



DU Retirees 2026



May 2026 News and Information

Hello Retirees!

Spring came and went in a flash. It feels like summer when it is not snowing. This was definitely one for the record books.

Speaking of records, our University of Denver Men's Hockey Team won the Frozen Four by a score of 2-1 in regulation vs. University of Wisconsin. I hope you all had the chance to watch because the Frozen Four tournament win gave the Pioneers their 11th NCAA Division I national title and the record for most national championships ever for men's hockey.

The June 1 trip to the Kennedy Mountain Campus is fast approaching. We have taken reservations and the luxury coach is at capacity. However, we are still taking wait list reservations because we always have a few cancellations. See details later in this e-blast.

Have a wonderful spring. I hope you are planting your gardens and hanging flower baskets on the porch. Keep reading, there are lots of great activities and events coming up.

Always,

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

Pam Whitt, Chairperson
DU Retirees Board



Kennedy Mountain Campus Trip with the DU Retirees Association

Spring has arrived in Red Feather Lakes!

Thank you to everyone who has already registered for the upcoming day trip to the Kennedy Mountain Campus—you are truly in for a treat. The campus is coming to life with wildflowers, natural grasses, and beautiful native plants.

If you take photos during your visit, we would love for you to share your favorites with DU Retirees Board member [Annie Hoskinson](#). Selected photos will be featured on the big screen as a highlight during our summer BBQ on June 10 at the Wellshire.

If you would like to be added to the waitlist, please email Carole.Burgess@du.edu as soon as possible.

If this inaugural trip is a success, we hope to offer another next academic year to a special destination of interest to the DU community. Your suggestions are most welcome!

Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente is expanding outpatient robotic surgery in Colorado, with the introduction of a new surgical robot at the Franklin Medical Offices in early 2026. The technology enables surgeons to perform complex procedures through smaller incisions, helping patients recover faster and with fewer complications. Kaiser Permanente has used outpatient robotic-assisted joint replacements for several years, and the added capacity at Franklin now supports a wider range of outpatient procedures, advancing access to high-quality, affordable care for members. [Learn more about how robotic surgery works.](#)

Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging (KIHA)

Navigating Your Roadmap for Successful Aging—The Cost of Aging: Understanding Financial Preparedness and Advanced Directives

Online only, 11 a.m. to noon, Thursday, May 14, 2026

In this webinar, Cindy Koch and Karen Summers will be hosting Skipton Reynolds, Attorney at Skipton Law as they discuss financial preparedness in adulthood.

[Register Here](#)

The Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging has been teaming up with Cindy Koch from Aging at 5280 to provide this free series on a wide range of aging topics.

If you are having trouble registering, please email riley.coyne@du.edu directly for assistance.

Alzheimer's/Dementia 101 with Dementia Friendly Denver

Online only, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, May 19, 2026

You're invited to our free zoom seminar hosted by Dementia Friendly Denver's JJ Jordan. 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 below to register.

[Register Here](#)

If you are having trouble registering, please email riley.coyne@du.edu directly for assistance.

Alumni Relations

Emeritus Tea and 50-Year Medallion Ceremony

Friday, June 12, 12:30 p.m.

Join emeritus faculty, retired staff, and Pioneer Alumni Legends (PALs) 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 Here](#)

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 Caribbean

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. [See program details.](#)

The Best of Southern Africa

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

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.

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 website](#).

DU Retiree Parking Passes at a Discount

DU Retirees are eligible to receive a sizable discount for parking in the Newman Center parking lot and/or the lot due south of the Ritchie Center. Show your DU Retiree ID at the Parking Services Office to be eligible to purchase a parking pass for \$8 per quarter or \$32 for the year. Please be aware that prices may change for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Lamont School of Music Concerts

Lamont Wind Ensemble—Voices of America

Emmy Award-winning Concertante
Gates Hall, May 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

2 free parterre tickets with DU Retiree ID, and free parking

Faculty Recital Series—Ian Wisekal, Oboe and Friends

Hamilton Hall, May 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

2 free tickets with DU Retiree ID, and free parking

Lamont Choir Concert—Vivaldi's Gloria, Catherine Sailer, Conductor

Gates Hall, May 14, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

2 free parterre tickets with DU Retiree ID, and free parking

Lamont Symphony Orchestra—Rossini & Debussy

Gates Hall, May 27, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

2 free parterre tickets with DU Retiree ID, and free parking

Steel Drum Ensemble—Caribbean music

Gates Hall, May 28, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

No tickets required

For more information, call the Newman Center Box Office at (303) 871-7720 or visit the [Lamont website](#).

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](#)
 - Volunteers helping seniors with transportation, technology, yard work, snow removal, and other services

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