

University of Denver Colorado Council Update 2010

Changes

- This year we have two new admission counselors – Rachel Balows is working with students in Boulder Valley, North Central Colorado (Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland), as well as Eaglecrest, Cherokee Trail and Overland HS; Claudia Hernandez-Ponce is working with students in Northeast Colorado, the Western Slope and North Denver suburbs. Additionally we have two counselors- Miriam Tapia and Roderick Rose- who are currently out on maternity and paternity leave, so you may see some different faces at your visits and fairs this fall.
- We just launched a new admission and financial aid website that includes a “DU On the Road” map where you can find out when and where we’ll be visiting, ask us questions on Facebook, and find an extensive list of outside scholarships to offset tuition costs.

Reminders

- DU is still a Common Application school, but again this year students have the option of using the Pioneer Application, which is exclusive to DU. Please note that if your student utilizes the Pioneer Application, counselors will not be able to submit recommendations or transcripts through Common App’s electronic system.
- Students interested in pursuing a business major are considered for admission to DU only, and apply to our Daniels College of Business in their second year of study at DU. The selection process is competitive, and admission is not guaranteed. Minors in business, however, are still an option for all students.
- The DU Financial Aid office requires both the FAFSA and the CSS PROFILE for students to be considered for need-based funding. The priority deadlines for students to apply and submit related materials are February 1 for Early Action applicants, and March 1 for Regular Decision.
- Along with daily visit options, we will be hosting two Open House programs this fall on October 11 and October 25. Please encourage your students to register soon for one of these great visit programs.

Accolades

- The University of Denver is proud to have the highest enrollment of incoming Boettcher Scholars for the fourth year in a row. DU has 17 new Boettcher Scholars increasing our total number on campus to 58. We also welcomed the state’s largest class of Daniels Fund Scholars with 29 new students, bringing our total enrollment to 100.
- We enjoyed a 17% increase in applications for a total of 12,400 for an entering first year class of 1,240 students. This class is the most diverse in school history, with 19% students of color, 7% international students, 55% traveling from more than 500 miles away and representing over 700 different high schools.
- The academic profile for accepted students for this fall increased again. Averages included:
 - GPA of 3.71
 - Combined SAT of 1227 on the 1600 scale
 - ACT score of 28
- It’s been busy on campus, as we have welcomed several notable speakers in the last few weeks. Two former secretaries of state, Madeleine Albright and DU alum, Condoleezza Rice spoke at our annual fundraiser for the Josef Korbel School of International Studies. Our Sturm College of Law also welcomed Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to speak to more than 250 high school and college students.
- Our campus community remains committed to sustainability – 31% of campus energy use is offset through renewable energy credits, making DU the largest wind-energy buyer among Colorado colleges and universities. In addition, the B-Cycle program which started as a pilot program on the DU campus with the help of two DU students, went city wide by opening 40 additional stations throughout Denver.
- The Pioneers had another successful year in 2009-10 finishing 65th in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup and No. 1 among all Division I-AAA, Front Range and Sun Belt Conference institutions. The Denver ski team extended its NCAA record by winning its 21st national championship, the team’s third straight title.