

Dear Campus Community,

We want you to be among the first to know about exciting news that will be announced officially Wednesday morning.

Through the tremendous generosity of alumni and friends, and a special partnership with the city, the Edward J. Robson Arena project – originally envisioned to be a practice arena – will now be reimaged and proposed as an on-campus competition arena. This new facility with 3,000 permanent seats would become the home of CC Tiger Hockey, and benefit our students, the campus community, the Colorado Springs community, and fans.

Thanks to the generosity of donors including **Ed Robson '54**, the George Lyon family, Penrose-St. Francis Health Services and many others, as well as a special partnership with the Colorado Springs City for Champions initiative, this ambitious project, if approved, will move forward with more than \$28 million in commitments toward the approximately \$39 million arena.

As you know, Robson Arena was originally planned as a practice arena. By partnering with the city and its City for Champions initiative, and with commitments from several donors, the Board of Trustees instead determined that CC is able to create a multipurpose, state-of-the-art, sustainable facility that would fit CC and our neighborhood, and benefit both the college and the city. As part of the City for Champions initiative proposal, the building also would host regional, national, and international events in partnership with the U.S. Olympic Committee and related governing bodies.

The new venue, planned to be built on the block bordered by Nevada Avenue and Cache La Poudre, Tejon, and Dale streets, would be comparable in size to the arenas of other colleges and universities with D-1 hockey programs. It would have less than half the number of seats as the hockey team's current home, The Broadmoor World Arena.

Robson Arena would bring many firsts: For the first time since its founding in 1938, the CC hockey team would be able to play games on campus. Students, coaches, staff, faculty, and local fans could walk to attend practices and games. Our student athletes wouldn't have to leave campus for practice and competition, so they would more time to focus on academics. And for the first time, the entire on-campus community would be able to gather in one indoor location. In addition, the project would support intramurals, club hockey, and figure skating, bringing those sports better resources.

This project, along with the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College and our leadership role with the other major local higher-ed institutions on the Quad Innovation Program, would provide opportunities for our students while also enriching our community.

On Wednesday at 10 a.m., we will join the city and the Colorado Springs Switchbacks, which plans to build an outdoor soccer stadium at another site in the city, in announcing the City for

Champions proposal. You may watch a Facebook Live feed of the press conference at <https://www.facebook.com/springsgov/>

The City for Champions proposal will be presented to the Colorado Economic Development Commission at its meeting in September.

Special thanks to Mayor John Suthers, the City of Colorado Springs, and Economic Development Officer Bob Cope for working with us to create a project that can improve access and opportunity for students, faculty, staff, fans, and the Colorado Springs community.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Trustees



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