 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Gates Hall

2 free parterre tickets for DU retirees with DU ID at Ticket Window

Free parking included

Wind Chamber Ensembles—Lamont's finest players

Thursday, March 5, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Hamilton Hall

No ticket required

Steel Drum Ensemble—Caribbean & Beyond

Monday, March 9, 7:30-9 p.m. in Hamilton Hall

No ticket required

Guest artist recital—Mendelssohn Trio

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. in Hamilton Hall

Free general admission

Steel Drum Ensemble—Classical Drum Ensembles

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. in Hamilton Hall

No ticket required

Please call the Box Office for further information at
(303) 871-7720

DU Department of Theatre

Play—Into the Woods

Thursday, March 5 through Sunday, March 8, starting at 7:30 p.m. nightly

Byron Theatre, Newman Center for the Performing Arts

Call Ticket Office for discount ticket info for Retirees at (303) 871-2518

Explore the World with the DU Community

Pioneer Journeys invite DU emeritus faculty and retired staff to travel alongside fellow members of the university community through thoughtfully planned experiences around the globe.

The Luxurious Caribbean Sea, February 1-9, 2027

Sail from St. Maarten to Curaçao aboard the elegant Sea Cloud Spirit, visiting six Caribbean islands with time to explore, relax, and enjoy classic tall-ship sailing. [Learn more and see program details.](#)

The Best of Southern Africa, May 9-18, 2027

Journey through South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana, including Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, and the Okavango Delta, with guided wildlife viewing and cultural exploration. [Learn more and see program details.](#)

Longbrake Family Foundation Retiree Education Fund

The Longbrake Family Foundation Retiree Education Fund was created for the purpose of providing University of Denver retirees with a limited number of small stipends to

assist with the financial portion of continuing education programs offered by the Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging (KIHA) and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Review the steps to learn more about how to apply for and use the stipend, or make a contribution to the fund on the [Longbrake Family Foundation website](#).

2026 RTD Booklets

To request RTD booklets, contact benefits@du.edu. Be sure to include your name and mailing address. You may request up to two booklets each quarter—booklets are subject to availability.

Useful Links

- [DU Campus Information](#)
- [DU Master Calendar of Events Information](#)
- [Newman Center Presents](#)
- [Lamont School of Music](#)
- [DU Athletics](#)
- [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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