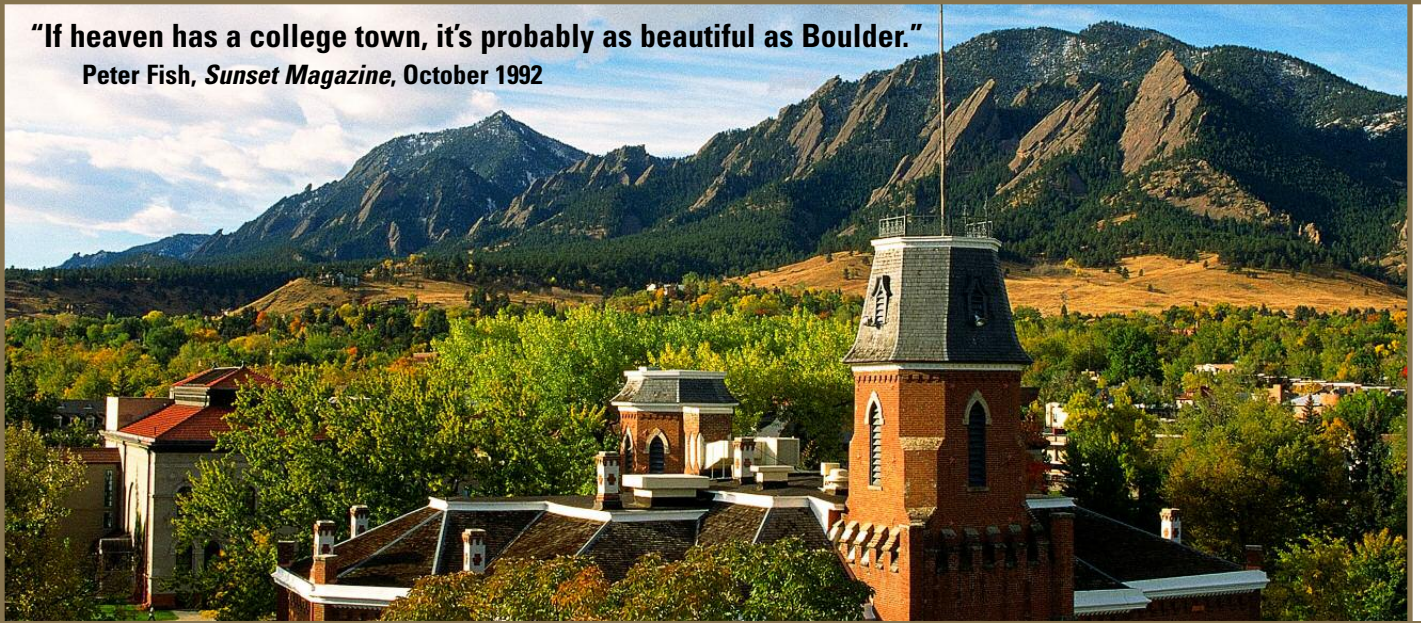


"If heaven has a college town, it's probably as beautiful as Boulder."

Peter Fish, *Sunset Magazine*, October 1992



THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Colleges

Architecture and Planning
Arts and Sciences
Engineering/Applied Science
Music

Schools

Graduate School
Leeds School of Business
School of Education
School of Journalism and
Mass Communications
School of Law

CU's Top Programs

Space Science
Engineering
Molecular Biology
Business

Most Popular Undergraduate Majors

Psychology
Communication
English
MCD Biology
EPO Biology
Economics
Finance
Political Science

NOTEABLE ALUMNI

Buzz Calkins	IRL Race Car Driver	Chris Meloni	Actor (Law and Order)
Scott Carpenter	Astronaut	Glenn Miller	Musician/Big Band Leader
Kalpana Chawla	Astronaut	Ellison Onizuka	Astronaut (Challenger)
Lynn Cheney	Former U.S. Vice President's Wife	Trey Parker	South Park Creator
Kevin Corke	NBC News	Robert Redford	Actor
Chris Fowler	ESPN	Matt Stone	South Park Creator
Jim Gray	NBC Sports	Jack Swigert	Astronaut (Apollo 13)
Hale Irwin	Professional Golfer	Bill Toomey	1968 Gold Medalist – Decathlon
Larry Linville	Actor (M*A*S*H)	Byron White	Supreme Court Justice
Doug Looney	Sports Illustrated	Steve Wozniak	Inventor (Apple)
Bill Marolt	U.S. Skiing President		



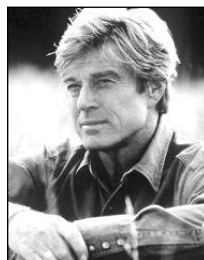
Chris Fowler



Kalpana Chawla



Kevin Corke



Robert Redford



Byron White



RANKINGS

- CU-Boulder was one of only 14 public institutions ranked as a “Best Buy” in the 2009 edition of *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* and annually ranks in its top four most outstanding universities in the United States based on academics, social life and quality of life.
- The *U.S. News & World Report* ranked CU-Boulder 42nd among the nation’s Top 50 Public National Universities in its 2011 Best Colleges issue. The rankings were based on factors such as academic reputation, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity and financial resources.
- Sixteen CU-Boulder graduate school specialty programs were ranked in the top 50 in the nation, including three in the top 10 in the *U.S. News and World Report’s* 2011 America’s Best Graduate Schools issue.
- The University of Colorado at Boulder ranks first in the nation for the number of graduates currently serving as Peace Corps volunteers (2011).
- Four faculty members have received Nobel Prizes, including three since 2001: Thomas Cech of chemistry and biochemistry in 1989 Nobel Prize in chemistry, Carl Wieman and Eric Cornell of JILA and physics won the 2001 Nobel Prize in physics and John Hall of JILA and physics won the 2005 Nobel Prize in physics. The CU-Boulder research faculty shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former Vice-President Al Gore for their contributions to the international report of the intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.



- The Boulder campus was ranked fourth in a review of the 50 “most architecturally successful campuses in the country in *The Campus as a Work of Art* by Thomas Gaines.
- Colorado has held company with Brown, Stanford and Virginia as one of the four most outstanding universities in the United States based on academics and quality of life.
- One of only 34 U.S. public research universities in the prestigious Association of American Universities.
- Ranks in the top five universities in the nation, excluding military academies, for astronaut alumni who have flown in space with 17.

THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

“The University of Colorado, and Boulder, is a town which stops where the Rocky Mountains begin. Normally in America such a superb site would be occupied by a golf course, but somebody goofed and instead they built what may be the most beautifully situated campus in the world... if anyone asks you to Boulder, I have one word of advice: ‘Go.’”

From the London (England) Observer Magazine article, “Us and Them,” by Simon Hoggart (April 23, 1989)



BOULDER/DENVER/COLORADO FACTS

Boulder and Denver are known for lots of things. But some things even surprise the lifelong resident, a recent transplant (nearly two-thirds of the state's residents were born outside of Colorado), or first-time visitor to the Mile High City.

- In 2011 Colorado had four of the nation's top 15 fittest cities according to a Time Magazine interpretation of data from the Centers for Disease Control. Boulder was No. 1, Arvada was No. 6, Denver ranked No. 11 and Aurora was No. 15.
- The Denver metro area was ranked fifth in the 2011 American Fitness Index report.
- Boulder was named the "happiest city in America" by Gallup-Heathways Well-Being Index in 2011.
- Denver is called the "Mile High City" because it is exactly 5,280 feet above sea level. In fact, there is a spot on the west steps of the State Capitol building that is exactly 5,280 feet above sea level and there is a row of seats at Coors Field with the same bragging rights.
- Denver is the most educated city in the U.S. It has the greatest percentage of high school and college graduates of any major metropolitan area in the U.S.
- The Denver/Boulder metropolitan area is the 20th largest in the United States. Boulder is not classified as a suburb of Denver; it's nestled in its own valley at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Contrary to popular belief, Denver is not in the mountains; it is near them. The "Foothills" start to rise 15 miles west of the city. Slightly beyond that is the Continental Divide and a series of peaks rising to 14,000 feet, known locally as the "Front Range".
- Denver is also the "thinnest" city in America while Boulder is the second "fittest" city in America according to *Shape* Magazine and the state of Colorado is tied as the "thinnest"

state with Hawai'i. *Health* Magazine named Boulder one of America's 10 Fittest Cities. *Self* Magazine proclaimed Boulder one of the 10 healthiest places for women to live, with a perfect 100 in water quality.

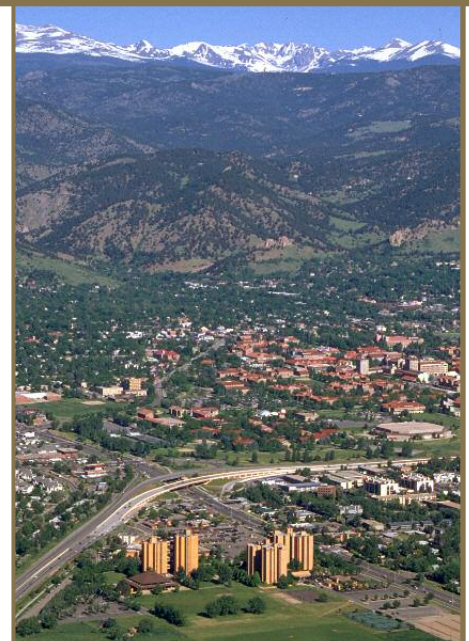
- In 2007 and '08 Boulder was called the "smartest city in America" by Forbes
- Boulder has 200 miles of public hiking and biking trails, approximately 30,000 acres of open space and a 16-mile Boulder Creek Path which runs through the middle of town. The city of Denver offers over 450 miles of paved, designated bike paths, over 70 public golf courses and 143 free tennis courts. Denver also has the largest city park system in the nation with 205 within the city limits.
- As the largest city in a 600-mile radius, Denver is the shopping capital of the Rocky Mountain West. It features the largest sporting goods store in the world and the largest independent book store in America with over 400,000 volumes. The 16th Street Mall is a mile-long pedestrian promenade, not to be outdone by its counterpart in Boulder, the Pearl Street Mall. Boulder is also known for having more used book stores per capita than any other city in the country according to a *Money* magazine count in 1998.
- Among 14 comparable cities, Boulder ranks No. 1 in people who walk to work, work at home and drive with more than one person in the car. It ranks second among those who bike.
- Bicycling is so highly regarded in Boulder that sometimes the city plows the Boulder Creek bike path before it plows the streets.
- The exterior of the house located at 1619 Pine Street was used as the characters' home in the well-known "Mork & Mindy" television show. It is now a private residence.



Boulder's Pearl Street Mall



Downtown Denver



Rocky Mountain Front Range



Indian Peaks National Forest

- Boulder's Third Flatiron towers 1,400 feet high, a few hundred feet higher than the Empire State Building, and has been climbed by people without using their hands, on roller skates, naked and in eight minutes (by separate climbers).
- A 1992 survey by the Centers for Disease Control found that Colorado had fewer overweight people per capita and more people who exercise than any other state.
- A *Colorado Daily* poll found that seven out of ten Boulderites own bicycles. Another guide book states that Boulder's bicycle count is approximately 93,000- almost equal to the total population.
- Every year Boulder Mountain Parks core area receives 1.8 million visits. If that many people made a human chain, it would stretch from Boulder to New York City.

Top 10 Cheap Things To Do In Boulder

1. Go walking, biking or skating on the Boulder Creek Path.
2. Catch a Program Council, Cinema Saver, or International Film Series movie.
3. Play frisbee in Norlin Quad.
4. Enjoy the free Wednesday night jazz concerts offered by the College of Music.
5. People-watch on the Pearl Street Mall or on the Hill.
6. Picnic or hike at Chautauqua Park or Mt. Sanitas.
7. Buy a student season football or basketball ticket to watch the Buffs play at home.
8. Join a class at the Rec Center (anything from Aerobics to Yoga).
9. Stargaze at the top of Flagstaff Mountain.
10. Check out the coffeehouse scene.

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS

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National Parks in Colorado	
	8
National Monuments and Recreation Areas in Colorado	
	15
National Forests and National Grasslands in Colorado	
	21
Scenic and Historic Byways in Colorado	
	40
State Parks in Colorado	
	54
Colorado peaks over 14,000 feet in elevation	
	325
Days of sunshine the Front Range sees each year	
	450
Square miles of bodies of water in Colorado	
	469
Length in miles of the Colorado Trail	
	786
Acres on the main campus in Boulder	
	1,450
Length in miles of the Colorado River and the Rio Grande	
	3,350
Lowest elevation in Colorado (Arkansas River)	
	6,800
Average elevation in Colorado	
	14,443
Highest elevation in Colorado (Mt. Elbert)	
	104,247
Size of Colorado in square miles	
	3.8 million
Colorado population in 1998	
	126 million
Years geologists estimate it will take for the Rocky Mountains to erode away	
	1.7 billion years
How long ago the rock in the Rocky Mountains was formed	