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# NEWSLETTER

EMPOWERING STUDENTS,  
STRENGTHENING UCCS: FEATURING  
STEPHANIE HANENBERG P.4-5



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# EMSA DIVISION IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## EMSA Facts

- 1 - Student Affairs and Enrollment Management merged into one division in summer 2024.
- 2 - The unified division includes 40 departments/programs and employs over 800 staff members.
- 3 - EMSA Auxiliary Services has 261 student employees—Dining Services alone employs 128, making it the largest student employer on campus.
- 4 - The first division newsletter was created back in Spring of 2018

The Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (EMSA) division serves as a cornerstone of student support at UCCS, guiding UCCS students throughout their academic and social journey. At the helm is Interim Vice Chancellor Stephanie Hanenberg, who partners with a committed leadership team to uphold and advance the division's core values. Reporting directly to Stephanie are [six leaders](#), each responsible for key areas that contribute to student and campus success.

These areas span a wide spectrum—from Admissions and Financial Aid to Health and Wellness. Through close collaboration, these teams cultivate a campus environment where students feel empowered both in and out of the classroom. Their shared mission is to nurture a vibrant, inclusive community that helps students achieve their academic goals while feeling a true sense of belonging at UCCS.

Learn about our amazing departments/programs by clicking on their link, below, and check out our [org chart](#)!

- [Academic Advising](#)
- [Admissions](#)
- [Auxiliary Services Marketing](#)
- [Campus Recreation](#)
- [Campus Assessment Response and Evaluation \(CARE\) Team](#)
- [Catering](#)
- [Chancellor's Leadership Class \(CLC\)](#)
- [Dining and Hospitality Services \(DHS\)](#)
- [Disability Services](#) and [University Testing](#)
- [Events Services](#)
- [Family Development Center \(FDC\)](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [First2Go](#)
- [Housing](#)
- [Health Services](#)
- [Integrated Student Communications](#)
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- [International Affairs \(IA\)](#)
- [Marketing and Outreach for Digital Education](#)
- [Mental Health Services \(MHS\)](#)
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- [Pre-Collegiate](#)
- [Residence Life](#)
- [Retail Services: Campus Store](#) and [Copy Center](#)
- [Student Employment \(SE\)](#)
- [Student Enrollment Planning and Outreach](#)
- [Student Government Association \(SGA\)](#)
- [Student Life \(SL\)](#)
- [T. Rowe Price Career & Innovation Center](#)
- [UCCS Farm](#)
- [UCCS Sustainability](#)
- [UCCSlead](#)
- [University Center](#)
- [Veteran and Military Affairs \(VMA\)](#)
- [Wellness Program](#) – Wellness Promotions



# STEPHANIE HANENBERG

## INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR (EMSA)

STEPHANIE HANENBERG, INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND STUDENT AFFAIRS AT UCCS, HAS SPENT OVER TWO DECADES SHAPING THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE FOR COUNTLESS STUDENTS. A TWO-TIME ALUM AND A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR STUDENT WELLNESS, HANENBERG'S JOURNEY IS ROOTED IN EMPATHY, RESILIENCE, AND A DEEP COMMITMENT TO SERVICE.

REFLECTING ON HER CAREER, HANENBERG FINDS JOY IN THE SUCCESS STORIES OF FORMER STUDENT EMPLOYEES, PATIENTS, AND MENTEES. "ON TOUGH DAYS," SHE SHARES, "I THINK BACK ON THOSE WHO WENT ON TO ACHIEVE AMAZING THINGS. THOSE MEMORIES REMIND ME WHY THIS WORK IS SO IMPORTANT." HER DEDICATION IS ALSO GROUNDED IN THE VALUES INSTILLED BY HER PARENTS—RESPECT, INTEGRITY, AND A STRONG WORK ETHIC—AND THE GUIDANCE OF EARLY-CAREER MENTORS WHO HELPED SHAPE HER PATH.

ONE OF HANENBERG'S PROUDEST UCCS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IS HER COLLABORATION WITH BENEK ON THE DESIGN AND CREATION OF THE UCCS

WELLNESS CENTER, A PIONEERING FACILITY THAT REDEFINED STUDENT HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, WELLNESS PROMOTION, AND NUTRITION SERVICES THAT WERE CO-LOCATED WITH CAMPUS RECREATION. HER CURRENT FOCUS IS ON MAKING CAMPUS BUILDINGS MORE STUDENT-FRIENDLY, A PROJECT INSPIRED BY FEEDBACK FROM RECENT FOCUS GROUPS. "I LOVE HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN ATTAINING THEIR GOALS," SHE SAYS, A MOTIVATION THAT HAS FUELED HER LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO UCCS.



*\*Stephanie with her adorable Grandbaby*



*\*Left to Right: Benek and Stephanie*

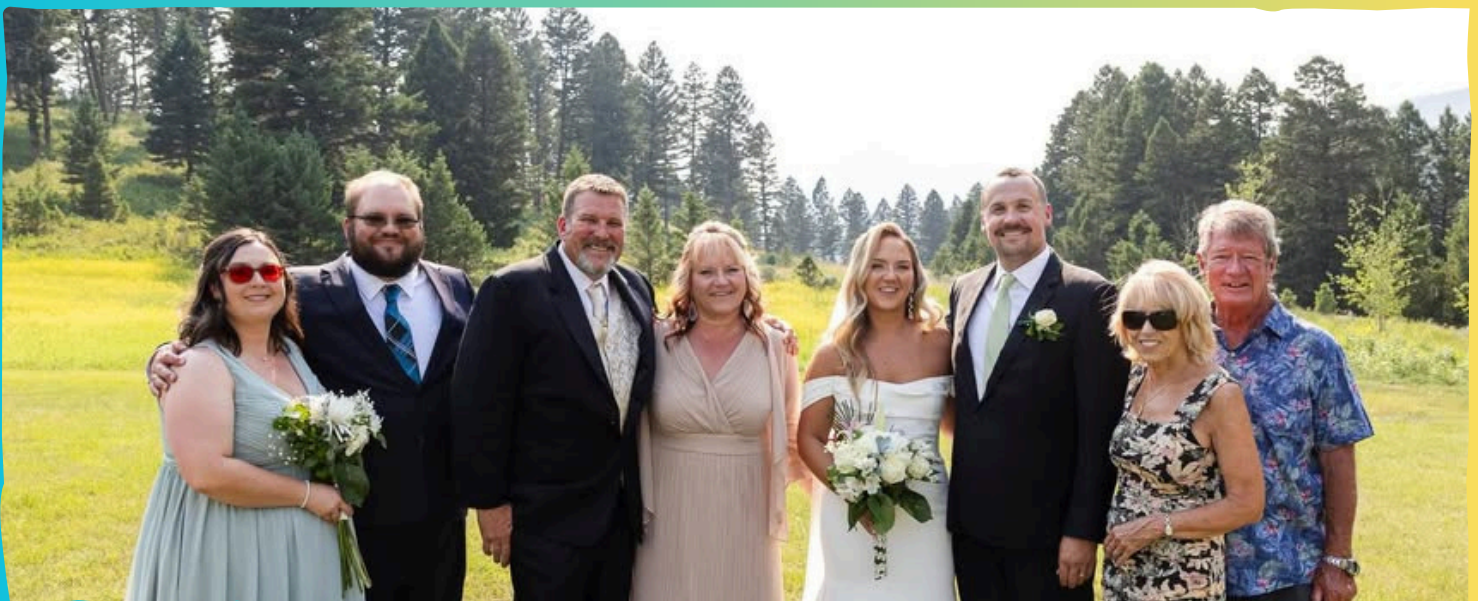


# STEPHANIE HANENBERG (CONT.)

OUTSIDE OF WORK, HANENBERG PRIORITIZES TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, EMBRACING A PHILOSOPHY OF BALANCE: “I LIKE TO PLAY JUST AS HARD AS I WORK.” HER IDEAL WEEKEND MIGHT INCLUDE CAMPING, SNOW-MOBILING, OR CATCHING A LIVE CONCERT—HER GUILTY PLEASURE. AND WHILE SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR, HER PLANS INCLUDE PART-TIME WORK SEEING PATIENTS, TRAVELING, CAMPING, AND PERHAPS EVEN FULFILLING A QUIRKY DREAM: DRIVING A BEVERAGE CART ON A GOLF COURSE.



SUCCESS, FOR HANENBERG, IS DEFINED NOT BY ACCOLADES BUT BY AUTHENTICITY AND ADVOCACY. IT IS ALSO DEFINED BY “DOING THE RIGHT THING EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING,” SHE SAYS, “AND HELPING OTHERS ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.” MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION REMAIN CLOSE TO HER HEART, UNDERSCORING HER LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO STUDENT WELLBEING.



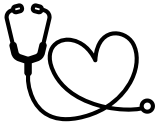
*\*Stephanie with her beautiful family*



# AIDAN BURKE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT



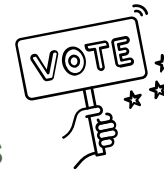
FROM LONGMONT, COLORADO, AIDAN BURKE HAS STEADILY CLIMBED THE RANKS OF UCCS STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA). HE BEGAN AS A SENATOR IN 2023, ADVANCED TO VICE PRESIDENT IN 2024, AND NOW PROUDLY SERVES AS OUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT. OUTSIDE OF HIS LEADERSHIP ROLE, AIDAN IS PURSUING A MAJOR IN PRE-MED NURSING, WORKING AS A RESIDENT ASSISTANT (RA), AND PREPARING FOR A FUTURE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION.



*\*Aidan is pictured center between his Grandparents*

THROUGHOUT HIS TIME IN SGA, AIDAN HAS ALREADY LEFT A MARK. HE LED THE EFFORT TO BRING BACK OUR BELOVED CLOCK TOWER (EVEN IF IT ONLY LASTED A MONTH BEFORE BREAKING AGAIN!), HELPED SET A NEW SCHOOL RECORD FOR VOTER TURNOUT—WINNING BY JUST SIX VOTES—AND HAS KEPT STUDENT COMMITTEES ENERGIZED AND FOCUSED. HE'S ALSO CHAMPIONED STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, ENCOURAGING SENATORS TO CONNECT WITH PEERS AND BUILD COMMUNITY THROUGH MEANINGFUL PROJECTS.

LOOKING AHEAD, AIDAN IS COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING TIES ACROSS ALL CU CAMPUS STUDENT GOVERNMENTS, EXPANDING OUTREACH TO CREATE BIGGER AND BETTER CAMPUS EVENTS, AND FOSTERING UNITY RIGHT HERE AT UCCS. HIS VISION IS TO CULTIVATE A MORE CONNECTED CAMPUS—BRINGING TOGETHER CLUBS, STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY TO REVIVE THE CLOSE-KNIT SPIRIT THAT MAKES UCCS SO SPECIAL. ONE OF HIS TOP PRIORITIES IS TRANSPARENCY BETWEEN STUDENTS AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, SO DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW [@UCCS\\_SGA](#) ON INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES, NEWS, AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!







# FALL RECIPES

*\*DORM/OFFICE FRIENDLY*



## Apple Cider Punch



### Ingredients:

- *½ cup apple cider*
- *1 tbsp orange juice*
- *1 tsp lemon juice*
- *½ cup ginger ale*
- *Apple and orange (sliced)*
- *Cinnamon stick (optional)*



### Instructions:

Mix cider, juices, and ginger ale.  
Garnish with fresh fruit and enjoy!



## Baked Cinnamon Apples



### Ingredients:

- *1 apple (cored and diced)*
- *¼ tsp cinnamon*
- *1 tsp sugar*
- *¼ tsp cornstarch*
- *1 tbsp water*



### Instructions:

In a microwave safe bowl mix diced apple, cinnamon, sugar, cornstarch, and water. Cover the bowl and microwave on high for 1 minute and 45 seconds, or until tender. Can be used to top oatmeal, yogurt, ice cream, or enjoyed as is!



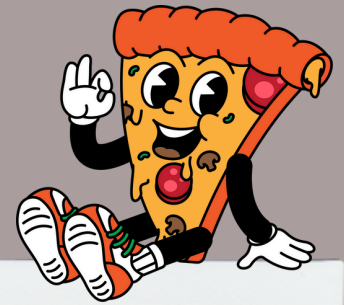
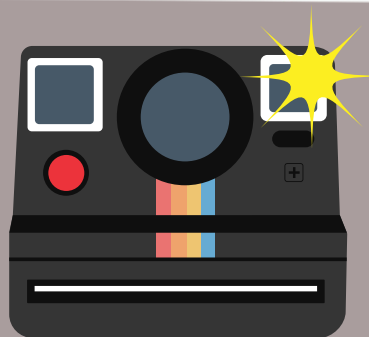


# CAMPUS BUZZ

POPSICLES, PIZZA, AND POLARIODS



The Summit Resident Assistants (RAs) team led by Ciara Steck and Leah Walsh kicked off the fall semester in a picture-perfect way with a Popsicles, Pizza, and polaroids event!



Over 100 Mountain Lion residents gathered together in the Copper Commons for pizza, popsicles, and a night of memories. With two backdrops, silly props, and Polaroids, residents had instant memories to save and decorate!

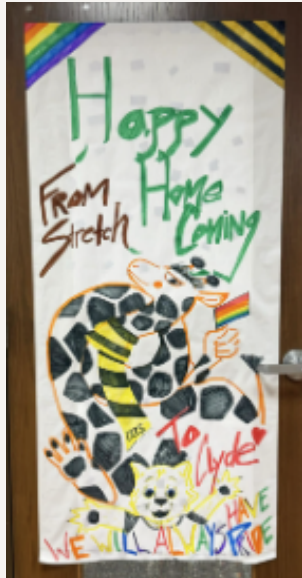


# CAMPUS BUZZ

## EMSA STAFF

To celebrate the inaugural UCCS Homecoming Door Decorating Contest, campus departments were invited to showcase their Mountain Lion pride by creatively decorating their office doors. Embracing the festive spirit, nine EMSA departments joined in on the fun, transforming their spaces with vibrant Homecoming and 60th spirited designs.

The Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Club served as judges for the contest, and EMSA swept the board! Dean of Students Office were the first-place winner, followed by Financial Aid in second place and Student Life in third. The event and 14 campus-wide participants brought energy, creativity, and a sense of community.

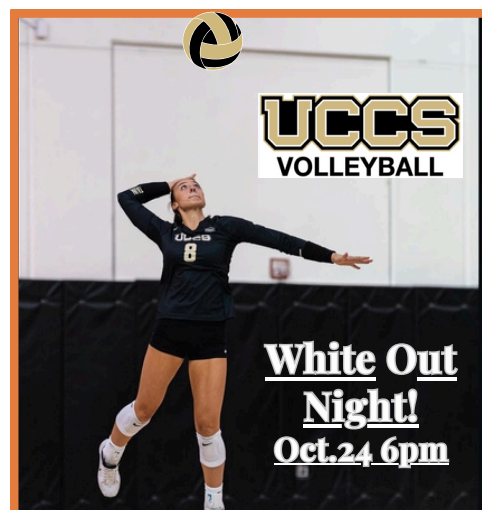






# OCTOBER STUDENT EVENTS

*\*click on the ads or visit Mountain Lion Connect for more details*



Did you know.....  
UCCS Students get  
**FREE** admission to all  
Mountain Lion athletic events, all  
Campus Rec fitness classes,  
and Ent Center for the Arts  
shows!  
All you need is a valid UCCS ID



## STUDENT FALL OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AWAIT!

Sign up with SOLE at the Campus Rec Center for fun fall trips!

Sandboarding at the Great Sand Dunes | Oct. 18 - \$40

Ski and Soak at Monarch | Dec. 14 - \$95

Scan the QR code to register and join the adventure!







# OCTOBER STAFF EVENTS AND EMSA SHOUT-OUTS



State of the Campus Address | *October 22*

EMSA Big Deal Nominations | *due EOD every last day of the month*

Weekly Highlights | *due EOD every Tuesday*

UCCS Spirit Day! | *every Friday wear your favorite UCCS spirit gear and/or university colors---feel free to wear jeans, too!*



## EMSA 'Big Deal' mug September Recipients!!

Chris Beiswanger  
Andrea Bonanno  
Mia Bukowski  
Will Golder  
Dani Spark  
Yvonne Weeres



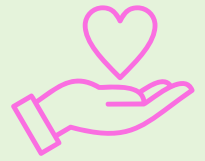
Congratulations and  
stay MUG-nificant!!

Clyde's  Kudos

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



# CAMPUS RESOURCES



## Resources for Students

- UCCS Wellness Center – Counseling, health, and case management services. Call (719) 255-4444.
- Dean of Students and CARE Team – Holistic support for students facing personal, academic, or financial challenges. Call (719) 255-3091.
- TELUS Health Student Support App – 24/7, free, confidential support for students anywhere, anytime. TELUS Health also provides direct support to those who work directly with students via its Staff and Faculty Consultation service. Learn more [here](#).
- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – Immediate help by call or text, 24/7.
- Clyde's Closet - Free, gently used professional clothing for UCCS students and alumni to use for interviews, career fairs, and other career-related events. Students may select up to 7 items per semester (no return required).
  - Open Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm in the UCCS Career Center (UC 114).
    - No appointment needed.
- Clyde's Cupboard- Free, donation-based food pantry open to all enrolled UCCS students—no 'need' or 'financial proof' required. Offers students 8 free food and toiletry items per week.
  - Main location: Student Life (UC 102) M/W/F 10am–5pm, and T/Th 11am–6pm.
    - Recreation and Wellness Center (as needed).
    - UCCS Farmstand (14 Cragmor Village Rd).



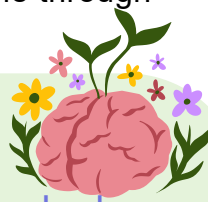
UCCS is partnering with Vitalant to hold a **campus blood drive** on **Monday, October 27 10:30am - 1:45pm in Berger Hall**. Pre-registration is required, so [sign-up](#) TODAY. **Donors are also entered to win a \$10,000 gift card.** Use blood drive code: A390

## Resources for Staff

- UCCS Health Circle Primary Care Clinic: Free mental health counseling sessions are available on campus, virtually, or off campus. Call (719) 255-8001 to schedule an appointment.
- Colorado State Employee Assistance Program (CSEAP): UCCS employees are entitled to 8 free counseling sessions. CSEAP also offers leader consultation, critical incident response, and mediation services. Call (303) 866-4314 or request online.
- First Priority Peer Support Program: Trained faculty and staff Peer Supporters offer confidential support for workplace stress, trauma, burnout, and more. Learn more or request peer support [here](#).
- GRIT Program: Online modules, workshops, and community connections to build resilience and coping skills. Learn more [here](#).
- Lyda Hill Institute "Take 5": Quick self-care strategies (5–30 minutes) to help you feel more grounded. Learn more [here](#).
- Insurance and Benefits: All CU medical plans offer one preventative mental health care visit at no cost per plan year. Check your plan's provider directory for details.
- Additional Resources: Case management, referrals, and community support are available through the Wellness Center. Call (719) 255-4444 for assistance or learn more [here](#).

### Mental Health tip:

You deserve rest! Take a wellness break; sit quietly in nature, take a walk around campus, or enjoy your lunch break away from your desk.







# GET YOUR STEPS IN!



1 mile is ~ 2000 Steps

|             | TO            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| FROM        | ALPIN<br>E    | REC<br>CENT   | THE<br>LODG   | COLU          | OCSE          | ENG           | KFL           | UC            | CENT          | DWIR<br>E     | MH            | UH            |
| ALPIN<br>E  | x             | 475<br>Steps  | 590<br>Steps  | 860<br>Steps  | 1090<br>Steps | 1190<br>Steps | 1160<br>Steps | 1335<br>Steps | 1475<br>Steps | 1435<br>Steps | 1535<br>Steps | 2985<br>Steps |
| REC<br>CENT | 475<br>Steps  | x             | 385<br>Steps  | 450<br>Steps  | 785<br>Steps  | 825<br>Steps  | 800<br>Steps  | 1030<br>Steps | 1095<br>Steps | 1230<br>Steps | 1305<br>Steps | 2700<br>Steps |
| THE<br>LODG | 590<br>Steps  | 385<br>Steps  | x             | 270<br>Steps  | 500<br>Steps  | 600<br>Steps  | 570<br>Steps  | 745<br>Steps  | 885<br>Steps  | 845<br>Steps  | 945<br>Steps  | 2395<br>Steps |
| COLU        | 860<br>Steps  | 450<br>Steps  | 270<br>Steps  | x             | 290<br>Steps  | 370<br>Steps  | 345<br>Steps  | 545<br>Steps  | 645<br>Steps  | 780<br>Steps  | 855<br>Steps  | 2255<br>Steps |
| OCSE        | 1090<br>Steps | 785<br>Steps  | 500<br>Steps  | 290<br>Steps  | x             | 170<br>Steps  | 110<br>Steps  | 350<br>Steps  | 380<br>Steps  | 415<br>Steps  | 490<br>Steps  | 1980<br>Steps |
| ENG         | 1190<br>Steps | 825<br>Steps  | 600<br>Steps  | 370<br>Steps  | 170<br>Steps  | x             | 145<br>Steps  | 385<br>Steps  | 325<br>Steps  | 410<br>Steps  | 485<br>Steps  | 1885<br>Steps |
| KFL         | 1160<br>Steps | 800<br>Steps  | 570<br>Steps  | 345<br>Steps  | 110<br>Steps  | 145<br>Steps  | x             | 260<br>Steps  | 300<br>Steps  | 435<br>Steps  | 510<br>Steps  | 1910<br>Steps |
| UC          | 1335<br>Steps | 1030<br>Steps | 745<br>Steps  | 545<br>Steps  | 350<br>Steps  | 385<br>Steps  | 260<br>Steps  | x             | 140<br>Steps  | 300<br>Steps  | 355<br>Steps  | 1690<br>Steps |
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| DWIR        | 1435<br>Steps | 1230<br>Steps | 845<br>Steps  | 780<br>Steps  | 415<br>Steps  | 410<br>Steps  | 435<br>Steps  | 300<br>Steps  | 160<br>Steps  | x             | 75<br>Steps   | 1475<br>Steps |
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| UH          | 2985<br>Steps | 2700<br>Steps | 2395<br>Steps | 2255<br>Steps | 1980<br>Steps | 1885<br>Steps | 1910<br>Steps | 1690<br>Steps | 1550<br>Steps | 1475<br>Steps | 1400<br>Steps |               |



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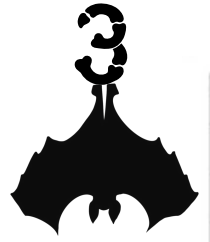
**CU Tickets at Work** offers exclusive discounts and benefits to UCCS employees through the CU Advantage program. Faculty and staff can enjoy reduced pricing on a wide range of attractions, events, and entertainment—including CU Buffs football games.

The program provides substantial savings on hotels, theme parks, and other leisure activities. Additionally, employees can receive up to 50% off airport parking and access special deals on travel and rental services!

For more details, you can visit the [CU Advantage website](#).



# SPOOKY FUN



4 HAPPY



Welcome to  
Midterms...  
I want to test  
your knowledge!



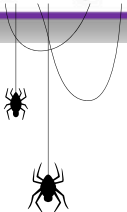
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Halloween Tombstone Vampire Pumpkin Candy

Skull Ghost Bat Scary Spooky Witch Graveyard

Candy Corn Trick or Treat Costume Black Cat Full Moon Chilly

Hot Cider Eerie October Frankenstein Party Fangs Casket



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