



## GRADUATE DEMONSTRATES LIFE LONG LEARNING

When Mary Kelly, then known as Betty Lewellen, finished her studies at a rural Iowa high school, attending college was not a possibility.

The year was 1939 and while her grades were good, money was tight. She did as most women of her era did — she worked, married and raised a family. Throughout the years, earning a college degree remained a goal. Now, twice-widowed and a 77-year-old grandmother, Kelly will participate in commencement exercises May 19.

“I wouldn’t miss it for the world,” Kelly, of Greeley, and a former Colorado Springs resident, said. “I’ll have a cheering section of probably 30 people there, including my two children and four of five grandchildren.”

University Commencement Exercises are scheduled for 10 a.m., May 19 at the World Arena. More than 1,000 students and their guests are expected to attend the university’s yearly commencement exercises. Students who graduated in August, December 1999 and May 2000 will participate.

Kelly’s path to her second degree from CU-Colorado Springs is one of determination. She traces its roots to her own mother who in her 40s changed jobs from waitress to U.S. War Department clerk-typist after convincing the high school business teacher to tutor her after hours.

Kelly’s penchant for learning never stopped. She worked as a legal secretary and as a medical records director in Fort Morgan after completing correspondence courses to earn a certificate as a medical record technician, and then earned an associate’s degree at Morgan Community College. After moving to Colorado Springs in 1979 and becoming active in local politics, the dream of earning a bachelor’s degree was rekindled.



Mary Kelly shares a laugh with Jim Null, professor of political science, at the 2000 Campus Awards Ceremony. Kelly, 77, will participate in commencement exercises May 19.

In order to learn how to operate the party’s computer, she enrolled in a computer course at Pike’s Peak Community College. She transferred to CU-Colorado Springs and left computer training behind. In 1989 – 50 years after her high

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### COMMENCEMENT 2000 ON WEB

Information about Commencement 2000 is now accessible via the web. Created by Andrea Hamand, administrative assistant, chancellor’s office, the site is [www.uccs.edu/commencement](http://www.uccs.edu/commencement).

### MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Audrey Jurgens, administrative assistant III, Department of Languages and Cultures, was the March Employee of the Month. Jurgens joined CU-Colorado Springs 13 years ago.

Her nominator said Jurgens demonstrates excellence in all aspects of her performance, including a willingness to adjust to changing environments in multiple departments. Jurgens’ positive attitude, her willingness to assume responsibility and attitude toward clients were cited.

Jurgens served on several staff council committees and positions including Holiday Service Project, SEEDS, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences representative and treasurer. She is also a representative on the Silver and Gold Advisory Board.

Jurgens is active in square and polka dance groups and performs at various state and regional competitions. She has performed at charitable events as well as at the Colorado State Fair.

“This is a wonderful surprise. I think it’s

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# MULTICULTURALISM EXPERT TO JOIN FACULTY

A history professor with expertise in both African-American and Native American cultures will be assistant vice chancellor for academic and multicultural affairs at the CU-Colorado Springs.

Bernice Guillaume, currently the chair of the Department of Social Sciences for Benedict College, Columbia, S.C., will begin July 1. She will also have an appointment in the Department of History as associate professor.

“We are pleased that Bernice Guillaume will be joining us to lead the campus diversity efforts,” John Pierce, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said. “She brings a wealth of energy, experience and a life-long commitment to diversity to the campus.”

As half-time assistant vice chancellor, Guillaume will direct initiatives designed to meet the Total Learning Environment goal of modeling the values of diversity in the campus climate and educational programs, such as recruitment of faculty of color and embedding diversity core curriculum requirements.

“I believe my major thrust will be to enhance faculty development and student interaction,” Guillaume said. “I hope to educate as to what the true




Bernice Guillaume

She was an instructor, assistant professor, associate professor and department chair at Xavier University, New Orleans, and an associate professor at Saint Louis (Mo.) University before moving to Benedict in 1997.

Her research areas include Native American history, African-American cultural and intellectual history and traditional West African religion. She received numerous fellowships, awards and grants including the Faculty Resource Network Scholar in Residence at New York University, Newberry Library fellowships, the Bryn Mawr/HERS Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, Saint Louis University/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grants and National Endowment for the Humanities travel grants.

In 1998, she was honored with the Woman’s Award from the Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquis and United Tribes of South Carolina and the Living the Legacy Award from the National Council of Negro Women’s Columbia section.

Guillaume was selected after a national search. She replaces Lynda Dickson, associate professor of sociology, who served as interim assistant vice chancellor for academic and multicultural affairs for the past two years. Dickson will return to full-time teaching and research.

“Bernice Guillaume brings credentials as both an outstanding faculty member and leader to our campus,” Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade said. “I believe she will help us move forward and meet the goal of modeling the values of diversity in the campus climate and educational programs.” 

BERNICE GUILLAUME BRINGS CREDENTIALS AS BOTH AN OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER AND LEADER TO OUR CAMPUS

— CHANCELLOR LINDA BUNNELL SHADE

meaning of diversity and the true effects of affirmative action are.”

Guillaume was born in Chicago and raised in Los Angeles by parents of African American and Montaukett American Indian, Portuguese and Scottish descent. She was one of the first students of color at Scripps College, Claremont, Calif., in the late 1960s, beginning her career in developing understanding of American race relations and culture.

“You could say my entire adult life has been devoted to encouraging diversity,” Guillaume said.

Guillaume later earned a master’s degree in American civilization at Brown University, Providence, R.I., and at PhD. in U.S. history from Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

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# UNIVERSITY BRINGS MATH TO THE WORLD

When Todd Everett finishes a day of maintaining U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopters, he's anxious to forget that he's a few miles from the South Korean demilitarized zone and apart from friends and family at Fort Carson.

But Everett doesn't head for the local pool hall to relax. Instead, the Chief Warrant Officer tunes into a lecture by Jeremy Haefner, professor of mathematics, for a lesson in junior-level linear algebra via the Internet.

Though Everett is half a world away, he logs into a classroom session where he can replay that day's lecture, ask Haefner questions and hear the classroom discussion that likely took place earlier in the day in Colorado Springs or, because of time zone differences, a day earlier.

"I wanted to make the most of my spare time in Korea," Everett wrote in a recent on-line interview. "Most of the guys are hanging out at the clubs having a few beers until late at night. That just doesn't seem worthwhile to me."

Because his schedule varies, Everett logs on whenever it's convenient. That could be on weekends or in the wee hours of the morning. Through his computer, he views a session of Haefner's Monday and Wednesday afternoon class which was presented to a roomful of traditionally enrolled students in the University's Engineering and Applied Science Building. An added benefit is that Everett, as well as all the other students, can replay the lecture multiple times. The semester's lectures are archived and available with a few clicks of a computer mouse.

Everett hopes his use of his spare time will earn him an Army promotion or prepare him for a career in the highly competitive private aerospace industry.

Everett isn't alone in logging on to these sophomore and junior-level college math classes. Geoff Goehle, a senior at Jefferson County's Conifer High School, enrolled in a course on differential equations taught by Gene Abrams, professor of mathematics, after exhausting the high school's math offerings. He's joined by five other Conifer students who log on for these courses in hopes of hitting their college careers running.

The classroom used for Abrams and Haefner's courses is a so-called "smart" classroom. One of its components is a




Gene Abrams, professor of mathematics, teaches students on the campus and around the world via the Internet.

device that instantly transforms handwriting to the World Wide Web. Speed is a benefit of the technology but when teaching advanced math on-line such an electronic blackboard is a necessity. Standard keyboards don't carry the symbols used routinely in advanced math.

Distance learning is not new at CU-Colorado Springs. For many years, videotape and CD-ROMs were used to deliver university courses. The university also works closely with Jones Knowledge University to deliver education by television and the Internet. Those earlier experiences

helped the university to utilize the latest technology, one that avoids the delay of mailing materials and offers better interaction between faculty and students.

For more information about the Mathonline program, visit <http://mathweb.uccs.edu/mathonline>. 

## MOVE TO DISRUPT PHONE SERVICE

Phone service to the campus will be disrupted May 19 as telephone switching mechanisms are moved from Dwire Hall to El Pomar Center.


Jerry Wilson, director of computer and information technology, said campus phones will not be in service beginning the morning of May 19 and may not be completely restored until the equipment move is completed four to five days later.

"We apologize for the inconvenience. We are working with US West to make this transition go as smoothly as possible," Wilson said. "It really boils down to how fast we can move 4,000 phone lines."

Wilson said callers who dial the university switchboard will be advised that phone services throughout the campus are down. He hopes to have a network of cellular phones in place to ensure that callers with immediate needs are served.

By May 22, Wilson hopes to have priority phones for most campus offices in place and working. By May 24, all campus phones should work.

For more information, or to find out what number is listed as a department priority, contact Wilson or Janie Carroll, program assistant II, at 262-3594 or by e-mail at [jcarroll@mail.uccs.edu](mailto:jcarroll@mail.uccs.edu).

On May 27 and 28, campus fiber and network connections will be moved from Dwire to El Pomar. Service will resume May 29. 

# Campus Awards

*A May 2 ceremony at the Lodge honored more than 50 people for their outstanding commitment to the university. The awards included current and retiring faculty and staff, students and friends of the university.*

*The faculty, staff and community award winners honored were:*

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS AWARD -

Sharon Berthrong, Colorado Springs.

ALUMNI LEGISLATIVE AWARD -

State Representative Douglas A. Dean



Douglas Dean

OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD-

Carmen Abeyta, interim director of campus activities



Carmen Abeyta

FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH -

Dorothea Olkowski, professor of philosophy

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR AWARD -

Michael Kilduff, instructor of English

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD -

Robert "Rex" Welshon, assistant professor of philosophy

CHANCELLOR'S SPECIAL AWARD -

Jerry Wilson, interim director of computer information and technology

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO STAFF COUNCIL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD -

Sue Mitchell, director of student success center

TEACHING ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

Gail Coulter, assistant professor of special education

Randall DePry, assistant professor of special education

David Fenell, professor of counseling

Paul Harvey, assistant professor of history

PRESIDENT'S FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR ADVANCING TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY -

David Anderson, associate professor of chemistry



David Anderson

CAMPUS INNOVATION IN TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY AWARD -

David Anderson, associate professor of chemistry

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD -

Robert A. Weigand

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD -

Kenneth R. Rebman, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, professor of mathematics

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR/LECTURER AWARD -

Mark Robinson, instructor of electrical engineering

OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD -

Joan Stephens, program assistant

OUTSTANDING HONORARIUM -

Julie Morrow, instructor of mechanical and aerospace engineering

OUTSTANDING HONORARIUM -

Patricia Scriffiny, instructor of math

COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS AND SCIENCES OUTSTANDING RESIDENT FACULTY -

Jacqueline Berning, assistant professor of biology

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR AWARD -

Craig Palmer, instructor of anthropology

OUTSTANDING PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR/LECTURER AWARD -

Daryl Prigmore, instructor of physics and energy science

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD -

Robert Camley, professor of physics and energy science

BETH-EL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD -

Kathleen LaSala, associate professor of nursing



Robert Camley





# Employee Service Awards

The following staff members are celebrating milestones for years of CU-Colorado Springs employment completed before June 30, 2000. A faculty list will be published when it is available.

## 25 YEARS

Katherine Abeyta  
Program Assistant I  
College of Business

Barbara Cericalo  
General Professional IV  
Financial Aid

Curt Straub  
Police Administrator I  
Public Safety

## 20 YEARS

Steve Ellis  
General Professional IV  
Admissions and Records

Katherine Griffith  
General Professional IV  
Chancellor's Office

Sandra Ingersoll  
Accountant II  
Accounting

## 15 YEARS

Missye Bonds  
General Professional III  
Sponsored Programs

Danny Bristol  
Store Manager I  
Bookstore

Lewis Garnett  
Custodian IV  
Custodial Services

Steve Jernigan  
Telecom/Elec Spec IV /  
College of Engineering

Connie Pitman  
Laboratory Coordinator II  
Letters, Arts & Science

Jo Stanbrough (recently  
retired)  
General Professional IV  
Student Success Center

Glen Weisser  
Electrician  
Physical Plant

## 10 YEARS

Dennis Anderson  
General Professional III  
Counseling Center

Linda Foltz  
General Professional II  
Student Success Center

Vicki Helton  
General Professional II  
Student Success Center

Susan Mitchell  
Director  
Student Success Center

Carel Nolan  
Sales Manager I  
Bookstore

Gayanne Scott  
Budget Analyst II  
Budget Office

Andrea Williams  
Program Assistant I  
Psychology

## 5 YEARS

Sharon Coddington  
Administrative Assistant III  
Bookstore

Virginia Garcia  
Program Assistant I  
Letters, Arts & Science

William Gayhart  
Accountant I  
Accounting

Sandra Harness  
General Professional II  
Financial Aid

Joanne Hill  
General Professional III  
Disability Services

Linda Hobbs  
Administrative Assistant I  
CU-Net

Mary Jo Kraus  
Accountant I  
Accounting

Debbie Lapioli  
Administrative Assistant III  
School of Education

Drew Martorella  
Director  
Theatreworks

Sylvia Nolte  
Director, Teacher Education  
Program  
School of Education

Melissa Rowberg  
Assistant to Vice  
Chancellor  
Continuing Education

Teresa Strasner  
Library Technician II  
Library

Willis Turner  
Custodian I  
Custodial Services



Katherine Abeyta -  
25 years of service

## RETIREMENTS

### FACULTY

School of Education  
C. Gaylord Hendricks,  
professor of counseling and  
human services  
David Melendez, professor  
of education  
Jack Sherman, professor of  
education

### STAFF

College of Engineering and  
Applied Science  
Karen Clevenger, program  
assistant  
Brenda O'Hara,  
administrative assistant

### LIBRARY

Gloria Smotherman,  
general professional

### STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Jo Stanbrough,  
general professional

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omissions should be reported  
by calling 262-3372.

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great to reward staff for their hard work and dedication, especially when our workloads keep increasing," Jurgens said after receiving her award.

### LUNCHTIME ZIP OFFERS

**REST AURANT DISCOUNTS** The Zip, an express bus during lunch hours, provides transportation from CU-Colorado Springs to restaurants along the Garden of the Gods corridor. The ride costs 25 cents.

The bus travels between CU-Colorado Springs and Agilent Technologies, 1900 West Garden of the Gods Road. Four buses, two on each side of Austin Bluffs Parkway, operate between 10:45 and 1:45 p.m. There are 25 bus stops along the route with passenger

30 minutes. Discounts will provide lunchtime discounts for Zip riders. Antonio's (20 percent), The Hungry Farmer (20 cent on entrees), Peabee's (10 percent), Mollica's (10 percent), McDonald's (10 percent), Wendy's (10 percent) and Le Peep (10 percent).



### ALUMNI RELATIONS PLANS

**EVENTS** The CU-Colorado Springs Office of Alumni Relations is planning several activities for alumni and current students interested in alumni activities.

- Volunteers are needed for a phonathon to update alumni records. Call Marla Giarratano, director of alumni relations, 262-3046.
- To help students during finals, CU-Colorado Springs alumni provided cookies and soda from 7 - 9 p.m. May 10 in Columbine Hall.
- 1975 CU-Colorado Springs alumni reunion luncheon, 12 p.m. May 19, Penrose Club at the World Arena.
- Engineering Alumni reception 5 - 7 p.m. May 23 Engineering and Applied Science Building.
- SpringSpree 9 a.m.- 8 p.m., June XX,

downtown Colorado Springs. The university will have a booth featuring prizes and face painting. Volunteers needed to staff the booth.

- Sky Sox family night, 5:30 p.m. tailgate, 7 p.m. game, July 14, Sky Sox Park.
- Fall Fest. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Oct. 14. campus.

Contact Giarratano, 262-3046, or for more information, visit the alumni website at [www.uccs.onlinecommunity.com/](http://www.uccs.onlinecommunity.com/).

### STUDENT EMPLOYEE IS TOPS

Valeri Schaefer, internship coordinator, College of Engineering and Applied Science, was recently selected the 2000 National Student Employee of the Year.



Valeri Schaefer

Schaefer juggles 21 hours of classes each semester, works 20 or more hours per week, maintains a 3.7 grade point average and manages to raise two small children as a single mom.

Schaefer is an English major who will attend the Graduate School of Public Affairs in the fall.

In her role as internship coordinator, she reorganized the program, computerized both student and employer files, increased the number of new internship applicants, number of employers participating and the number of students placed.

**The next issue of *Communique* will appear in August. During the summer, *University Relations* will be improving *Communique*. To submit ideas, please contact Tom Hutton, director of university relations, at [thutton@mail.uccs.edu](mailto:thutton@mail.uccs.edu) or at 262-3439.**

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school graduation — Kelly earned a bachelor's degree in political science and considered her goal accomplished.

After a brief stint working for Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, Ga., and rubbing shoulders with former President Jimmy Carter, Kelly realized she was neither finished with learning nor giving back to the community.

"I told Jim Null (professor of political science) that if I were 10 years younger, I'd enroll in his American Studies program," Kelly recently recalled. "He told me he didn't think my age was a problem and encouraged me to enroll. So, I did."

Kelly credits Null and John Miller, former director of the American Studies program, for providing encouragement along the way. For three semesters, she drove from Greeley to Colorado Springs to attend classes where she sat with students who were one-half her age.

"We got along great," Kelly says of her fellow students. "We had a common goal, attaining the American Studies degree."

This spring, Kelly completed her thesis, the final requirement for her master's degree in American Studies, and became the University's oldest master's degree recipient. She chose a topic she knew from experience, an analysis of American attitudes about women who change careers at a mature age. Times have changed, Kelly notes, and generally for the better for women.

So, what's next for the former Iowan whose family was too poor to send her to college?

She hopes to make use of the degree. After taking a few months off, she hopes to teach American Studies, possibly at a community college.

"I'd like to continue to be an inspiration for others especially for life-time learning," Kelly said. ☺