

Creating Futures



University of Colorado *Colorado Springs*



UCCS Events Center

Meeting the Needs of a Growing Campus and Community





Enriching the Student Experience

You'll find the same excitement, passion, and thrill of NCAA collegiate gymnasium sports at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs as anywhere across the country. But you'll find it in close quarters and with fewer spectators simply because there's not enough room.

UCCS is one of the fastest-growing universities in Colorado. We've grown from being a primarily commuter campus with 1,282 students in 1965 to 8,000 students today, many of whom now live on campus. As a result, athletics and campus events are playing an increasingly important role in student life.

This growth has put pressure on our campus facilities and is limiting our athletic programs and campus activities. Our new, multi-purpose events center will ensure these enriching programs continue to thrive.

Moving Up

New expectations come with moving up from playing as club teams to participating in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference varsity sports. When it comes to our achievements, and the caliber and commitment of our student-athletes and coaches, we surpass these expectations. Where we fall short is with our sub-par facilities.

Having the same prominence as our peers requires an investment in a multi-use events center. It's time to build the sorely-needed facility that will be home for our women's and men's basketball and women's volleyball teams as well as the venue for other campus and community events. You can play a part in making this possible.

Students pay a fee that supports about 95 percent of the UCCS athletic program budget. In return they get free admission to the games. But many can't get in because the current facility does not accommodate the growing number of student spectators. Members of the public and community have also been turned away at the door and denied the opportunity to cheer on the home team and the many athletes who hail from the Colorado Springs area.



"There are many reasons for the new events center. It will create space for our growing athletics programs. But our academic, student life and cultural programs and the larger community will also benefit."

Steve Kirkham
UCCS Athletic Director

Excellent Facilities for Top-Notch Athletes

- Our single-court gymnasium means our three court-sports teams—women’s and men’s basketball and women’s volleyball—must compete for court time. Practice times are constantly juggled, causing some student-athletes to miss practice because it conflicts with classes. With the new center’s three-court design, all three teams can practice at the same predictable time, ensuring that student-athletes won’t have to miss class or practice.
- The size constraints of our current facility is impacting play. With only 50” from the wall to the sideline, athletes can’t shoot a normal lay up at full speed because they’ll literally hit the wall. And fans can’t come and go without the risk of interfering with the game. The new events center will meet Division II facility standards and improve the game day experience for athletes and fans alike.
- We are the only NCAA Division II conference team forced to improvise when it comes to locker room space. Our home team shares locker space with the campus community. Visiting teams use classrooms or meeting rooms and referees and officials resort to using the office of the Director of Athletics. This problem will be solved with separate facilities in the new center.
- Revenue-producing sports camps and tournaments will be possible for the first time. Beyond the financial benefit, the real impact of these programs is that they will enable us to involve area youth in structured activities, further supporting the K-12 schools in our community.



A Place for All

Our commitment to the community runs deep, with strong ties and partnerships that date back to our very beginning. Following in that tradition, the doors to our new events center will also be open to the community. Organizations and companies looking for an ideal venue will be welcome to use the center for meetings, conferences, seminars, special events and more.

Because there isn’t a large enough on-campus venue, many campus events are held at local hotels. Once the doors open at our new center, university events like conferences, convocations, concerts and other functions will be brought back to campus where they belong.

This will allow the community to witness the exciting things happening on campus, and demonstrate our commitment to being the intellectual and cultural hub of the region.

This kind of collaboration further strengthens the relationships between the academic community and the outside community, while also representing a potential revenue stream.

“Everyone knows that we have long been lacking a large facility. Many junior high schools have larger gyms than we currently have. The new events center will put us in a more competitive position with other schools in our conference and Division II and be a great asset to our programs.”

Dr. Glenn Steimling
Asst. Director of Sports Management at UCCS





**Your legacy.
Your company's
visibility.
Our future.**

Naming opportunities are available and represent a unique way to leave your personal legacy.

For companies looking to increase their visibility, this is a unique way to have their name prominently seen by the 1,200-1,700 individuals who will attend the many center events.

There are many reasons to support the new events center. It will provide the large gathering space that's essential to our growing campus and community, enhance campus life, and boost our pride. It will enable more student and community fans to 'rally round' and cheer on our Mountain Lion teams. And it will put us on a level playing field with our peer schools in terms of facilities. Most important, it is crucial to our mission of providing a student-focused, community-centered education that will build the leaders of tomorrow.

You can be part of our excellent athletics program by supporting our new events center—literally from the ground up. By helping make it a reality you will also bolster our position within RMAC and NCAA Division II athletics while providing greater visibility for UCCS overall. As or more important, you'll be contributing to a more vibrant community.

To learn about the many ways you can make a gift:

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All gifts should be payable to the University of Colorado Foundation, specifying the appropriate UCCS Events Center fund.

"This exciting new venue at the heart of our campus will not only provide significant opportunities for our athletic teams, but will also enhance our community connections."

Pam Shockley-Zalabak
Chancellor, UCCS



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