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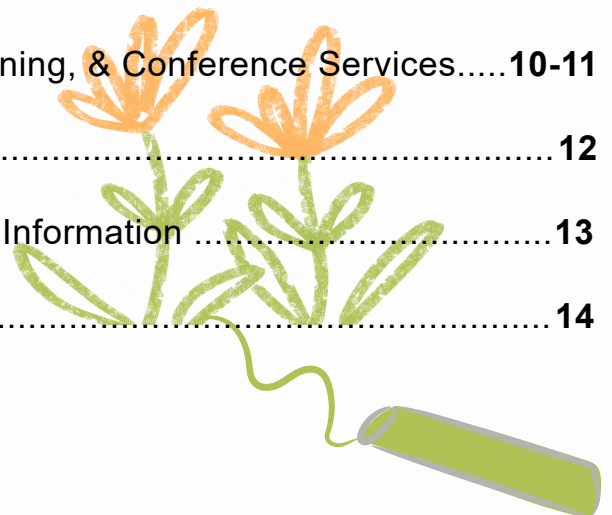
**THANK YOU IVC-EMSA
STEPHANIE HANENBERG P.3**





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Thank you

STEPHANIE HANENBERG

Stephanie

It is truly bittersweet to write this message as we share our gratitude and wish you well. It is hard to imagine EMSA without you, and at the same time, we feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside you.

Your leadership has left a lasting mark on this division through your vision, steady guidance, and deep commitment to students, staff, and faculty. You have led with compassion, authenticity, and a genuine commitment to students, staff, and faculty that has impacted so many of us in ways that go far beyond our roles.

Beyond all of your accomplishments, it is your kindness, approachability, and unwavering support for others that we will carry with us the most.

Thank you for everything you have given to EMSA, UCCS, and the Colorado Springs community. Your dedication will leave a meaningful imprint for years to come.

You will be deeply missed but never forgotten!
Wishing you all the very best in this amazing new chapter (retirement),
you have more than earned it!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Your EMSA Family



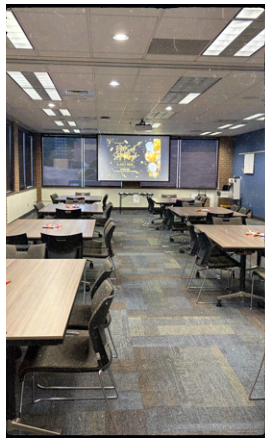
EMSA STAFF APPRECIATION AND WELCOME DR. CAUDILL EVENT

EMSA gathered on July 8 to celebrate the past academic year and recognize just how exceptional every individual staff member is. All division staff were invited, representing approximately forty departments, programs, and areas. More than fifty staff members attended throughout the event, with most staying to connect with one another, celebrate how truly fan-tastic they are, and receive a small token of appreciation, a fan, symbolizing that EMSA leadership is a “fan” of them and the work they do.

Interim Vice Chancellor Caudill and outgoing, soon-to-be retiree Hanenberg also joined the celebration. Both spent time engaging with staff, connecting with teams across the division, and sharing in the appreciation for the dedication and care shown throughout EMSA.

Some staff brought fans back to team members who were unable to attend. On Friday, Dr. Caudill and I (Heather Allen) also delivered fans to EMSA departments that could not step away for the mingle, including Family Development Center, Dining and Hospitality Services, and the Wellness Center, ensuring everyone received the same recognition and appreciation.

Cheers to YOU all again. You are valued, appreciated, and recognized for the dedication and care you bring to our students, division, and campus community.





MEET OUR NEW INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR

DR. JON CAUDILL



all about

me

NAME
Jon Caudill, Ph.D.

TITLE
IVC-EMSA

FOOD
Mexican

ANIMAL
Mountain Lion

COLOR
Blue

SEASON
Summer

MOVIE
The Big Lebowski

BOOK I RECOMMEND
Deadly Consequences
Author(s): Jonathan W. Caudill; Chad R. Trulson; James W. Marquart; Matt DeLisi

THESE ARE MY FAVORITES

QUOTE
Pay it Forward

MY BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY 12

I'M FROM
KENTUCKY

I'VE BEEN AT UCCS SINCE
2016

PHOTO
A family photo of Jon Caudill, his wife, and their three children standing outdoors.

EMSA DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

UCCS ORIENTATION TEAM BREAKS RECORDS AND BUILDS COMMUNITY

ORIENTATION BY THE NUMBERS

UCCS is welcoming its newest Mountain Lions in record volume. Orientation Program Director Bruce Ziegler shared that as of June 22, 1,131 Freshman and 594 Transfer students have attended Summer/Fall Orientation. By season's end, the team will have supported approximately 3,000 students.

A SEASON OF NONSTOP SUPPORT

From April 6 to August 18, Orientation is facilitating an impressive 746 total sessions, including:

- 332 in-person sessions
- 64 Veteran & Military-Affiliated sessions
- 350 virtual Zoom sessions

These daily appointments ensure students receive personalized guidance, enrollment support, and direct connection to campus resources.

WELCOME BASHES: COMMUNITY IN ACTION

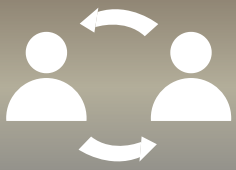
Three New Student Welcome Bashes — July 10, July 24, and August 7 — bring the social spark to Orientation. As of June 24, 407 students and 303 guests are registered to attend. These events offer campus tours, office meet-and-greets, and opportunities for new students to build community before classes begin.

SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

Every Thursday, Orientation hosts appointments specifically for Veteran and Military-Affiliated students. Ziegler notes, "We run these meetings out of the VMA Office and can connect students with experts on military benefits and processes post-registration."



*Pictures of the Orientation room



ORIENTATION (CONT.)

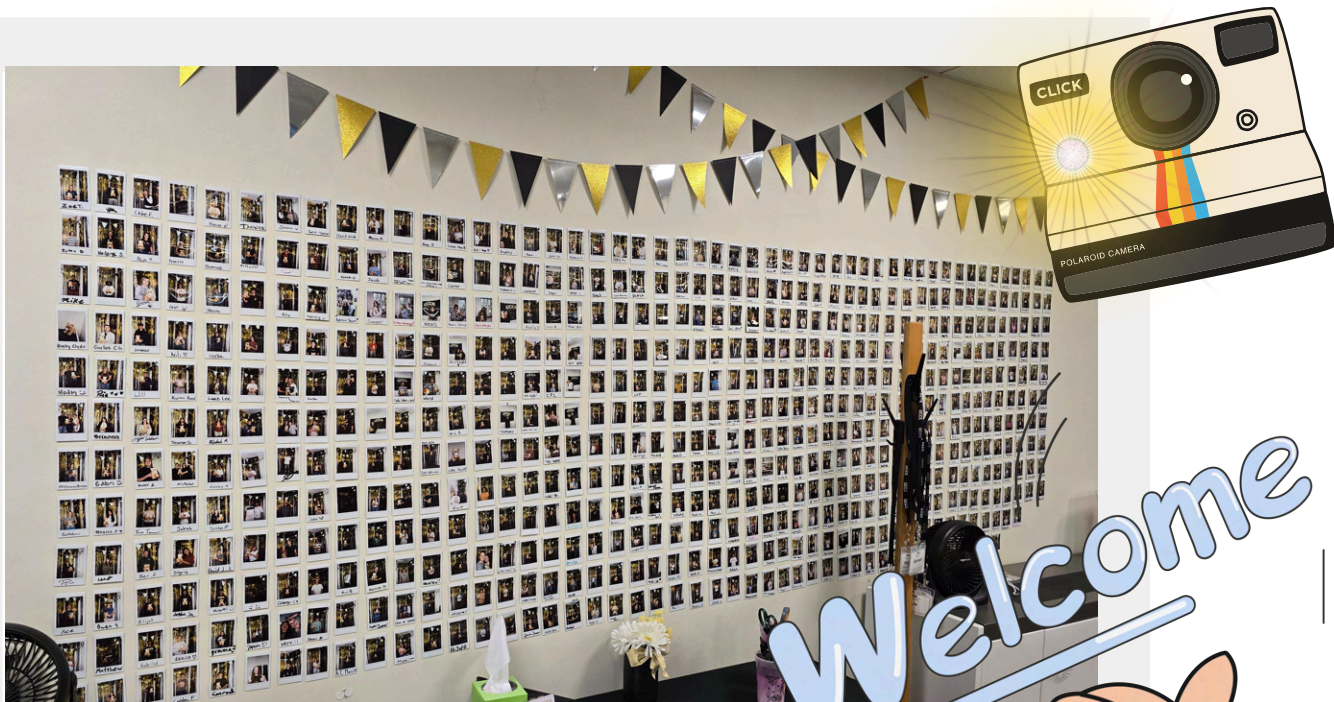


THE TEAM MAKING IT HAPPEN

The Orientation department is powered by one full-time staff member, Bruce Ziegler, and a remarkable team of 26 student employees who bring the entire Orientation experience to life with professionalism, care, and Mountain Lion pride. These student leaders serve in four essential roles that keep operations running seamlessly. Our Orientation Leaders (OL) form the frontline team for class registration and direct student support, collectively assisting well over 1,300 incoming students thus far. Supporting them are the Orientation Program Assistants (OPA), who take on enhanced leadership responsibilities by managing complex situations, scheduling needs, presentations, and appointment facilitation. The team also includes one Orientation Lead Administrative Assistant (OLAA) who oversees task management, cross-office collaboration, and support for nuanced student cases. Rounding out the department are the Orientation Administrative Assistants (OAA), the operational backbone responsible for calls, emails, outreach, projects, and appointment coverage, ensuring every student receives timely, accurate, and welcoming support.

CAMPUS PARTNERS

Admissions, the Registrar's Office, and Academic Advising play essential roles. Advisors review every student record and provide course recommendations. "For every orientation appointment facilitated, an Academic Advisor must go into each student's record and provide course recommendations and guidance," notes Ziegler.



PICTURE OF THE NEW STUDENT
POLAROID WALL
LOCATED IN CRAGMOR 004

EMSA STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

UCCS ORIENTATION STUDENT EMPLOYEES

This dynamic team of 26 student employees infuses every UCCS new-student experience with energy, kindness, Mountain Lion pride, and standout leadership.

Their work makes Orientation welcoming, memorable, and unmistakably magical.

THANK YOU, Orientation Student Employees, for the extraordinary impact you are making at UCCS.

ORIENTATION LEADERS

AARON CHU
BRETT MEURER
ELIJAH WELDON MARTINEZ
GERMAN PEREZ
GIFT FALERU
ISABELLA DELGADO-VALDEZ
JORDAN BOLIN
JUAN SALAZAR CABRERA
MARTINA FERNANDEZ
OLIVER MARTINEZ
OLIVIA KIDWELL
SARA SOMMERS
SHERIDAN TAYLOR
STERLING CAMPBELL
VANESSA BALDERRAMA GUDINO

ORIENTATION PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

JULIA DINGLE
PRIYA MEHTA



ORIENTATION LEAD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

KATANA BILLINGTON

ORIENTATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

EDEN VENEGAS
EDISON OTUONYE
IZAAK MENINDEZ
KILEY ROSS
LEAH STAPP
MADDY KAFEL
RHEA SHRESTHA
SARAH ALGERTANI



Summer Recipes

Watermelon Salad



**Picture of watermelon salad*

Ingredients:

- 4 cups Watermelon Cubes (seedless)
- 1 cup Feta Cheese (crumbled)
- 2 Tbsp Fresh Mint (tear or chop)
- 2 Tbsp Olive Oil (can use a seed oil)
- 2 Tbsp Fresh Lime Juice
- Pinch of Salt
- Pinch of Pepper

Instructions:

1. Cube the watermelon into 1in pieces.
2. Crumble the feta and chop the fresh mint.
3. Combine the watermelon, feta, and mint in a bowl.
4. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, lime juice, salt, and pepper.
5. Drizzle the mixture over the salad and toss gently to combine.
6. Serve immediately on chilled plates, and ENJOY!

Berry Refresher



**Picture of berry refresher*

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup Fresh Berries (straw-, blue-, rasp-)
- 1 cup Lemonade
- ½ cup Sparking Water (or regular 'cold' water)
- Ice Cubes
- Mint (tear or chop)

Instructions:

1. Add fruit to your glass and lightly mash it with a spoon (just enough to release juices).
2. Fill the glass with ice.
3. Pour in the lemonade.
4. Top with sparkling water for a fizzy twist.
5. Stir gently to combine.
6. Garnish with or stir in mint if you're feeling fancy!

EMSA PARTNERING HIGHLIGHT

BEHIND THE SCENES OF SUMMER AT UCCS: HOW CONFERENCE SERVICES, HOUSING, DINING, CAMPUS RECREATION, AND THE UNIVERSITY CENTER BRING CAMPUS TO LIFE!

Summer at UCCS may look calm from the outside, but behind the scenes, campus is buzzing with activity. Residence halls transform into lodging spaces, dining venues serve thousands of meals, the Recreation Center fills with community groups, and the University Center becomes a hub for meetings and events. At the heart of this coordinated effort is Conference Services, partnering closely with Housing and Residence Life, Dining and Hospitality Services, Campus Recreation, and the University Center to welcome more than 6,000 guests throughout the summer.



Conference Services coordinates over 40 conferences and camps, ranging from youth leadership programs and educational travel groups to faith-based retreats, scouting organizations, academic events, and athletic camps. July even marks a major milestone: UCCS is hosting its first-ever full campus buyout, with one organization utilizing nearly every available campus resource. This level of activity is only possible because of the deep collaboration among campus partners who work together to create a seamless, welcoming experience for every visitor.

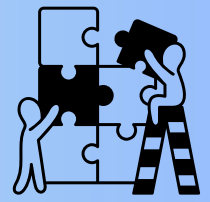
Housing and Residence Life plays a pivotal role in preparing campus for summer guests. As soon as the academic year ends, residence halls shift into hotel-style accommodations. Entire buildings are cleaned, organized, and readied for incoming groups—sometimes with only a few hours between one conference checking out and another arriving. Conference Services manages room assignments, check-ins and check-outs, thousands of keys and fobs, housekeeping coordination, and building readiness, ensuring each hall feels comfortable and inviting.

Dining and Catering keeps guests fueled throughout their stay, providing consistent, high-quality meals that support long days of learning, training, and exploration. From early-morning breakfasts to large group dinners, Dining's partnership ensures every program has reliable, welcoming service that enhances the overall guest experience.





EMSA PARTNERING HIGHLIGHT (CONT.)



**Picture of the GRWC entrance*

Campus Recreation becomes a powerhouse of summer programming, hosting numerous athletic camps and offering high-quality facilities for training, competition, and skill development. Their collaboration with Conference Services ensures each camp has the space, equipment, and support needed to deliver an exceptional experience for young athletes.

The University Center also plays a central role, serving as the summer headquarters for meetings, breakout sessions, and large-scale gatherings. Its event spaces support everything from check-in operations to keynote sessions, making it a vital anchor for conference flow and guest navigation.

Supporting all of this activity is a team of 20 Conference Assistants and Leads, the student employees who serve as the first friendly faces guests meet. They manage front desks, assist with check-ins and check-outs, support housekeeping, respond to after-hours needs, and help solve problems as they arise.

Their professionalism and adaptability are essential to keeping operations running smoothly, and the experience they gain in leadership, hospitality, and customer service prepares them for future careers.

What makes summer at UCCS truly special is the energy each group brings. Every week, campus becomes a place where students discover passions, athletes sharpen skills, scouts develop leadership, and youth groups gather to learn and grow. These experiences create memories that last long after guests leave—and they showcase UCCS as a welcoming, dynamic destination.

The impact extends beyond campus as well. By hosting thousands of visitors, UCCS contributes to local tourism, supports the Colorado Springs community, and introduces many guests to the university for the first time.



**Picture of activities on the West Lawn*

EMSA STAFF SHOUT-OUT

SUMMER EMSA
'BIG DEAL'
RECIPIENTS!!

Why did the
coffee cup
file a police
report?

• Alex Koehler • Amanda Mcdermith
• Angela Storck • Anna Bauer
• Billie Jo Baptiste • Chris Lynch
• David Schieler • Jayna Bell
• Jon Dewitt • Justin Elways
• Kevin DeSousa • Lisa Darrow
• Misty Evans • Orande Roy
• Ryan Wong • Whitley Hadley

Because
it was
mugged.

Clyde's  Kudos

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

EMSA DEPARTMENT UPDATES DURING THE SUMMER

*SUMMER HOURS RUN UNTIL AUGUST 16

DINING SERVICES

Roaring Fork

**closed 8/1 - 8/16*

Mon - Sun: 7 - 9am, 11am - 2pm, 5-7pm

Alpine Express

**closed 8/1 - 8/16*

Mon - Fri: 7am - 7pm

Glyde's Gastropub

Mon - Thurs: 11am - 2pm

Big Cat Coffee Shop - UC

Mon - Thurs: 7am - 2pm

Fri: 8am - 2pm

CLOSED

The Lodge

Cafe 65

Hybl Cafe

**Hours subject to change.*

Visit the DHS Instagram page for up-to-date info.

IG: @uccscampusdining

CAMPUS REC CENTER

General Recreation

Mon - Fri: 6am - 8pm

Sat: 10am - 6pm

Sun 12 - 6pm

Aquatic Center

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6 - 9am

Mon - Fri: 11am - 2pm and 4 - 7pm

Sat - Sun: 12 - 4pm

SOLE Center

Mon - Fri: 12 - 6pm

Alpine Field

Mon - Fri: 6am - 8pm

Sat: 10am - 6pm

Sun: 12 - 6pm

WELLNESS CENTER

Mon - Fri: 8am - 5pm

Emergency Support Resource

- Anyone can access mental health support through the national crisis lifeline by dialing 988.
- Emergencies related to the UCCS community, please contact UCCS Police at 719-255-3111. They are available 24/7, even when the campus is closed.
- **Students** can access 24/7 free mental health support through TELUS Health.
 - This service is available on holidays and when the campus is closed.
 - It's easy to use; click the link to learn more via the [TELUS Health Flyer](#).
- **Faculty and Staff**, unsure if the situation is an emergency, faculty and staff can consult on student support response with TELUS Health by calling 1-866-743-7732 or click the link to learn more via the [Faculty and Staff Flyer](#).



Non-Emergency Support Resources

- If it is not an emergency, you may submit a CARE Team referral here: <https://dos.uccs.edu/care/submit-a-concern-report-an-incident>.
- Visit the [Dean of Students](#) website for more non-emergency resource.



HELLO SUMMER!

GO HAVE SOME FUN!



Get Outside & Explore

- ☐ Catch a sunrise at Garden of the Gods (bonus: bring coffee/tea!)
- ☐ Drive or ride up Pikes Peak—don't forget the famous donuts at the summit
- ☐ Wander through Manitou Springs and sample the mineral waters
 - ☐ Hike the Incline... or cheer on those who do!
 - ☐ Visit Helen Hunt Falls and nearby scenic trails
 - ☐ Explore Red Rock Canyon Open Space
- ☐ Visit the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo (bonus: feed the giraffes)
- ☐ Walk/Hike all 13 miles of UCCS campus trails

Relax & Recharge

- ☐ Enjoy a picnic with a view at Palmer Park
- ☐ Take a peaceful walk around campus (bonus: take a picture from your fav location)
 - ☐ Grab a patio seat downtown and soak up the sunshine
 - ☐ Treat yourself to a new local ice cream or dessert spot
 - ☐ Go stargazing just outside the of the city
 - ☐ Schedule a massage or facial
- ☐ Pick-up some chalk from the dollar store and bring color to your sidewalk/driveway
- ☐ Sit outside and become one with your surrounding: what do you hear, see, smell, and feel?

Splash into Summer Fun

- ☐ Paddleboard or kayak at Quail Lake or a nearby reservoir
 - ☐ Cool off with a Creekside walk
- ☐ Take the kiddos to the John Venezia Community Park Splash Pad
- ☐ Take your doggo to Bear Creek Dog Park for creek and pond play
 - ☐ Spend the day near the water at Eleven Mile Canyon

Community & Local Experiences

- ☐ Catch a Switchbacks game
- ☐ Attend a free outdoor concert or movie in the park
 - ☐ Visit a weekend farmer's market
- ☐ Take a scenic drive along Gold Camp Road
 - ☐ Visit Cave of the Winds
- ☐ Catch a community softball game at Cottonwood Creek Park