

DU Retirees 2025



September 2025 News and Information

Hello DU Retirees,

I hope everyone had a great summer! I spent time with family and friends, learned how to play Mahjongg, had a small deck garden and started playing croquet with some of the neighborhood ladies.

Here we are at a new academic year, 2025/2026. We have great plans for this year and look forward to seeing you again at the Fall Luncheon, October 15, 2025. Our Spring luncheon will be hosted on March 18 and our Summer Barbecue on June 10. Please schedule these three events into your calendars and read the e-blast every month to stay well- informed about a variety of programs, special events and activities available to members.

Have a great rest of the summer and a beautiful fall.

Regards,

Pam Whitt, Chairperson

DU Retirees Board

DU Retirees Fall Luncheon

Enjoy seeing and visiting with DU friends and colleagues at this year's Fall Luncheon being hosted at the Wellshire Event Center on Wednesday, October 15, 11:30 am -1:30 pm. Space is limited, so it's not too early to make your reservation now by emailing Carole Burgess at carole.burgess@du.edu or by phone at 303-871-3268. If phoning, please be sure to leave your name, guest name(s) and phone number.

Enrichment Program

This fall, the Enrichment Program invites DU Retirees to explore an exciting lineup of non-credit classes designed to spark your curiosity, deepen your knowledge, and inspire meaningful connections. From history, science, and current events to literature, the arts, and personal development, there is an Enrichment Program course for every interest. Choose from engaging in-person sessions on campus or participate from the comfort of home through interactive Zoom classes. Whether you're eager to dive into a new subject or revisit an old passion, our expert instructors create a welcoming environment for learning and discussion. DU Retirees are eligible for a \$250 Longbrake Endowment Foundation grant which may be applied to one Enrichment Program course per year. Additional 20% discounts are also available. Use code

RETF25 at checkout. Select from more than 50 course offerings from our fall catalog.

Pioneer Journeys Travel Program

Ready for your next great adventure?

Explore the world with fellow University of Denver alumni, faculty and friends through the Pioneer Journeys Travel Program. These small-group trips blend culture, connection and learning - perfect for those who value meaningful experiences and lifelong discovery.

Cambodia, Vietnam and the Mekong River January 19 - February 2, 2026

Cruise the Mekong River aboard a 27-cabin river ship while discovering the beauty and history of Southeast Asia. Explore ancient temples, vibrant floating markets and the cultural landmarks of Phnom Penh and Ho Chi Minh City. The journey also includes deluxe hotel stays in Siem Reap and Ho Chi Minh City.

Learn more

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

Sail aboard a 92-cabin small ship from Rome to Valletta, with stops in Sorrento, Palermo, Taormina and more. Discover six UNESCO World Heritage sites, sample Mediterranean cuisine and enjoy breathtaking coastal scenery.

Learn more

Questions? Reach out to Mackenzie Hunter

at mackenzie.hunter@du.edu.

Rediscover Your Love of Learning with OLLI at DU This Fall!

Your passion for knowledge didn't retire when you did! The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at DU invites you to dive into an exciting semester of courses designed for curious minds like yours, led by knowledgeable and passionate facilitators. From art history and current events to hands-on workshops and field trips, OLLI offers all the intellectual stimulation without tests or grades - learning simply for the love of it! Join other DU retirees and fellow learners at five convenient Denver locations plus online options, exploring new interests and building lasting friendships. Fall registration is open now, and classes begin the week of September 15. Don't miss your chance to be part of this vibrant learning community where every day brings new discoveries. Contact us today at olli@du.edu to register and learn more!

Lamont School of Music

There are no Lamont student concerts scheduled in September. The September concert calendar lists daytime seminars for guitar, violin, and flute, none of which offer free tickets to Retirees. Please email LamontMusic@du.edu or call 303-871-6400 for more information.

Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente is here to support our members in staying well during cold and flu season. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and those around you, especially those who may be at

higher risk for health complications. Members can get the flu and COVID-19 shot at no additional cost during any doctor visit or at one of the flu shot locations, starting September 2. Visit www.kp.org/covid-19 for more details.

Transportation to Retiree Events

For those who cannot drive (or be driven) to Retiree events: All RTD vehicles are accessible to people with disabilities, e.g. walkers, wheelchairs. For retirees who are not able to get to and from a bus stop, or who have a disability that prohibits them from riding a fixed-route bus independently, RTD has an ADA program called *Access-a-Ride*. Trips on *Access-a-Ride* may be used for any purpose, by reservation one to seven days in advance. There is no same-day *Access-a-Ride* service. To use this service, you must fill out an application, which is on the RTD website: How to Apply for Access-a-Ride with RTD Denver.

There are 4 components to the Access-a-Ride application:

- 1. A written application
- 2. A medical verification form to be completed by the licensed professional most knowledgeable about your condition.
- 3. An in-person interview. RTD can provide transportation to this appointment.
- 4. A Transportation Assessment by RTD.

The completed application may be faxed to 303-299-2169 or mailed to:

RTD c/o Access-a-Ride 1660 Blake St.

Denver, CO 80202

For more information or assistance, call 303-299-2960.

Useful Links

- DU Retiree Benefits
- DU Campus Information
- DU Master Calendar of Events Information
- Newman Center Presents
- Lamont School of Music
- DU Athletics
- <u>DU Enrichment Program</u>
 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 Discount Ticket Booklets
 - Request booklets by contacting the DU Retirees HRIC liaison, Stephanie at <u>Stephanie.Trujillo@du.edu</u>, including name and mailing address. RTD booklets expire on December 31 of each year. Retirees may receive up to two booklets each quarter.
- RTD Access-a-Ride for persons with disabilities
- A Little Help

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