



# University College Alumni Network



## Civic Engagement Initiative

A DU-sponsored civic engagement initiative involving DU alumni from all age groups and academic areas is now in the works. UCAN is bringing together the passions and purposes of our alumni to fulfill needs and opportunities within our community.

A group of dedicated alumni has been busy developing the project's scope,

detailing Web site design and creating marketing ideas. This innovative project was awarded a Public Good Grant from the Denver University Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning. Next steps will include refinement of Web site requirements and decisions regarding the first group service project.

Civic engagement encompasses a broad spectrum of learning, service and work that allows for the creation of multiple avenues in developing and furthering a better world.

If you want to discover more about how to use your abilities to help shape our communities and our futures, **join our task force!** Many opportunities exist for our alumni to make significant contributions. We welcome your passion, skills, and dreams. Contact Susan Anderson, a member of the UCAN Advisory Board and chair of the initiative team, for more information: [susan@ucanprojects.net](mailto:susan@ucanprojects.net).

The diagram (left) represents UCAN's evolving vision for this initiative.

## UCAN BBQ SOCIAL – FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2008

UCAN's annual barbecue marks the kick-off of a new UCAN season and often is the "welcome to the family" party for new and returning graduates of UCOL. This fun event is an opportunity to meet and reconnect; tour the campus while participating in a crowd-favorite scavenger hunt; consume a tasty BBQ dinner; listen to "live" music; hear about UCAN continuing education and community events; and network over beer, wine and soft drinks.

Each year, participation in the annual event has grown—in 2007, we had more than 70 alumni and guests. Each year's event is enriched by your participation--whether you've attended every year or are joining us for the first time.



**Alumni, Students, and Instructors are Invited**

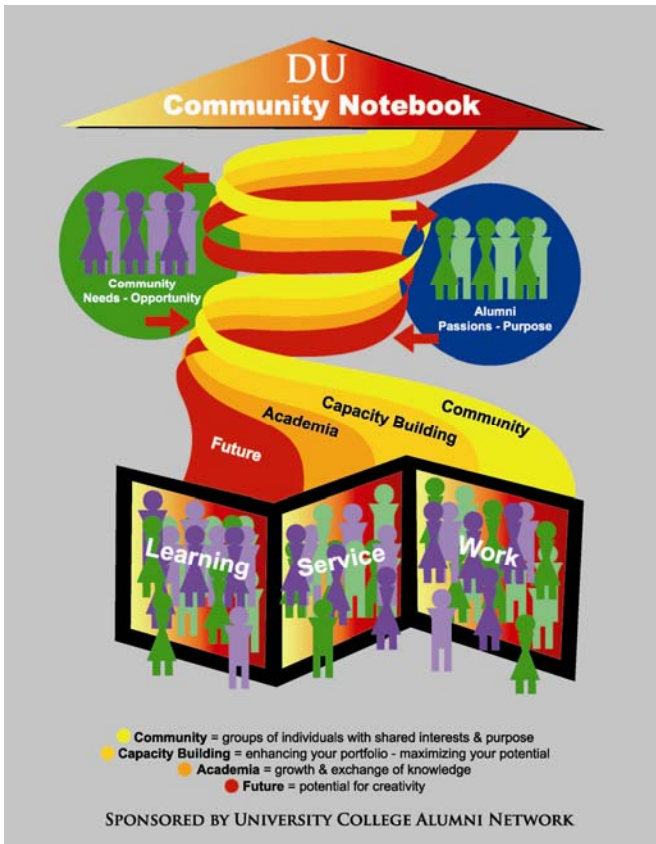
**Leo Block Alumni Center**

2190 Asbury St

Friday, August 22: 6 p.m. until dark

Cost is \$10 per-person for you and your guest

**Watch for your invitation!**



*A great time was had by all at the 2007 UCAN BBQ Social*

*UCAN members greet students during the quarterly "First Night of Classes" in Sturm Hall*



## DU Presents

*DU Presents: Engaging Programs for Alumni and Friends*, is a seminar series sponsored by University College and other DU colleges. For a listing of the seminars being offered this coming fall, check in at <http://www.alumni.du.edu> after August 2008.

*The February DU Presents sponsored by UCOL was a great success: From Here to Clarity - The Key to Living an Energized Life*

On February 20, Cathy and Gary Hawk presented "From Here to Clarity: The Key to Living an Energized Life Every Day of Your Life" to more than 100 attendees. The seminar was part of the University College Alumni Network's *DU Presents* series.

The Hawks brought more than 30 years of combined transformational coaching expertise to the University of Denver audience. They spoke about clients who had been unsure about how to live a meaningful life and how those clients "lit up" after they focused on what they really wanted. The Hawks showed before and after photographs of some of those clients, explaining how their improved appearance could be attributed to shifting attention toward how they wanted to live their lives.

"It's a good reminder that we are more in control of our lives than we think. By putting out positive energy

instead of negative and focusing on what we want instead of what we don't want, things can happen," said Kathryn Mayer, a MALS student. "The presentation made me think about my passions and what I'm looking for in life. It's also helpful to analyze what you already have and what you want to change about it."

The Hawks offered five characteristics of success: (1) having



a burning desire, (2) developing specialized knowledge, (3) being decisive, (4) focusing on goals, and (5) receiving effective mentoring. Cathy Hawk and Gary Hawk took turns explaining their life journey map, and describing how they've inspired so many to find and pursue their passions.

A lively question-and-answer session followed the lecture. Their book, *Creating the Rest of Your Life: An Atlas to Manifesting Success & Excellence in Life & Work* (Brilliance Press, 2007) was available for purchase at the event, and the authors signed copies.

The Hawks offer seminars and coaching through their company, Clarity International. Information can be found online at [www.getclairty.com/index.html](http://www.getclairty.com/index.html).

## E-mail forwarding for life

As a graduate of the University of Denver, you may elect to enroll in the University of Denver's "E-mail Forwarding for Life" program at anytime. Enrolling in this program will allow you to retain your DU email address (@du.edu) and forward any future email to a valid email address from another ISP (MSN, Yahoo, etc.) To select this mail forwarding option go to:

<https://myweb.du.edu>

Log in, your DU ID number (000000000) is your user ID. If you do not recall your pass code please contact the University Technologies Services Department at 303-871-4700 to have it reset. After logging in select the "Personal Information" link. From there select the "Update E-mail Address" link. Then select "DU Alumni Lifetime Forwarding Email" from the drop-down menu and click on the submit button. Enter your new valid email address in the box and click the submit button.

You should receive a confirmation message at your new email address from the University of Denver's Office of Alumni Relations. The confirmation message will provide you with more information about the program and will also verify that email sent to (@du.edu) is correctly forwarded to your new account. Forwards to your new account will begin 7 days after the confirmation message has been delivered to your new account.

For more information regarding the University's "E-mail Forwarding for Life" program, please contact Office of Alumni Relations at 303.871.2701.

If you need assistance with setting up a lifetime email forward, please contact the UTS Help Desk at 303.871.4700.





Coffee & Capstones is a series of seminars, often on Saturday mornings, which showcases University College graduate research on topics of interest to the community. Since 2003, UCAN-sponsored Coffee & Capstone seminars have provided UCOL graduates a public forum for presenting their Capstone projects. The presentations give both the Capstone researcher and the Capstone project a platform for public exposure. Capstone advisors generally recommend outstanding capstone projects for consideration. If you are interested in presenting your Capstone, talk to your advisor or contact *Mario Acevedo* at [mario@marioacevedo.com](mailto:mario@marioacevedo.com). Join us for exciting presentations, as well as coffee, discussion, networking and learning.

### **UCAN March Coffee & Capstone on Knowledge Capture in Law Enforcement Attracts Diverse Audience**

In March, Charles Thies (MCIS '07) presented his capstone project on "Knowledge Capture in Law Enforcement." Approximately 25 guests, including UCOL students and representatives from law enforcement agencies, were in attendance. This event was held in Cherrington Hall, rather than the usual location of the Cyber Café, allowing for an intimate setting that encouraged greater audience participation.

The capstone project focused on the practical methodologies that can be used by law enforcement agencies to support the capture and use of tacit knowledge. Thies reviewed his capstone research on how law enforcement agencies have brought

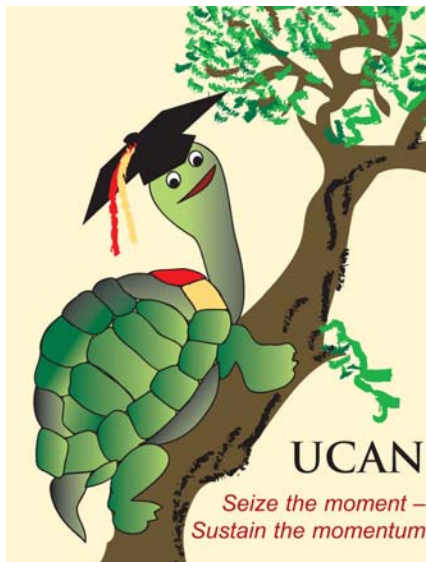
about innovations in the last 20 years, such as community-policing philosophies and problem-solving strategies to deal with crime. He discussed how the new knowledge economy requires that police agencies evolve toward a knowledge-oriented policing paradigm to spur continued innovation and reduce lawlessness.

Thies also explained the differences among data collection, information retrieval, and knowledge capture and how each is used in organizations, particularly within law enforcement

agencies. Tacit knowledge — knowledge gained through experience — is a valuable asset possessed by senior police officers. After the presentation of the capstone, Dr. Samuel Conn, Charles Thies's faculty advisor, moderated the discussion with the audience.

**The next Coffee & Capstone Seminars will be held in the fall of 2008. Watch the UCAN website for details.**

### **UCAN Career Mentoring Initiative for BACP Students**



*As you climb to greater heights, remember those who assisted you, and turn to help those who follow you.*

In the spirit of the UCAN turtle, 10 mentoring pairs were teamed up in January 2008. With the goal of assisting each other achieve career goals, the mentors (alumni) and protégées (bachelor of arts completion students) pledged to connect regularly throughout the spring term. Positive reports are filtering back – and we look forward to expanding this opportunity to many more students and alumni in the fall of 2008. If you would like to participate please click to download the mentor or protégée form in Adobe PDF format and FAX it to Linnea Hauser at 303-871-3070.

