Students R Us: A Deeper Look into the Division of Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs is uniquely positioned to personalize educational and campus life experiences by providing for their needs and enhancing their success both inside and outside of the classroom. Student Affairs is currently focused on four key areas: academic performance, experiential learning activities, academic support services and holistic student development.

Studies have shown that students who are strong in these four areas are significantly more likely to perform well academically and well-being of every student at the University of Colorado Boulder.

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Dollars raised

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Participants in the 2013 Day of Service

550

Student Veterans served by the Office of Veteran Services

509

The number of parents who donated to the Parent Fund

3,027

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Visit parents.colorado.edu/parentfund to learn more about the Parent Fund and the Parent Leadership Society.

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I hope to see you on campus in the fall for Family Weekend.

Betsy Figueroa
Parent Leadership Society Board Chair

Division of Student Affairs

Mission: To develop and implement innovative programs and services that positively impact retention and graduation rates, and support personal and professional development.

Purpose: Student Affairs facilitates and enhances the personal growth, success, health and well-being of every student at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Key Components to Holistic Student Development:
- Developing skills and behaviors that support health and well-being
- Feeling welcomed and supported
- Choosing positive personal behaviors
- Understanding their place within the larger community

Student Development:
- Student Affairs works to provide opportunities for personal growth, success, and holistic student development.

Students R Us: A Deeper Look into the Division of Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs is uniquely positioned to enhance the student experience, ultimately increasing the value of their college degree from CU-Boulder.

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