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UCCS STUDENT LIFE OFFICE HELPS
STUDENTS ENGAGE AND CONNECT P.5-6



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EMSA STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

HANNAH DEVRIES AND KAYLI POLICICCHIO



At the start of the academic year, Kayli and Hannah joined the Enrollment Management and Student Affairs team as student Administrative Assistants, where they help create monthly newsletters and contribute meaningful work that supports students, and division staff.

Hannah Devries

Originally from a small town in Michigan, Hannah was drawn to UCCS by its beautiful views and the welcoming, supportive atmosphere on campus. She is double majoring in psychology and sociology while participating in the UCCS Army ROTC program. Hannah has aspirations to one day work for the FBI, using her education to help bring criminals to justice.

Outside of school, Hannah loves to stay active and is currently training for a Hyrox, a challenging fitness competition. She also enjoys reading and exploring new coffee shops- her current favorite is KB Coffee and Bakery right here in Colorado Springs!



* Hannah running a 5K with her friend (Top)
* Hannah & her brother on a hike (Bottom)



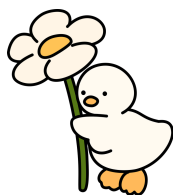
Kayli Policicchio

From the quiet, small town of Milliken, Colorado, Kayli came to UCCS drawn by the close-knit campus community and inspired to follow in her mom's footsteps. As a freshman, she is pursuing a degree in English Literature with a minor in Creative Writing. Kayli hopes to build a career in the publishing industry, with the ultimate goal of one day owning her own independent bookstore.

Outside of her studies, Kayli enjoys exploring everything Colorado has to offer, from Rocky Mountain trails and lakes, often with a good book and a beautiful view, to discovering hidden gems with friends.



* Kayli in the Rocky National Park (Top)
* Kayli with her Friends (Bottom)



EMSA STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NOELLE SAN SOUCI

From Oakland, California, and growing up in the Bay Area, Noelle San Souci developed a deep-rooted passion for community involvement and social work. Her journey eventually led her to UCCS, beginning with work in the Peralta Community College District, where she first built a career centered on community needs and higher education.

Noelle later moved to Colorado and joined Colorado State University Pueblo, where she worked in the Dean of Students' Office. An opportunity soon arose that perfectly aligned with her passions, leading her to enroll in the Student Affairs in Higher Education graduate program at UCCS. After spending nine years at CSU Pueblo—ending her time as the Director of Involvement and Activities—Noelle applied for and accepted a role at UCCS in the Office of Student Life in Fall 2021.

During her early college years, Noelle struggled with getting involved and making the meaningful connections that shape many students' college experiences. That experience showed her just how important campus involvement is in building belonging and supporting a student's educational journey. Today, that lesson drives her work at UCCS.



Noelle (right) with her partner & Dr. Sarah Long

Noelle currently serves as the Director of Student Engagement in the Department of Student Life & Leadership, where she oversees many of UCCS's major engagement opportunities, including student clubs and organizations, activities, SGA, LIVE Leadership, and more.

Outside of UCCS, Noelle stays active in the Colorado Springs community. She is a member of Hotmess Sports, an LGBTQ+-inclusive sports league, where her favorite seasons include kickball, sand volleyball, and dodgeball. She is also involved in local political groups, and she and her spouse are Colorado College hockey season ticket holders. When she's not playing sports or cheering from the stands, Noelle enjoys hiking with her dogs and family and attending her daughter's high school marching band competitions.



Noelle (center) is with fellow UCCS Graduates



Noelle (left) dressed as Hulk Hogan with the SL team

SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP(SLL)

UCCS offers far more than academics and nowhere is that more evident than in the work of Student Life and Leadership. This team plays a central role in shaping the campus experience by creating opportunities for students to connect, grow, and feel at home. Their events are often the first thing new students notice—welcome weeks, movie nights, cultural celebrations, and late-night programs that bring UCCS students together and help friendships form naturally. These gatherings go far beyond simple entertainment, intentionally fostering community and strengthening the vibrant, welcoming atmosphere that defines campus life.

Student Life also supports the many student organizations that give UCCS its personality. With more than 200 clubs on campus, students can explore interests, meet others who share their passions, and take on leadership roles. Student Life provides the guidance and resources that help these groups succeed, from event planning and budgeting to leadership training and recruitment support.



UCCS Disorientation Week - Concert on the lawn

Beyond clubs and events, Student Life focuses on personal development. Workshops, retreats, and hands-on leadership opportunities that help students build confidence and learn skills that carry into their future careers. Many students say these experiences become some of the most meaningful parts of their time at UCCS.



UCCS Welcome Week - Chalk the Walk

Perhaps most importantly, Student Life works to ensure every student feels like they belong. They collaborate with cultural and identity-based groups, create inclusive programming, and offer spaces where students can express themselves and find community. Their efforts strengthen Mountain Lion pride and help students feel connected to the university long after they graduate.

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SHINING A SPOTLIGHT (CONT.)

In every way, Student Life is the heartbeat of UCCS—bringing energy, support, and connection to campus so students can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Get involved! Join a club, attend campus events, and explore the countless other ways to connect with UCCS students who share your interests. These experiences can shape your time at UCCS in meaningful ways.



Student Life Facts

200+ Student Organizations

6 Social Sororities and Fraternities

180+ Student Activities and Events

3 Student Media Organizations

**3 Student Leadership Programs
and one Student Governance:
CLC, UCCSlead,
LIVE Leadership, and SGA.**

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UCCS Student Life



@uccs_students

Learn more about the Student Life by visiting their website at <https://studentlife.uccs.edu/>.

Learn more about your Student Government Association (SGA) at <https://sga.uccs.edu/>.

Office Location: UCCS University Center - Student Life Lounge

Phone: (719) 255-3470

Contact Us: Student Life and Leadership at <https://studentlife.uccs.edu/contact-us>



MADE WITH LUCK! MARCH RECIPES



Green Apple Fizz

Ingredients:

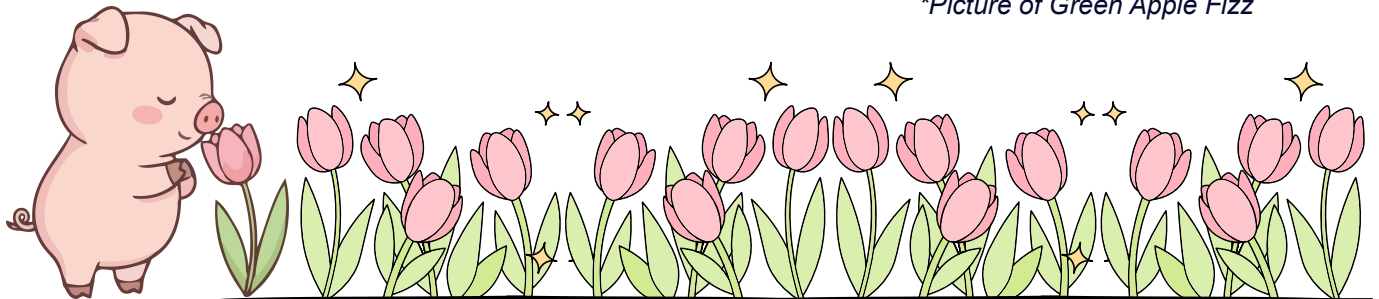
- 1 cup apple juice
- 1 cup ginger ale
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2-3 drops green food dye
- Optional: Green Apple

Instructions:

1. Combine the green food dye, apple juice and lemon juice in a large cup.
2. Add ice to the cup and pour ginger ale over.
3. Gently mix, garnish with apple slices, and enjoy!



**Picture of Green Apple Fizz*



Lucky Charms Rice Krispies

Ingredients:

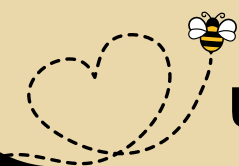
- 1 cup of Lucky Charms cereal
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup mini marshmallows

Instructions:

1. Microwave butter in a mug for 15–20 seconds until melted.
2. Stir in marshmallows and microwave 20–30 seconds until melted.
3. Mix in Lucky Charms until coated.
4. Press down, let sit 5 minutes, and enjoy!

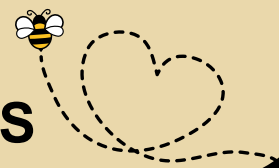


**Picture of Lucky Charms Rice Krispie Treats*



CAMPUS BUZZ

UCCS STUDENT ATHLETES



A HUGE congratulations to our UCCS athletes for making history! For the first time ever, the UCCS Mountain Lions have claimed the No. 1 spot in the Learfield 2025–2026 Directors' Cup Division II Fall Standings. With 289.5 total points, leading all 124 ranked programs, this achievement marks the most successful fall season in university history.

Five UCCS fall sports programs, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Cross-Country, and Volleyball, advanced to the NCAA postseason, showcasing the talent, dedication, and relentless drive of our student-athletes, coaches, and athletics support staff. From record-breaking cross-country results to standout performances on the volleyball court and soccer fields, our teams represented UCCS with excellence both in competition and in the classroom.

On February 26, more than 200 student-athletes and their coaches were honored in a campus celebration featuring remarks from Executive Director Gibson, Chancellor Sobanet, and Interim Vice Chancellor Hanenberg. The event even included a \$10k half-court shot at halftime, adding extra excitement to an already memorable night.

This accomplishment is more than a ranking, it reflects the strength of our campus community and its commitment to teamwork, resilience, academic achievement, and leadership. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this historic milestone.

With spring sports on the way, let's keep the momentum ROARING!

Read more [HERE!](#)



EMSA PARTNERING HIGHLIGHT

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE AND
GALLOGLY RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER



UCCS University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

THIS IS WHO WE ARE

We are a community rooted in PRIDE -
Purpose, Respect, Integrity,
Determination, and Excellence.

Recent National College Health Assessment
(NCHA) data shows that most UCCS students
already live by these values every day.

This is **who we are**.



UCCS University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

THIS IS WHO WE ARE

The majority of UCCS students say our
campus encourages open discussion
about health and wellbeing.

UCCS Pride: PURPOSE

Having purpose means building a community
where every voice matters and every student's
wellbeing counts.

We listen and we
lead with care,
because that's
who we are.



UCCS University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

THIS IS WHO WE ARE

Students feel like they belong at UCCS,
and that continues to trend upwards.

UCCS Pride: RESPECT

Respect builds belonging. Every hello, every
kind word, every inclusive act strengthens
our campus.

We respect
one another
because that's
who we are.



UCCS University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

THIS IS WHO WE ARE

Our community speaks up and stands
together. More students now say they look
out for each other as compared to 2023.

UCCS Pride: INTEGRITY

Integrity means doing what's right
even when it's hard.

We call out incivility, support our peers, and
take responsibility for our shared spaces
because that's **who we are**.



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Colorado Springs

THIS IS WHO WE ARE

The majority of UCCS students say the
University cares about their health and
wellbeing, and it shows.

UCCS Pride: DETERMINATION

Determination means showing up - for ourselves,
and for each other. That's **who we are**.

At UCCS, we're determined to make wellbeing more
than a goal. When we care for our health and support
our peers, we build a community that thrives.



UCCS University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

THIS IS WHO WE ARE

Our culture of care and connection
keeps getting stronger, because we
strive for excellence together.

UCCS Pride: EXCELLENCE

Excellence is not about perfection;
it's about community.

Every act of
belonging, respect,
and integrity raises
our collective bar.
This is **who we are**.



The *This Is Who We Are* campaign, created by the Office of the Dean of Students and the Gallogly Recreation and Wellness Center, supports the *Rooted in Wellbeing* initiative by highlighting the shared values that guide our campus community. Grounded in the UCCS Creed and the principles of PRIDE—

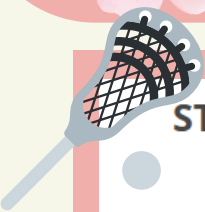
Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence—the campaign uses student-informed data to reflect who we are and our commitment to a positive, inclusive, and respectful campus environment.

If you would like to learn more, click [here](#).



STUDENT HAPPENINGS

**Click on the ads to learn more details on Mountain Lion Connect*



STORM THE STADIUM WEEKEND!

Lacrosse

Friday, March 20, 2026

UCCS vs. Fort Lewis - 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 22, 2026

UCCS vs. CSU Pueblo - 12 p.m.

[Mountain Lion Stadium](#)

The first 75 fans to attend **Storm the Stadium Weekend** will receive a FREE t-shirt!



WHITE OUT!

Softball

Friday, April 10, 2026

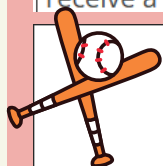
UCCS vs. CSU Pueblo - DH starts at 12 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 2026

UCCS vs. CSUP - DH starts at 11 a.m.

[Mountain Lion Field](#)

The first 75 fans to attend **White Out Weekend** will receive a FREE t-shirt!



BLACK OUT WEEKEND!

Baseball

Friday, April 17, 2026

UCCS vs. Colorado School of Mines - 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 18, 2026

UCCS vs. Colorado School of Mines - DH at 12 p.m.

Sunday, April 19, 2026

UCCS vs. Colorado School of Mines - 12 p.m.

[Mountain Lion Park](#)

The first 150 fans to attend **Black Out Weekend** will receive a FREE t-shirt!

Math Tutoring for Military-Affiliated Students

When: Mondays from 9 am – 1 pm
and Tuesdays from 1pm-3pm

Where: Student Veteran Center
Conference Room



Student Government Association Spring Elections

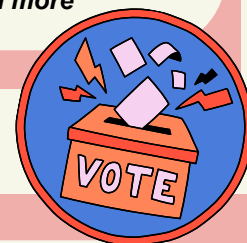
When: 8am March 9 through 4pm March 13, 2026

Where: Tabling daily around campus 10am-4pm

Students who provide proof-of-vote will receive a free giveaway!

Accessible via <https://sgaelection.uccs.edu/>

**Click here to learn more*



UCCSLead Game Changer

When: Saturday, March 14th 10am-3pm

Where: Berger Hall



Discover your leadership style in this half-day experience and earn a graduation cord and certificate through UCCSLead Game Changer.



EMSA STAFF HAPPENINGS AND SHOUT-OUTS



VC-EMSA Finalists & Open Forum Schedule

Each open forum will be held from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

Eric Dunker | Wednesday, March 4

University Center, Room 302

Livestream: <https://uccs-edu.zoom.us/j/92162634591>

Tamara O'Day-Stevens | Thursday, March 5

University Center, Room 302

Livestream: <https://uccs-edu.zoom.us/j/97683873457>

Kevin Hearn | Thursday, March 12

University Center, Room 302

Livestream: <https://uccs-edu.zoom.us/j/99963310281>



SHOUT-OUTS

40 under 40 Awardee

Alex Baker

UCCS Employee of the Quarter

Heather Allen

Big Deal Mug Recipients

Season Doeblor

Heath Wagner

Lisa Jones

John Lauer

Orlando White

Jeremy Anderson

Congratulations
and stay
MUG-nificent

Clyde's Kudos



If you would like to recognize a staff member
for a positive contribution to UCCS, give a kudos!

SPRING BREAK INFORMATION



Dining Hall Hours during Spring Break

March 23 - 27

LODGE

**heavier on made-to-order food options*

Breakfast: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Lunch: 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Dinner: 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

CLYDE'S

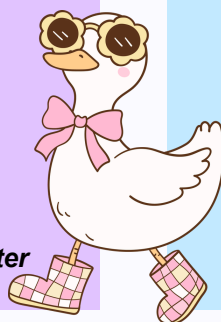
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

BIG CAT COFFEE

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Alpine Express: Closed

**regular hours the weekend before and after*



Student Services

CAMPUS RECREATION

Learn about our [Programs](#) and
follow us on IG: @uccsrec.

DISABILITY SERVICES

- Apply: disability.uccs.edu
- Questions: 719-255-3354

WELLNESS CENTER

Medical Appointments

- \$20 office visit (extra fees may apply)
- Schedule: 719-255-4444

Counseling Services

- 3 free visits per semester
- Schedule: 719-255-4444

Massage Therapy

- Schedule: 719-360-1721

KIDS NIGHT OUT



*Discount for siblings
registered for program

Dates: 3/6, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1
Times: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Students/Members: \$30
UCCS Community: \$35
General Public: \$40

Enjoy a night out while your kids
have fun swimming, climbing,
and playing games with our
RecKids Supervisors at UCCS
Campus Recs Kids Night Out!



Questions? Contact Kids Night Out at reckids@UCCS.edu or via phone at 719-255-7599.





SPRING COLORING PAGE





MARCH CHALLENGE



EAT A MEAL
OUTSIDE



DEEP CLEAN
ONE ROOM



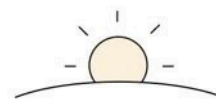
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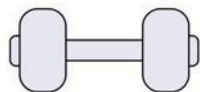
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BEAUTIFUL
SUNSET



ATTEND A
FITNESS CLASS



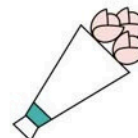
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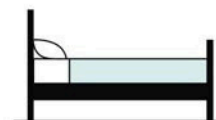
WRITE A LETTER
TO YOUR
YOUNGER SELF



BUY SOMEONE
FLOWERS



TAKE A NAP



PLAN A DAY TRIP
SOMEWHERE
NEW



SET ONE
SMALL GOAL



HAVE A SCREEN-
FREE EVENING



TRY A NEW
BALANCE
MEDITATION



CREATE A
DREAM LIST



VISIT A LOCAL
MUSEUM OR
PARK



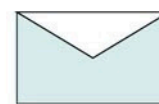
STAY IN YOUR
PAJAMAS ALL
DAY



FIND A NEW
PODCAST



SEND SOMEONE
A HOMEMADE
CARD



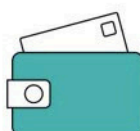
RESEARCH A
NEW TOPIC



ORGANIZE
YOUR WORK
SPACE



HAVE A "NO
SPEND" DAY



TRY A NEW
FORM OF ART



WRITE 3 NICE
THINGS ABOUT
YOURSELF



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