

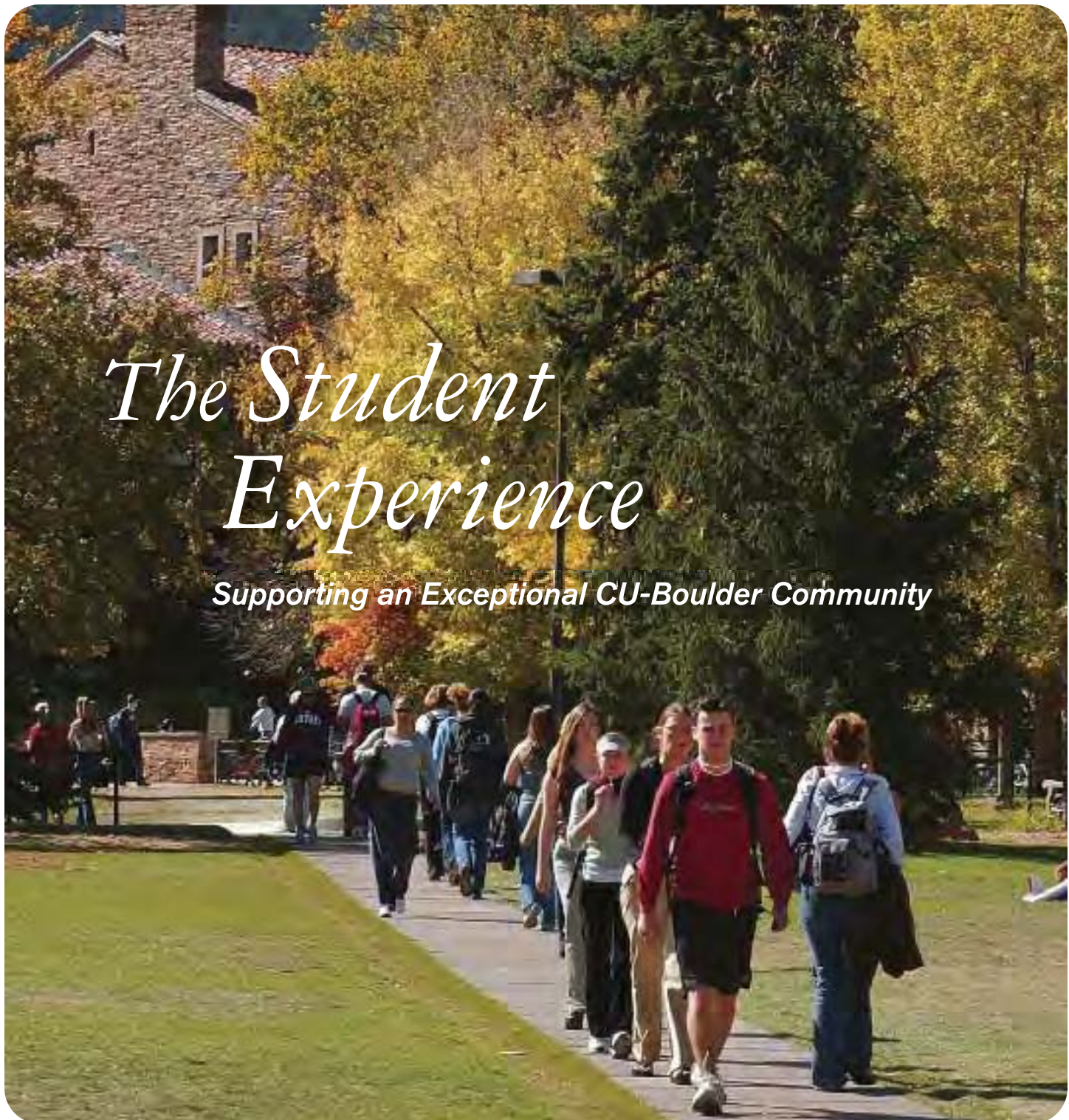
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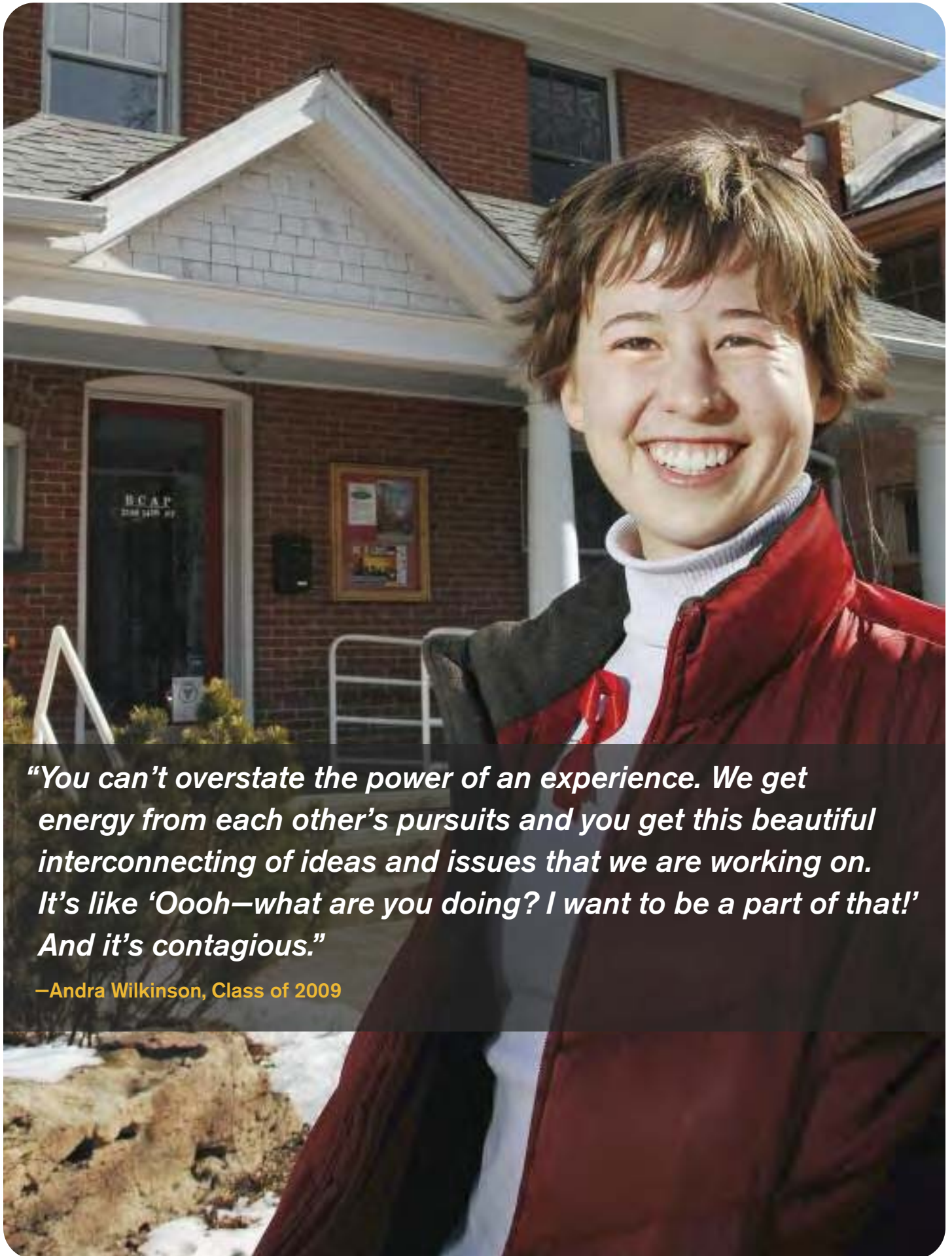


University of Colorado **Boulder**

*The Student
Experience*

Supporting an Exceptional CU-Boulder Community





“You can’t overstate the power of an experience. We get energy from each other’s pursuits and you get this beautiful interconnecting of ideas and issues that we are working on. It’s like ‘Oooh—what are you doing? I want to be a part of that!’ And it’s contagious.”

—Andra Wilkinson, Class of 2009

There's a lot more to the college experience than books, assignments, and exams.

At CU-Boulder, we work hard to deliver an exceptional student experience by challenging, encouraging, and uniting our students through a variety of outstanding student and academic support programs.

Through these programs, each CU student can create a unique pathway through our university, benefitting from an academic experience that goes well beyond the traditional classroom. From helping with the freshman college transition, to supporting academic success, to assisting with financial needs, to fostering community on campus, our support services provide a strong foundation for an outstanding CU experience—and make a huge difference in students' lives.

From our residential academic programs and living and learning environments, to our study abroad and civic engagement opportunities, to our internships and career placement services, we have helped CU students grow into well-rounded graduates who become productive and engaged participants in their communities—as well as lifelong members of the university.

Now, with your involvement, we can do more.

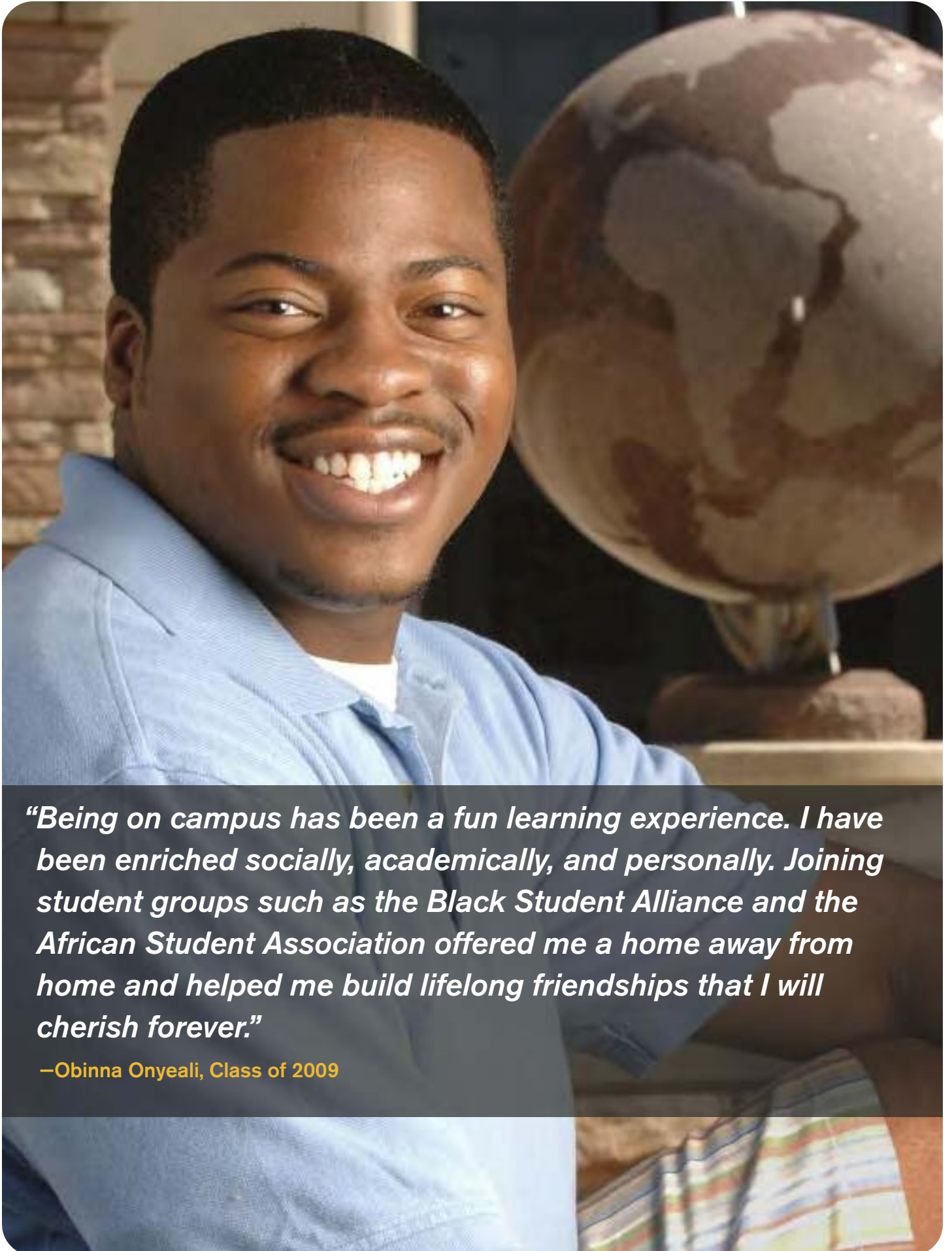
Your support will help us provide greater opportunities to more individuals and create an unrivaled experience for CU students, including:

- The establishment of our groundbreaking **Center for Community** as a central location for 11 key student services and the largest dining center on campus
- The growth of our **CU Parent Fund** in support of increased student scholarships and a variety of campus safety, experiential learning, student development, and support programs including the Student Academic Services Center, CU NightRide, and our annual Family Weekend
- The expansion of our student **scholarships and unique offerings** like our study abroad programs, the Office of Veterans Affairs, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, and other CU-Boulder enrichment programs



“Throughout each student’s time here, I’d like to see a natural flow from volunteering to taking on leadership roles in activities that complement their academic lives. A well-rounded experience will lead to more purposeful lives and will help to retain our students as engaged alumni.”

– Dr. Julie M. Wong,
Vice Chancellor for
Student Affairs



“Being on campus has been a fun learning experience. I have been enriched socially, academically, and personally. Joining student groups such as the Black Student Alliance and the African Student Association offered me a home away from home and helped me build lifelong friendships that I will cherish forever.”

—Obinna Onyeali, Class of 2009

Center for Community— Our Gateway to Student Success

All of our students are special, each one unique. Together, they contribute to a campus community that learns, works, and socializes together in the pursuit of lifelong friendships and lasting success.

Cultivating a strong community is central to our goals as a university. The Center for Community is that unique CU environment; it has emerged as a critical part of our strategic efforts, and it reflects our emphasis on fostering cultural knowledge, intercultural understanding, and community engagement among our students.

With a dynamic student center that houses 12 student services on the upper floors and the largest dining center on campus, the Center for Community has become the cornerstone of our efforts to nurture the development of ideas and prepare our students as they become dynamic global citizens.

We recognize that creating an environment that is welcoming, supportive, and conducive to positive personal growth helps unleash the power of imagination, creativity, and discovery.



For many students, the support services listed below make all the difference in the success and richness of their college experience. The Center for Community allows all 12 to operate from a central location.

- **Career Services**—preparing students for life after graduation
- **Center for Multicultural Affairs**—fostering intellectual, cultural, and social growth
- **Counseling and Psychological Services**—providing a positive outlet for students in stressful situations
- **Dining Center**—building friendships through quality food
- **Disability Services**—increasing access to educational opportunities
- **Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Resource Center**—promoting understanding, supporting success
- **Office of International Education**—bringing CU to the world, bringing the world to CU
- **Office of Pre-College Outreach and Engagement**—reaching out to future college students
- **Ombuds Office**—ensuring a positive CU-Boulder environment
- **Student Cultural Center**—building community through diversity
- **Students in Recovery Program**—supporting recovery through service learning and connection
- **Victim Assistance Program**—minimizing the long-term impact of trauma



“During our time at CU, Tom and I have learned about the Parent Fund and the critical contributions it makes to the experiences of individual students at the university. Parent Fund gifts go right to the heart of the university’s values by funding programs that support our students’ development into mature and responsible adults.”

—Susan and Tom Monahan, CU alumni and parents

The Parent Fund—Enriching the CU Experience

Many current CU-Boulder programs would not exist without the generous support of parents.

For nearly 25 years, the Parent Fund has provided private support for programs that directly impact the student experience, from a variety of student scholarship programs, to safety initiatives, to student-led efforts to promote academic honesty and ethical behavior, to a variety of experiential learning opportunities. As part of the CU Parent Program, the Parent Fund collaborates with the Office of Parent Relations and the CU Parents Association to support and enhance the educational experience of CU students through events, communications, charitable giving, and volunteer opportunities.

Our Alcohol and Other Drugs Program is dedicated to addressing alcohol-related issues through a variety of efforts geared to encouraging students and parents to get involved as part of the solution to binge drinking among CU students.



In addition to student and academic services, parent gifts support individual initiatives in the following areas:

Student Development

- **Student Academic Services Center**—provides financial and academic support for first-generation and underrepresented students
- **Student Scholarships Program**—provides need- and merit-based financial aid opportunities for qualified students
- **Colorado Creed and Honor Code**—support student-led integrity and academic honesty efforts

Campus Safety Initiatives

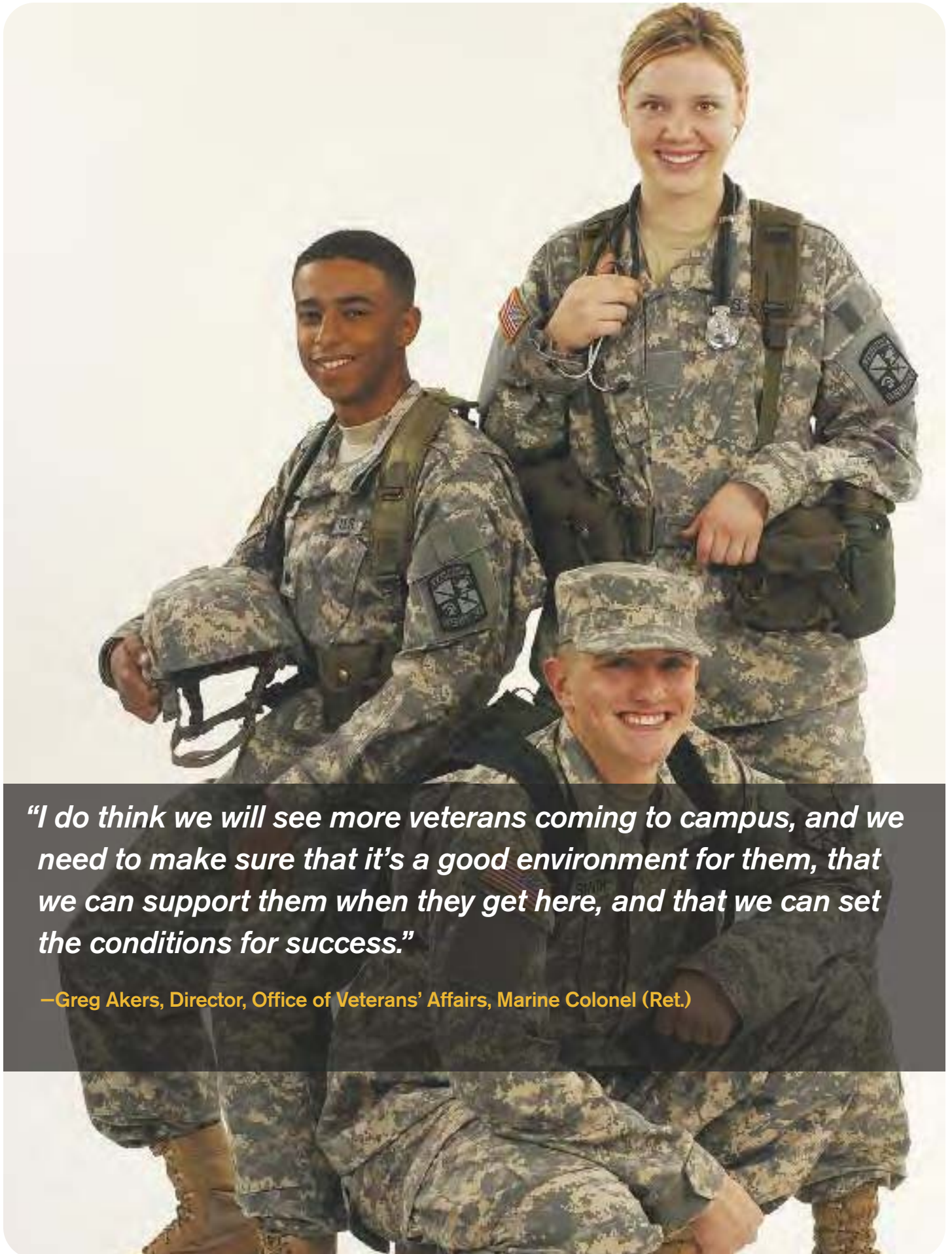
- **CU NightRide**—provides students with free, safe transport home
- **Bystander Intervention Training**—teaches students to look out for each other in a variety of situations
- **Alcohol and Other Drugs Program**—provides alcohol education, student outreach, and intervention programs to prevent alcohol and other drug abuse

Experiential Learning

- **Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement**—prepares students to become active and informed citizens
- **Summer Undergraduate Research Experience**—provides incoming freshmen with a hands-on research experience before their first semester at CU
- **Internship Programs**—prepare students for life after CU with real-world job placements

Parent Program

- **Office of Parent Relations/CU Parents Association**—involves parents in the CU community through regular communication and exciting on-campus events like Family Weekend



“I do think we will see more veterans coming to campus, and we need to make sure that it’s a good environment for them, that we can support them when they get here, and that we can set the conditions for success.”

—Greg Akers, Director, Office of Veterans’ Affairs, Marine Colonel (Ret.)

Scholarships and Enrichment Opportunities— Expanding Student Possibilities

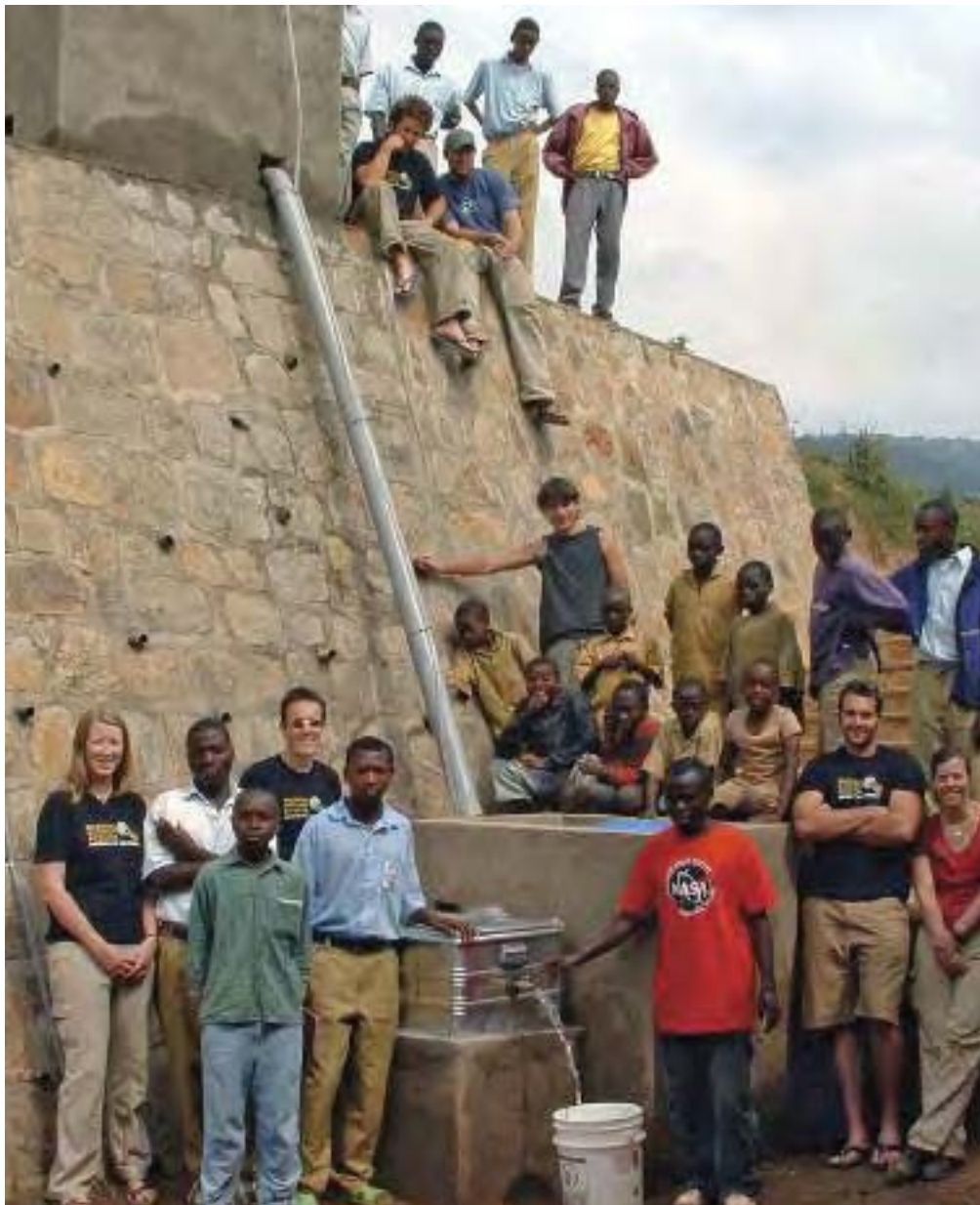
As public support of state universities declines, the costs of higher education continue to rise.

As a result, it has never been more important for students to receive ample financial assistance and a wide range of academic opportunities that go beyond the traditional classroom to prepare them for personal and career success.

At CU-Boulder, our scholarships and enrichment opportunities enable students to make the most of their collegiate experience, whether they attend CU after serving in the armed forces, choose to perform research in a Nobel prize-winning physics laboratory, launch NASA satellites, assist with water and sanitation engineering in remote villages in Africa, or volunteer as tutors in local school districts.

We take pride in providing all of our students with the opportunity to create an educational experience that fits their unique goals and aspirations.

Your support will help ensure access to the CU-Boulder experience for all qualified individuals—and will help us continue delivering a remarkable education in exchange for their investment.



Unique CU-Boulder Scholarship and Enrichment Offerings

Scholarship-based Programs

The CU Leadership, Excellence, Achievement, and Diversity (CU-LEAD) Alliance is a set of multidisciplinary academic neighborhoods that unites students, faculty, and staff to promote diversity and educational excellence through access for underrepresented and first-generation students. These neighborhoods provide academic enrichment, leadership activities, small classes, counseling, community service opportunities, and personal links to faculty and staff.

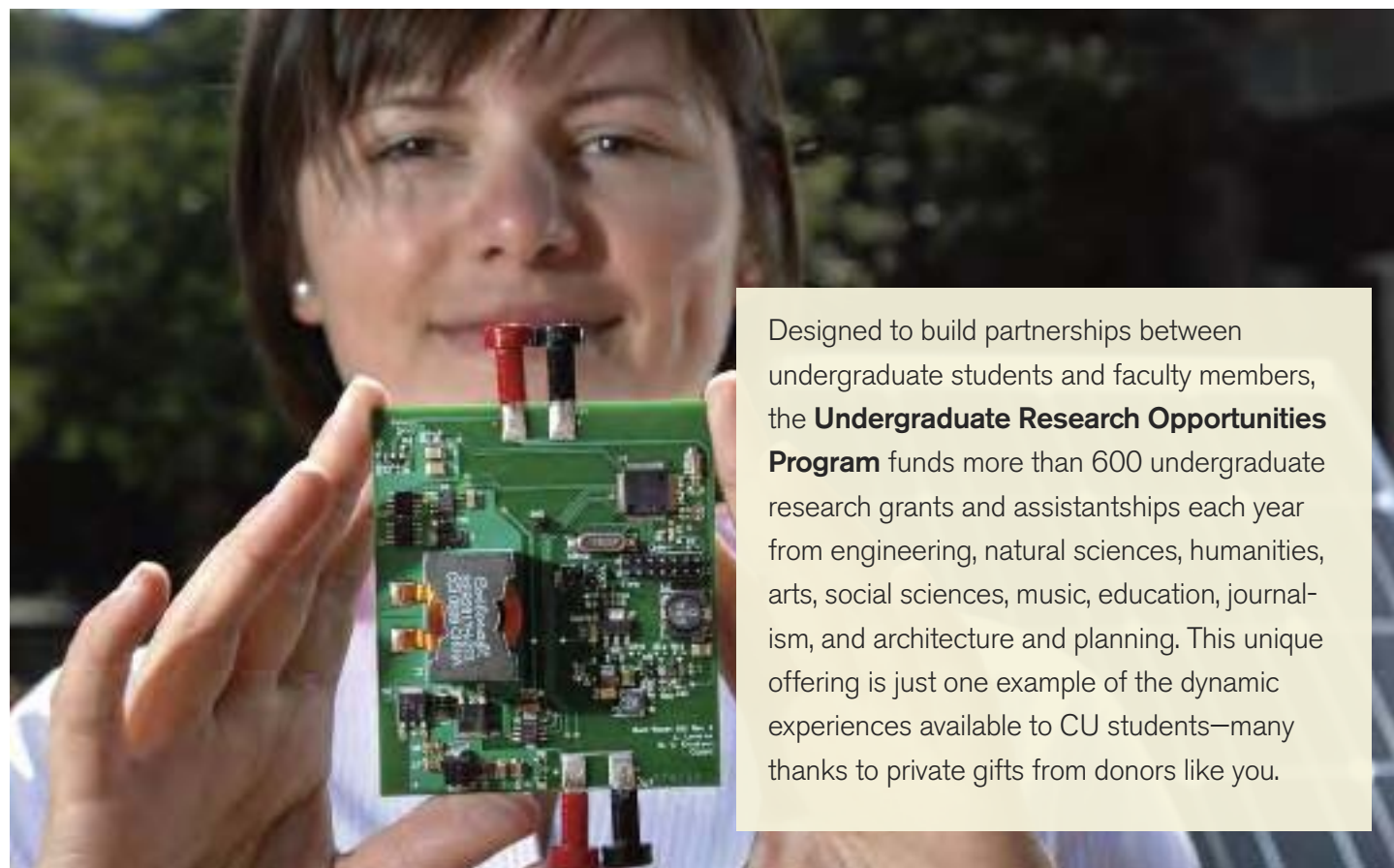
Norlin Scholars are a group of high-achieving students from all academic disciplines representing a broad range of backgrounds, interests, and experiences. Each class of approximately 20 to 30 freshmen and 10 juniors is chosen from nearly 400 highly talented applicants. Norlin Scholars have the opportunity to take specialized core and elective courses in small groups. They engage in research or creative work with faculty members and can participate in the Norlin pre-professor professional program. Each Norlin Scholar receives a merit-based scholarship award.

Each year, private donations fund dozens of life-changing scholarship opportunities for CU-Boulder students.

Presidents Leadership Class (PLC) Scholars are selected from incoming freshman students with strong leadership potential. Each scholar receives four years of rigorous leadership training that fosters intellectual and personal growth, as well as a \$2,500 scholarship for the first two and a half years of the program. PLC students can also earn over \$10,000 in additional scholarship money over four years, depending on their level of participation in the junior and senior years.

Puksta Scholars serve as catalysts for bringing about positive change in the campus culture and in the local communities as part of CU-Boulder's strategic goal to educate responsible citizens within our society. Scholars are actively involved in an intensive, year-long civic project and receive a \$4,500 scholarship for each year they participate in the program.

Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work grants are available to students interested in pursuing hands-on research activities. Students can apply for a grant through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program to fund costs associated with a research project. Funded projects range from laboratory work, to creative endeavors, to study abroad.



Designed to build partnerships between undergraduate students and faculty members, the **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program** funds more than 600 undergraduate research grants and assistantships each year from engineering, natural sciences, humanities, arts, social sciences, music, education, journalism, and architecture and planning. This unique offering is just one example of the dynamic experiences available to CU students—many thanks to private gifts from donors like you.



“Studying abroad as an undergraduate was the single most important decision of my personal and career development. My study abroad experience was the launching point that led me down a path to working in humanitarian crisis relief in Rwanda, Uganda, and Chad.”

—Kelly Fish, Alumna, Anthropology, Political Science

Enrichment Programs

Civic Engagement and Service Learning play a large role in the CU-Boulder experience. We offer formal campus programs, university course offerings, and independently designed student experiences like the Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement (IECE), all of which help prepare our students for a lifetime of dedicated service to society. Two campus programs that help connect students with volunteer opportunities are the Volunteer Clearing House (VCH) and the INVST Community Studies program.

Concurrent Bachelor’s/Master’s (BA/MA) Degree Programs help students increase the return on their college investment by earning their bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the same time in five years. Our concurrent degree programs help students get a step ahead by advancing their skills in a shorter amount of time while participating in research and courses not available to other undergraduates.

Residential Academic Programs (RAPs) and Living and Learning Communities (LLCs) deliver shared academic and social experiences for freshman and sophomore students. The programs enable students to take selected courses right in their residence halls and connect with students who share similar interests, easing the transition to college and encouraging academic and social success.

Study Abroad Programs offer students a chance to experience the world firsthand during their college career. We offer more than 200 programs in over 70 countries around the world. Students gain the opportunity to engage with the world, expand their perspectives, learn foreign languages, and immerse themselves in other cultures while taking courses in a multitude of academic areas.

The Office of Veteran’s Affairs serves the needs of all veteran students, as well as military service members attending CU, with an emphasis on the recruitment and retention of veterans to CU-Boulder.



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Together, we can make an outstanding student experience exceptional.

Your support for the CU-Boulder student experience—through endowment gifts, planned gifts, naming opportunities, and annual fund donations—will greatly enhance opportunities for future CU students and create a collegiate experience like no other.

By bringing our students together, supporting them intellectually and financially, and providing them with a wealth of unique learning opportunities like the Center for Community, the Parent Fund, and our scholarship and enrichment programs, you will create a bright future at CU-Boulder—one that enlightens our students, serves Colorado, and engages with the world.