Congratulations to DU's 2012 Alumni Master Scholars!

As part of the annual Masters Program, these alumni participated in class lectures and presentations, student organization meetings, faculty lunches and other activities on campus. The Office of Alumni Relations hosted a dinner April 23 to recognize and celebrate their distinguished careers.

Pictured from left: Moncef Bouhafa (BA '70), Paul Neilson (BS '74), Lori Garcia-McGehee (BBA '95), Sandra Durant (BA '70), David Furman (MSW and JD '89), Leah Konrady (BA '08), Mark Quinn (MBA, JD '81), Jini Puma (BA '00, MA '04, PhD '07), Sue Allon (MA '82), Sally Spencer-Thomas (PsyD '95), and Annie Christopher (BA '68). Not pictured is Mike Odell (BS '85).

Read more about the Master Scholars [here](#).

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**EVENTS IN DENVER**

**APRIL 26**

Daniels Night Spring BBQ

**MAY 5**

The Women's College Spring Alumnae Brunch

University College Presents: Resetting Your Compass

**MAY 9**

Recent Graduate May Happy Hour

The Women's College Leadership Salon: Missing the Mark - Misrepresentations of Women in the Media

**MAY 15**

AHSS Alumni Reception and Lecture

**MAY 24**

Fritz Knoebel School Guest Chef Series: Chef Michael Schwartz

**JUNE 12**

All Colorado Alumni Career Fair

- Alumni Calendar of Events
- Newman Center Presents
- DenverPioneers.com

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**REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENTS**

**APRIL 27**
Dallas-Fort Worth Alumni Event at the Gaylord Texan
Chicago Alumni Men’s Lacrosse Watch Party

MAY 4
DU on the Road - Chicago

MAY 6
Phoenix Alumni Spring Reception

MAY 9
Middle East Chapter Alumni Dinner

MAY 12
Seattle Community Service Day

MAY 19
Southern California Alumni Day of Service - Beach Cleanup

MAY 24
Twin Cities Chapter Spring Social - Save the Date

The Academic Commons at Penrose Library
Progress Report

The Academic Commons at Penrose Library construction project is on schedule and has progressed from demolition to actual building. The new facility will basically have the same footprint as the original library, which is approximately an acre. Students, faculty and staff on the DU campus are currently enduring some loud drilling during the placement of the foundation for a 20-foot extension on the south side of the structure, which will be the only new space spanning all three floors.

The lower level, which will accommodate special collections and archives, book stacks, and many small and large group study rooms, will have significantly more natural light than the original Penrose thanks to new windows spaces, which have already been framed. The main and upper levels will be open to a large atrium where a clerestory skylight will also flood the Academic Commons with natural light. In addition to the new windows, the building will have a new roof as well.

DU alumni can sign up to volunteer at lectures, seminars and forums that are part of our Presidential Debate Event Series! For more information or to
Library Dean Nancy Allen likens the experience of walking in the construction site to that of a children’s pop-up book: no longer are the plans only two-dimensional on paper – they are now in 3D after months of demolition. The new Academic Commons is expected to open in winter 2013.

If you have not already done so, please join your fellow alumni and make a donation to the Chapter Challenge in support of ASCEND: The Campaign for the University of Denver. Every gift – of any amount – will help power DU’s vision of a great 21st century university. To make your contribution, go to www.giving.du.edu/chapterchallenge.

DU Lacrosse Mile High Classic
Friday, April 27
Don’t miss out on watching our DU men’s lacrosse team take on Duke at the Mile High Classic on Friday, April 27, at 8 pm at Sports Authority Field! Click here to register and purchase your tickets.

Benefit Dinner for Wounded Warrior Project™
Sunday, May 27
The University of Denver will be hosting a dinner to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project on Sunday, May 27. This event is being planned by a committee of first-year students that are part of the Pioneer Leadership Program. The goal is to raise awareness and funds to support this cause. Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP) began when several veterans and friends, moved by stories of the first wounded service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq, took action to help others in need. What started as a program to provide comfort items to wounded service members has grown into a complete rehabilitative effort to assist warriors as they recover and transition back to civilian life. Learn more or contact DUWoundedWarriorProjectBenefit@gmail.com.

Alumni Travel
Sign up here!

Ancient Civilizations - Oceania Cruises
November 4-15, 2012
Due to the popularity of the Ancient Civilizations program, we are extending the registration date to May 25! Follow the echoes of ancient...
civilizations as you cruise the Mediterranean on Oceania Cruises’ Nautica, an elegant vessel replete with breathtaking services and amenities. Immerse yourself in the ancient legends, traditions and cultures of Greece, Egypt, Israel, Cyprus and Turkey, each destination with a different story to tell.

Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship
August 11-18, 2012
Discover the awesome beauty, abundant wildlife and native cultures of Southeast Alaska on a summer cruise of the Inside Passage. Orbridge’s eight-day expedition aboard the nimble, 66-passenger Admiralty Dream features access to the breathtaking byways of Alaska’s Inside Passage.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Alumna Kristi Denton Cohen helped bring cult novel to the screen
When Thomas Cohen bought the film rights to David James Duncan’s 1983 cult novel “The River Why” in the mid-’80s, he had no idea it would take more than 20 years to bring it to the screen. Read more...

Alum’s charter school aims to prepare kids for college
In July, James Cryan’s (MBA ’11) application to open a charter school in Denver was approved by the Denver Public Schools (DPS) board. Read more...

Alumnus Kyle Ewing raises money by running far, climbing high
Kyle Ewing (BSBA ’08, MBA ’09) is not one to take the easiest path, or the most obvious. Read more...