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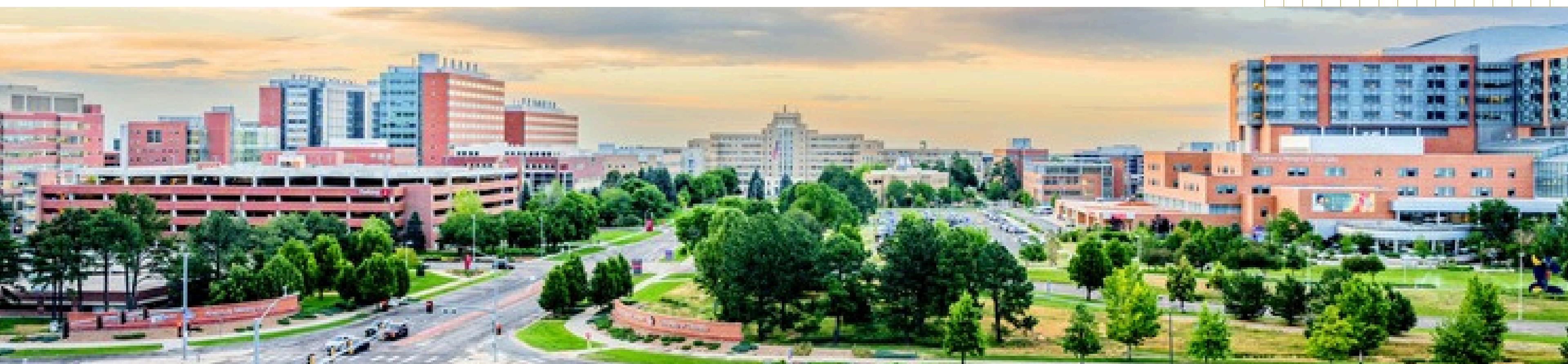




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# AGENDA

// New Leadership & Faculty Recognition

// Clinical Care, Research, Education, & Community

// Our Focus

// Priorities, Successes, & Initiatives

// 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

**4.7M**

Patient Visits

**10K+**

Med School Applicants

**6K+**

Faculty Members

**#3**

Ranked Child Health Associate /  
Physician Assistant Program

**\$223M**

In Philanthropic Support

**TOP 5**

Children's Hospital With 5  
Specialties in the Top 10



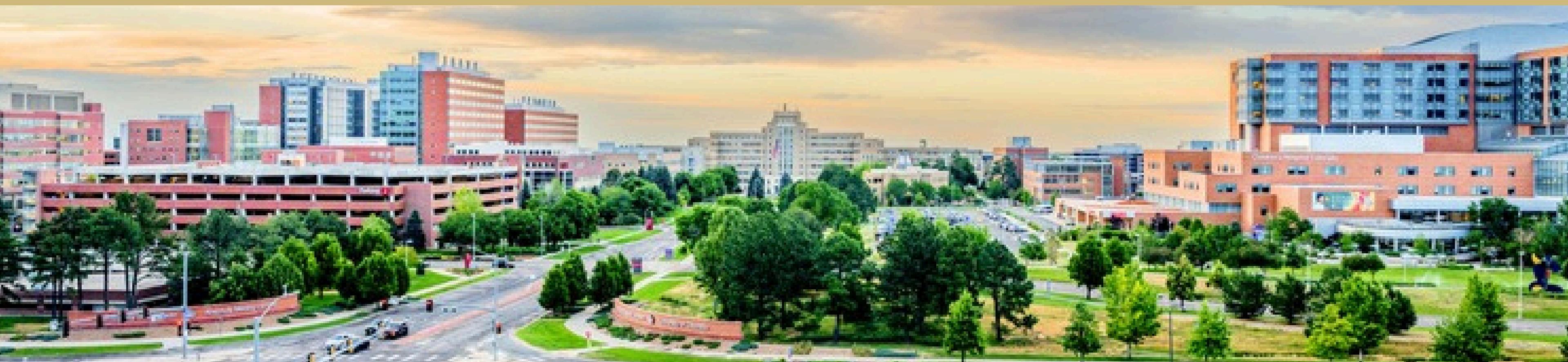
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# ***NEW LEADERSHIP & FACULTY RECOGNITION***



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// NEW LEADERSHIP

## **Vineet Chopra, MD**

Executive Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, Quality, and Research



## **Shanta Zimmer, MD**

Executive Vice Dean for Education



## **Naresh Mandava, MD**

Senior Associate Dean for Strategic Advancement



## **Leslie Berg, PhD**

Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Research



## **Adit Ginde, MD**

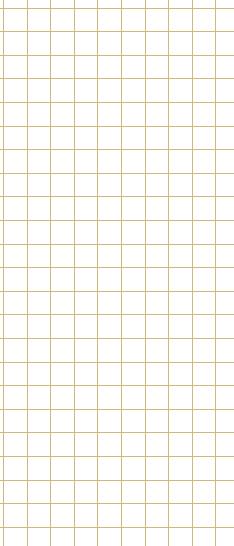
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research



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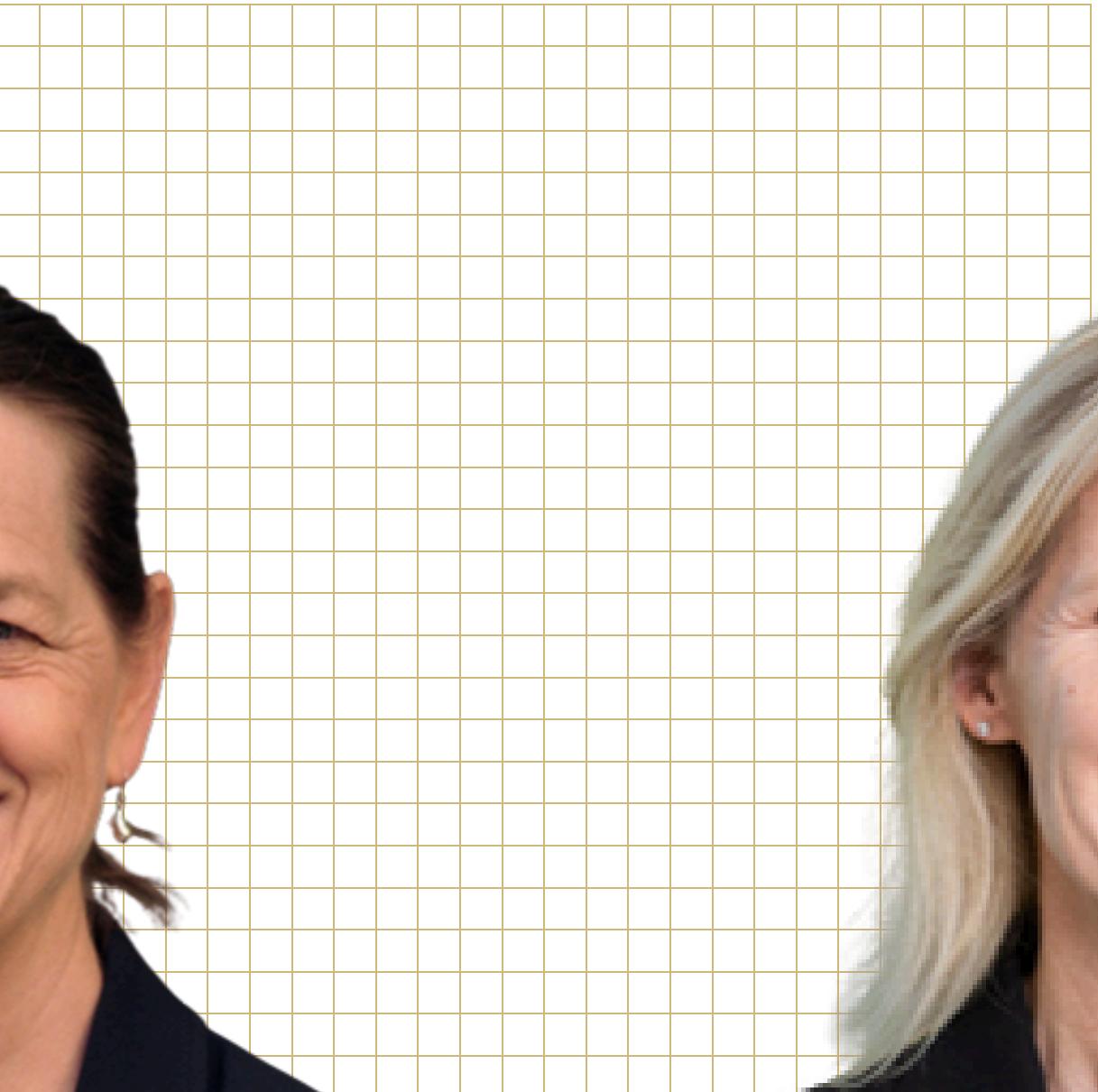
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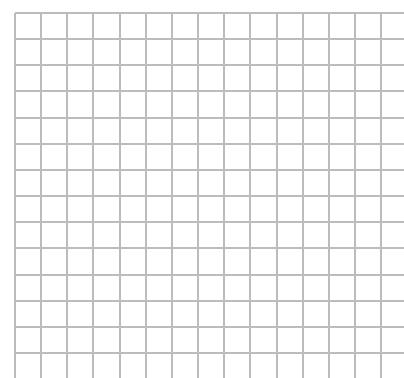
**Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD**

*Interim Senior Associate Dean  
for Faculty Affairs*



**Lotte Dyrbye, MD**

*Senior Associate Dean for  
Faculty Well-Being*



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**Saketh Guntupalli, MD**

*Chair, Department of  
Obstetrics and Gynecology*



**Vik Bebarta, MD**

*Chair, Department of  
Emergency Medicine*



**Peter E. Fecci, MD**

*Chair, Department of  
Neurosurgery*



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**Robert McIntyre, MD**

*Interim Chair, Department of  
Surgery*



**James DeGregori, PhD**

*Interim Director, CU Cancer Center*

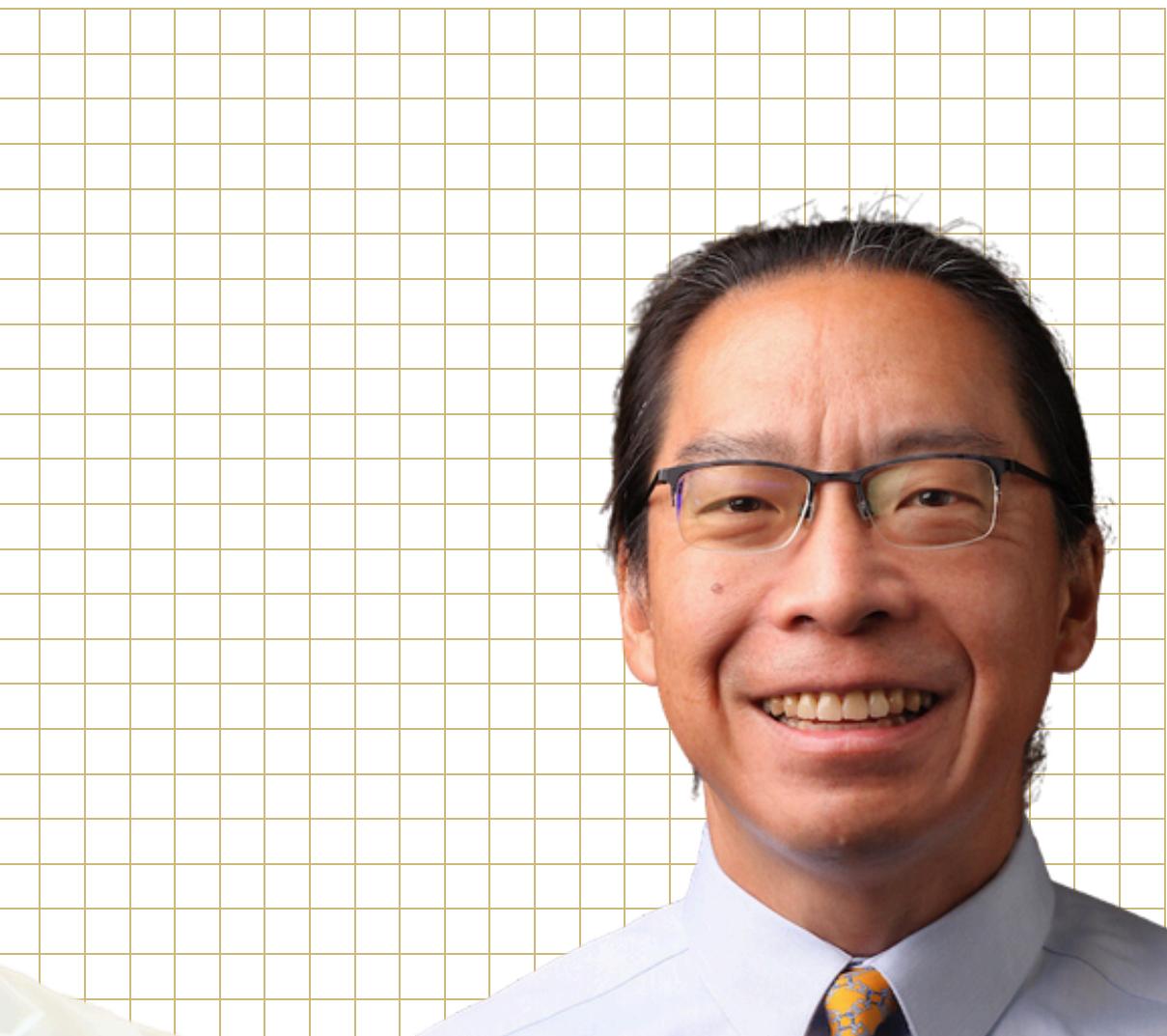
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**David Schwartz, MD**

Associate Dean for  
Translational Science



**Patrick J. Hu, MD**

Associate Dean of Medical Education  
and Director of the Medical Scientist  
Training Program

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## // FACULTY RECOGNITION

### **Neill Epperson, MD**

Chair, Department of Psychiatry  
National Academy of Medicine  
New Member



### **Richard Krugman, MD**

Former Dean  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Health Policy Fellows Program  
Lifetime Achievement Award



### **Ron Sokol, MD**

Chief Scientific Officer, Child Health  
Lifetime Achievement Award by the  
American Liver Foundation



### **Marc Moss, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Honored as a Distinguished  
Professor by the  
University of Colorado



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## // FACULTY RECOGNITION

### ***Kristina Wilson, MD***

Associate Professor of Clinical  
Practice in Orthopedics  
National Academy of Medicine's State  
Health Policy Fellowship



### ***Kristi Kuhn, MD***

Professor of Medicine  
Presidential Early Career Award for  
Scientists and Engineers

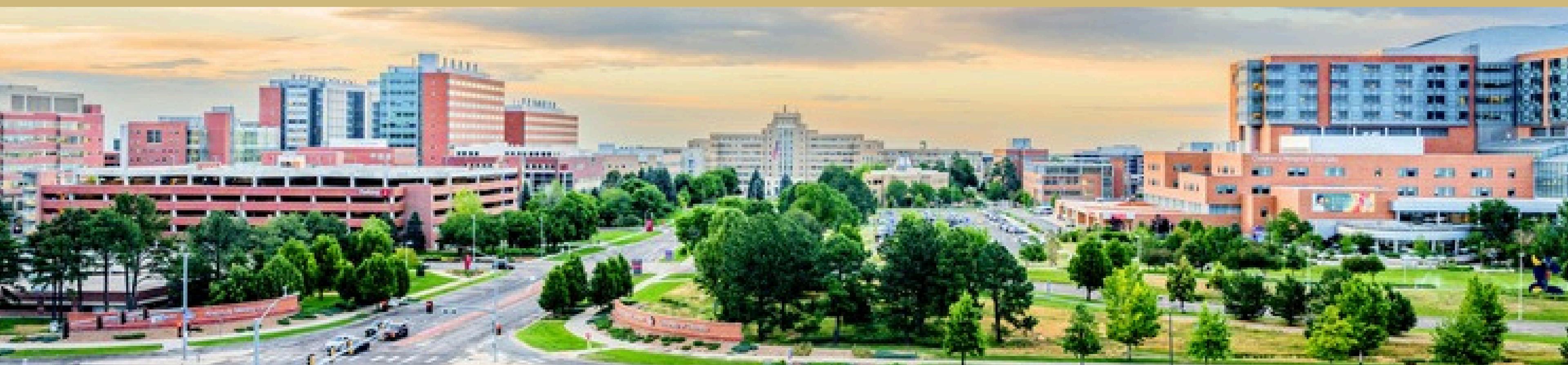


### ***Catherine Musselman, PhD***

Associate Professor of Biochemistry  
and Molecular Genetics  
Presidential Early Career Award for  
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# CLINICAL CARE





## // BY THE NUMBERS



Children's Hospital Colorado

*No. 1 in Colorado &  
Top 5 Nationally*

uchealth

*No. 1 in Colorado & 4  
Specialties Nationally Ranked*



DENVER  
HEALTH  
est. 1860  
FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY

*No.1 Hospital in Colorado  
for Social Responsibility*

VA



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

*Comprehensive Care  
for Veterans*



National Jewish  
Health  
Breathing Science is Life.

*Leader in  
Respiratory Care*



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## *Eddie Vedder Documentary Elevates a CU Pediatrician's Clinical Focus*

*Jamie Feinstein, MD, professor of pediatrics, appeared in the new film focused on finding a cure for epidermolysis bullosa.*

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## *CU Surgeon Removes Bladder Cancer from Coach Prime*

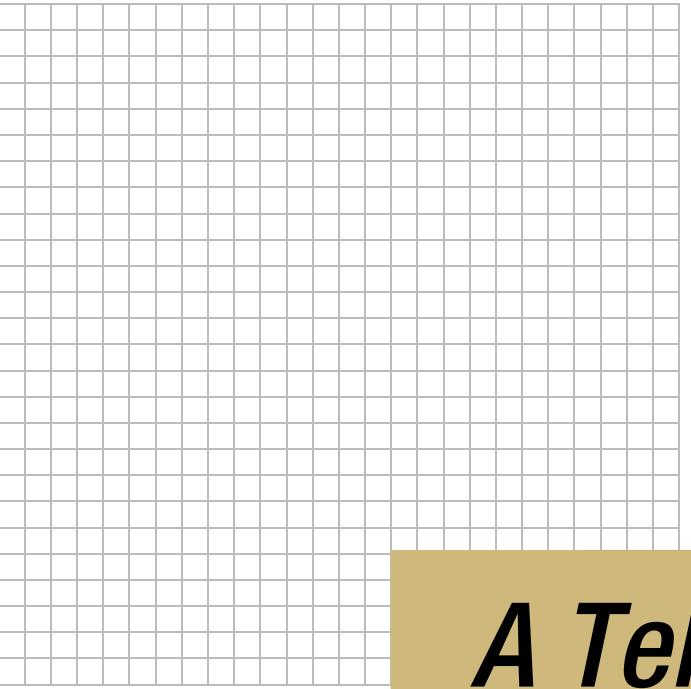
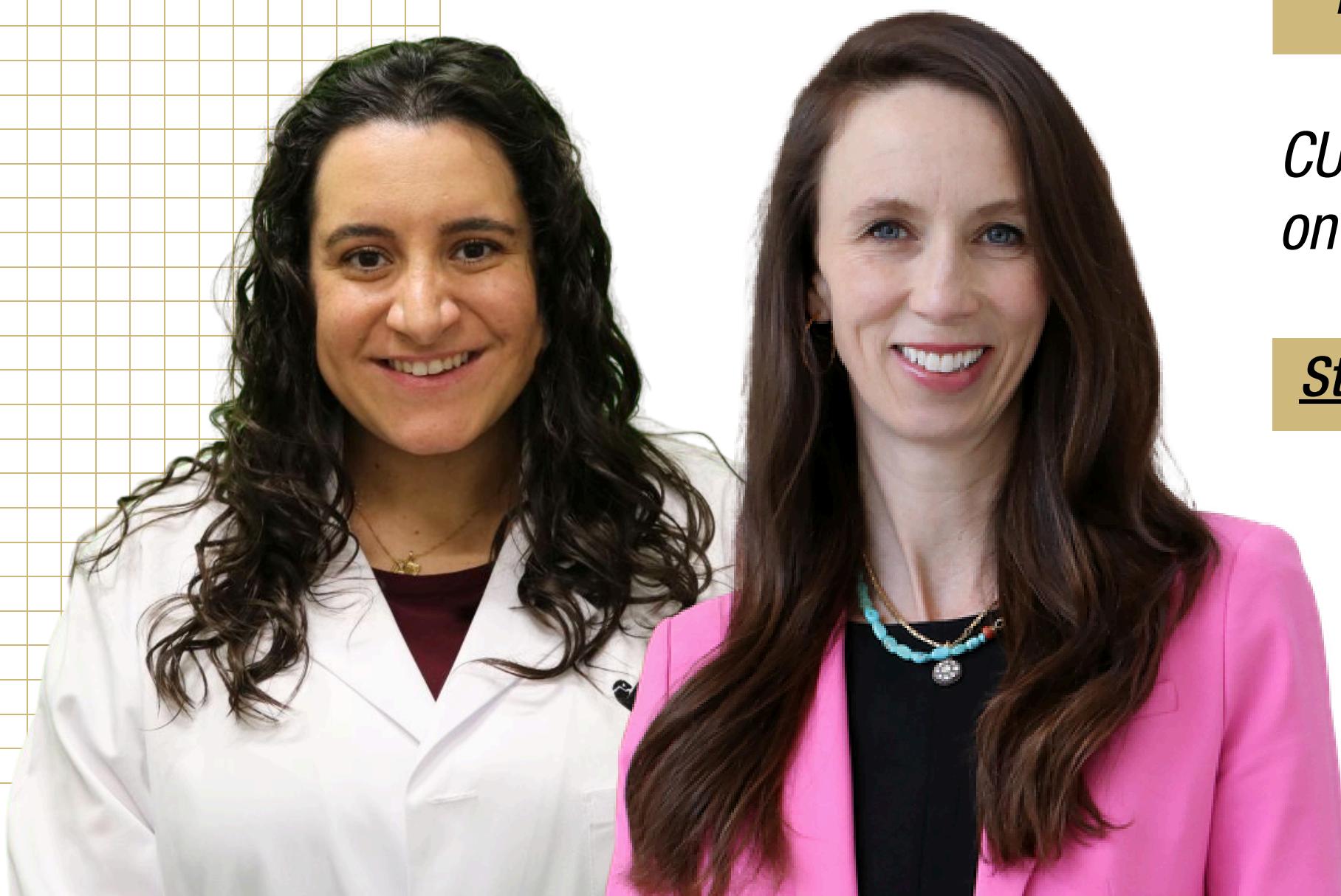
*Facing a 'very high-risk' tumor, Hall of Famer received top care, including a new bladder, from Janet Kukreja, MD, and CU Cancer Center team.*

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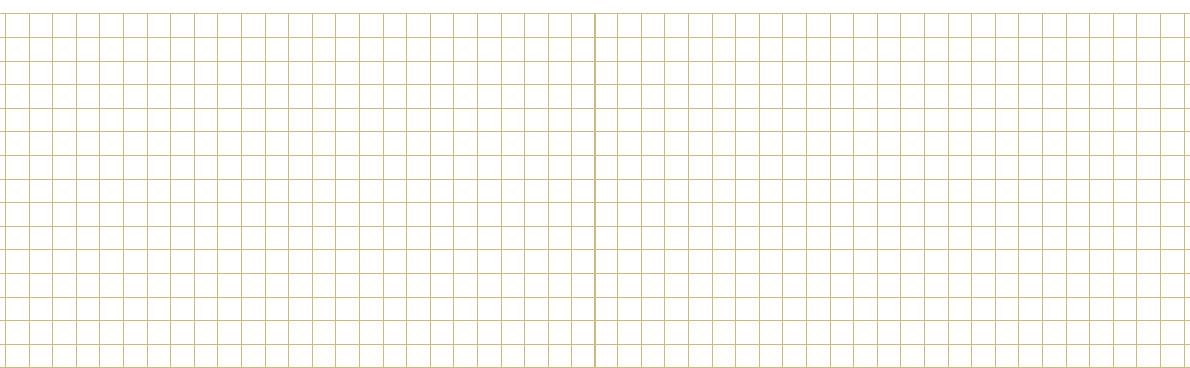


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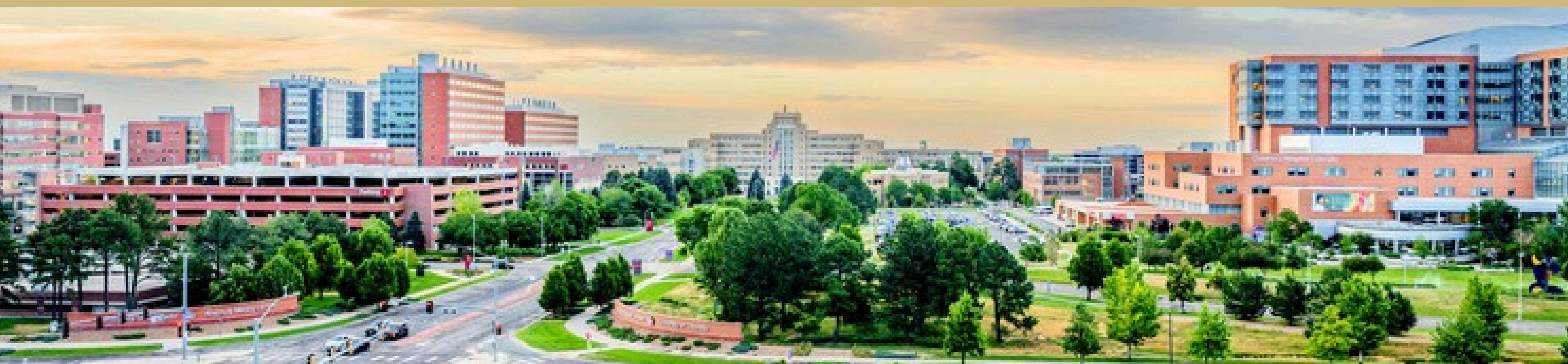
## *A Telehealth Program Expands Vital Medical Services in Denver Schools*

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*CU School of Medicine faculty and Denver Health partnered on an initiative to supplement school-based clinics.*



# RESEARCH





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**\$655M**

Total Awards in FY25

**\$276M**

Total NIH Awards

**1280**

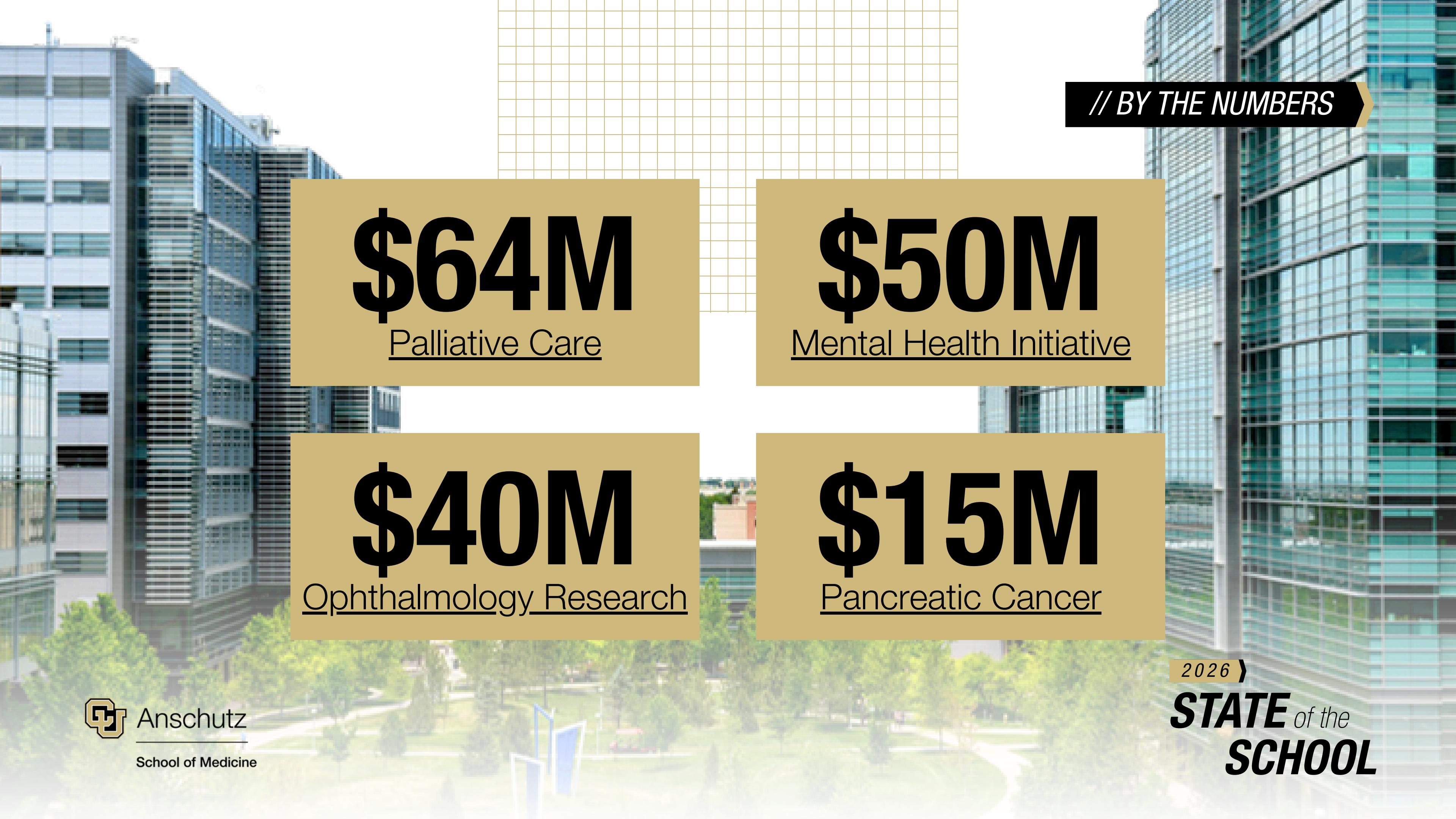
New Clinical Trials in FY25

// BY THE NUMBERS

# #5

for Research Hospitals  
in Health Sciences





// BY THE NUMBERS

**\$64M**

Palliative Care

**\$50M**

Mental Health Initiative

**\$40M**

Ophthalmology Research

**\$15M**

Pancreatic Cancer

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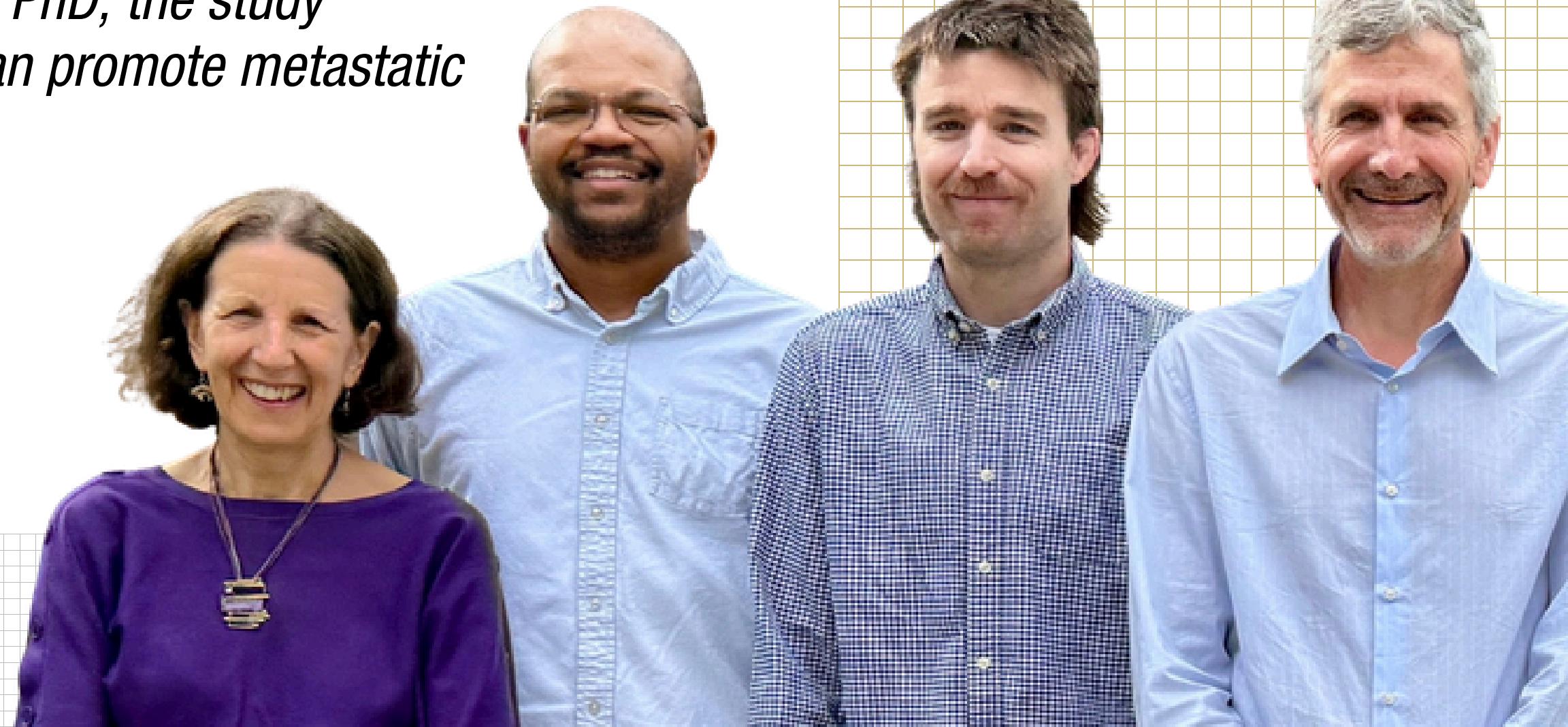
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## *Research Shows That COVID-19 Infection Can Awaken Dormant Cancer Cells*

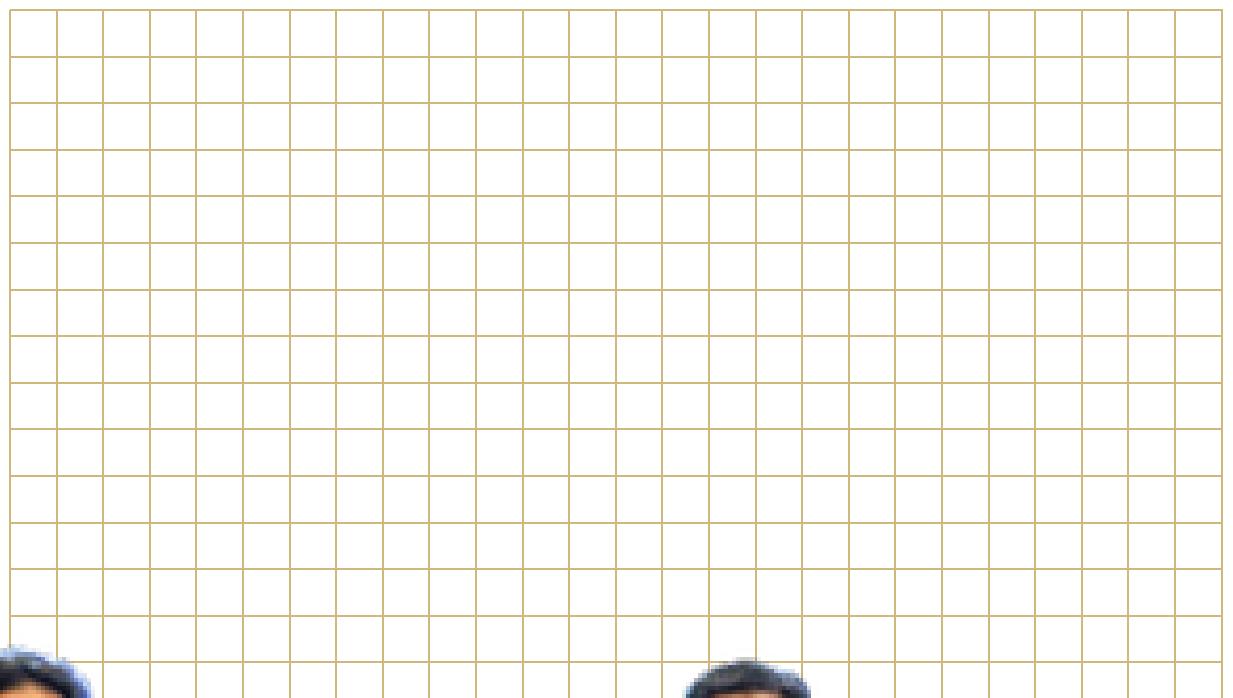
*Led by Interim Director James DeGregori, PhD, the study showed that respiratory viral infections can promote metastatic progression in cancer survivors.*

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## *Breakthroughs in Trauma, Traumatic Brain Injury and PTSD Care*

*Lecture series explored how COMBAT Research accelerates innovation from battlefield to bedside.*

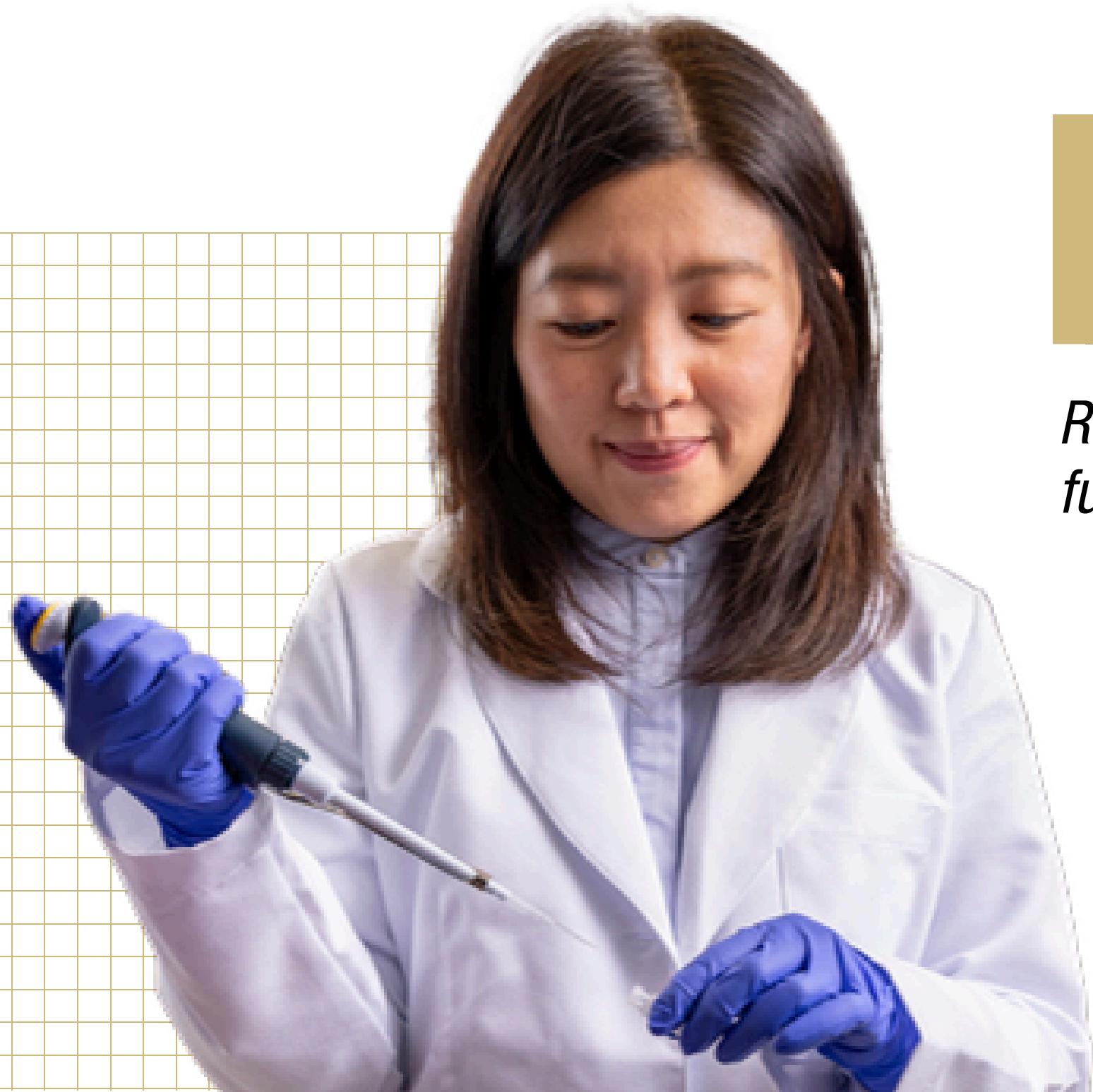
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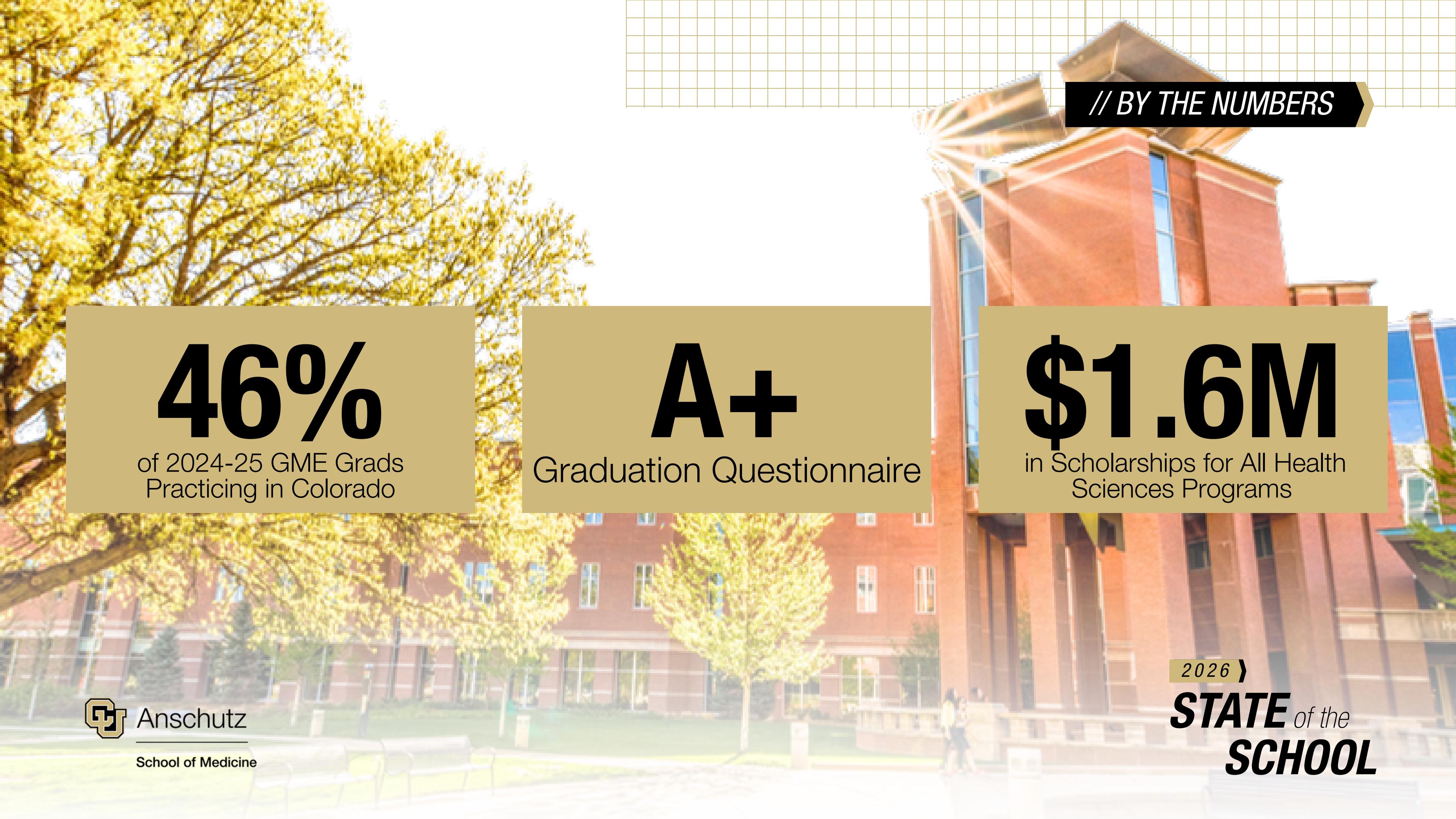


## *Departments Pledged \$12M to Support Researchers*

*Researchers across nine departments received support funding amid disruptions for the School of Medicine.*

# EDUCATION





// BY THE NUMBERS

**46%**

of 2024-25 GME Grads  
Practicing in Colorado

**A+**

Graduation Questionnaire

**\$1.6M**

in Scholarships for All Health  
Sciences Programs

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## *School of Medicine Receives Full Accreditation from LCME*

*Dr. Shanta Zimmer, Dr. Bonnie Kaplan, and Kristen Hyden successfully led the team through the full accreditation process.*

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## *Simulation Gives Medical Students an Early Introduction to the Operating Room*

*Anna Neumeier, MD, helped to design and run the two-day exercise at the Center for Advancing Professional Excellence.*

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## *Pediatrics Postdoc Named 2025 Pew Latin American Fellow*

*Marycruz Flores-Flores, PhD, received two years of funding to conduct research in the U.S., with additional funding when she returns to Latin America.*

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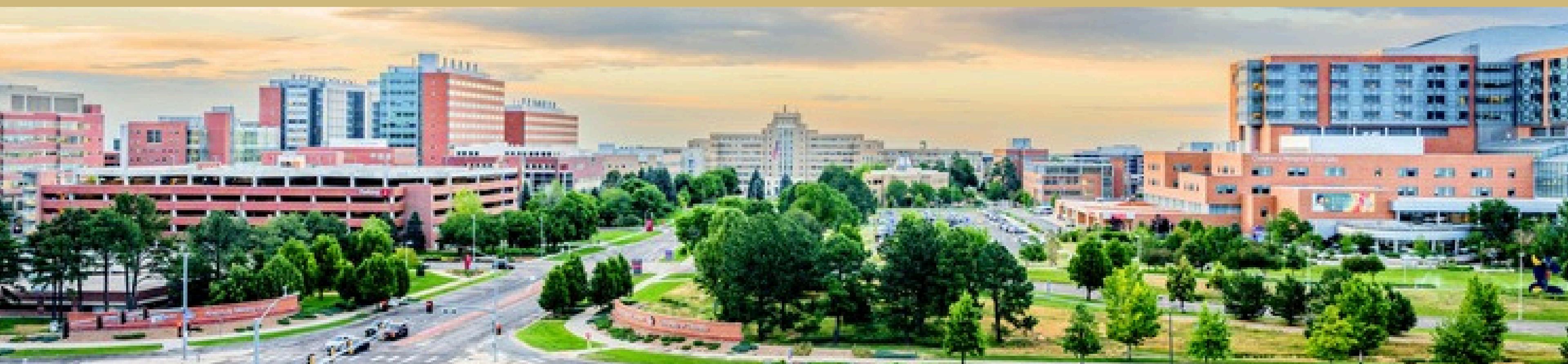
## *Inaugural Class of Med Students from Ft. Collins Branch Celebrate Graduation*

*The cohort of graduates marked the  
first from a groundbreaking  
collaboration between CU and CSU.*

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# COMMUNITY





// BY THE NUMBERS

**1.1K+**

Clinicians & Others Trained by  
CU Through ECHO Colorado

**23K+**

Unique Medicaid Patients  
Received Behavioral Health Care

**\$1 M**

Joanna Sakata Family  
Rural Health Endowment

**100+**

Community Health Programs  
Supported in Colorado



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## *Bringing Science Under the Gold Dome of the Colorado Capitol*

*Young researchers from the School of Medicine and others showcased their work at the event.*

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# OUR FOCUS



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**FEDERAL  
TRANSITION**



**RESEARCH  
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**CARE  
QUALITY**



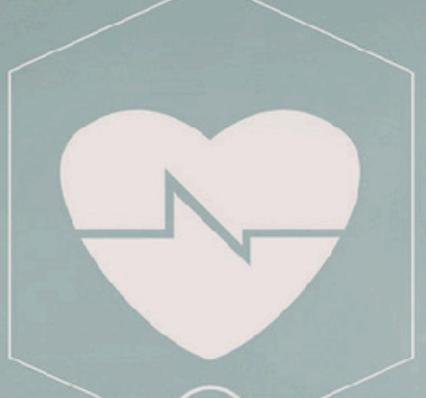
**AUGMENTED  
INTELLIGENCE**



**WELL-  
BEING**

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*Declined Over the  
Past 18 Months*



**BURNOUT  
DECLINED**

**PROFESSIONAL  
FULFILLMENT  
IMPROVED**



*Improved Over the  
Past 18 Months*

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**Top Quartile Ranking**  
in Vizient Quality & Accountability

**Best Performance** in Six Years

**Ranked No. 27** Out of 118  
Academic Medical Centers



**Ranked in Top 5** for  
Value-Based Care

*Central Line Infections* **Reduced by 28%**

Achieved a  
**CLABSI Bundle Compliance of 95.6%**



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**SUCCESSES & WHAT'S NEXT**

// PRIORITIES & INITIATIVES

**TOP 10  
IN 10**





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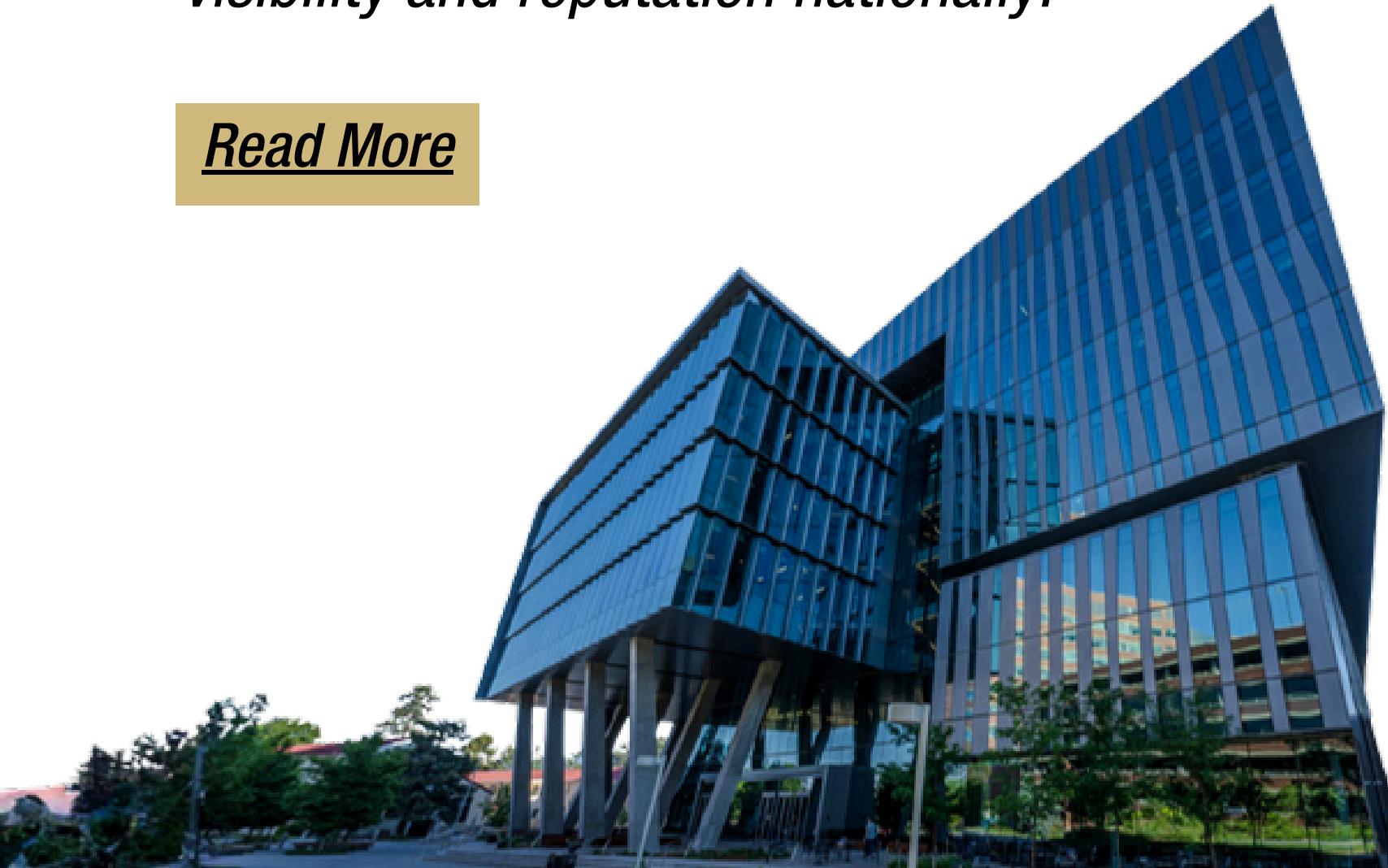
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*Launched a Brand Alignment Initiative to elevate our visibility and reputation nationally.*

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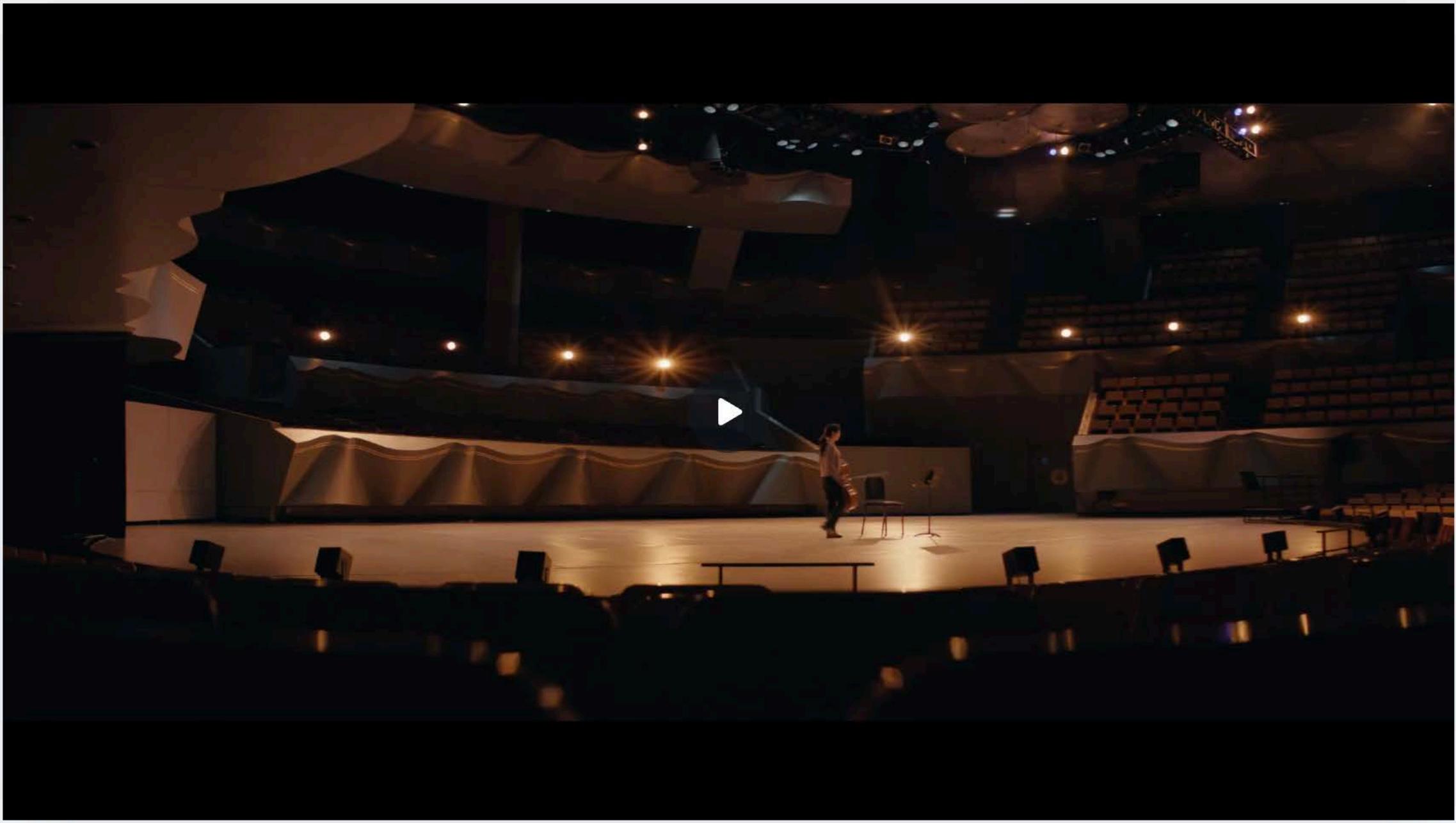


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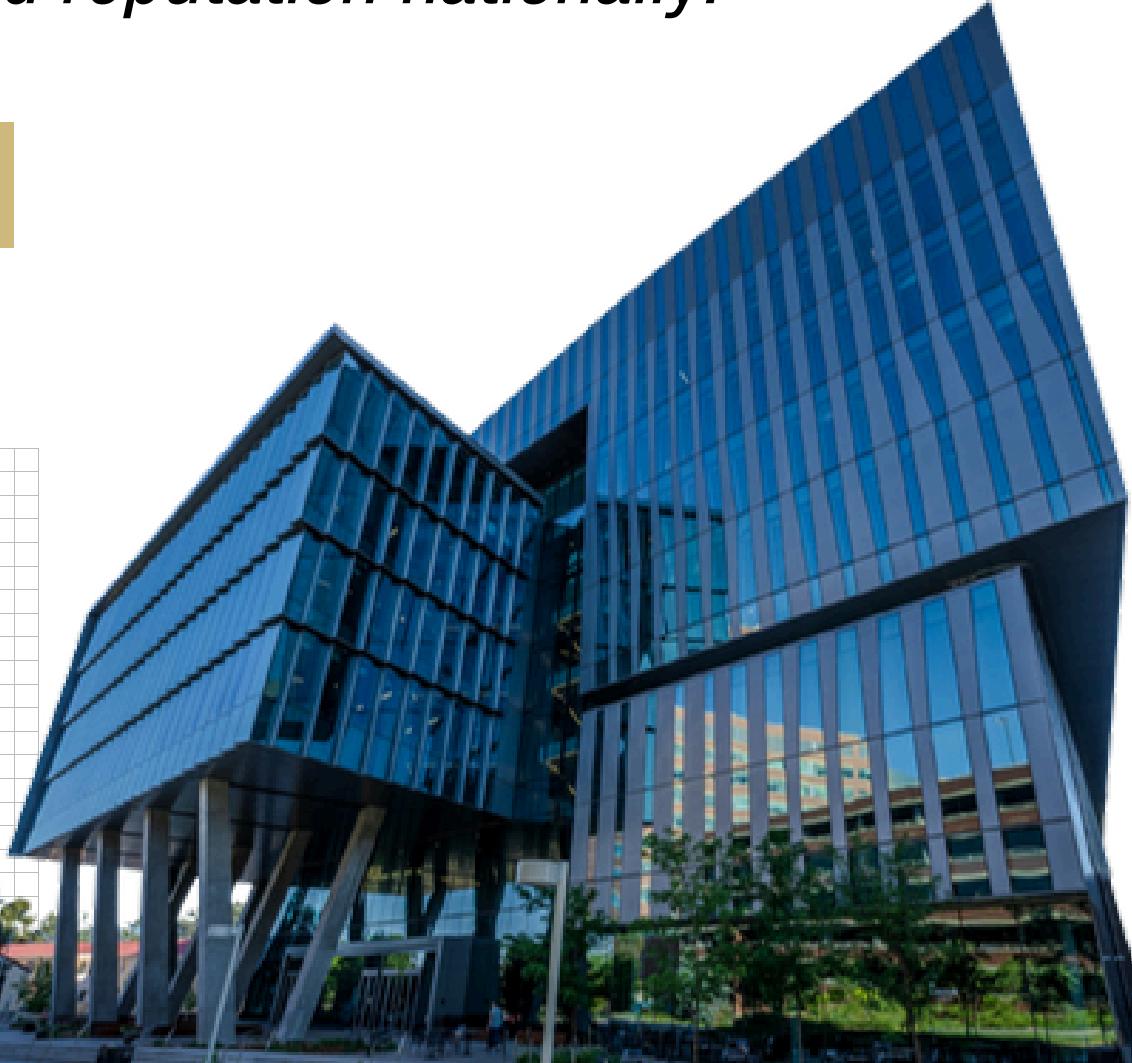
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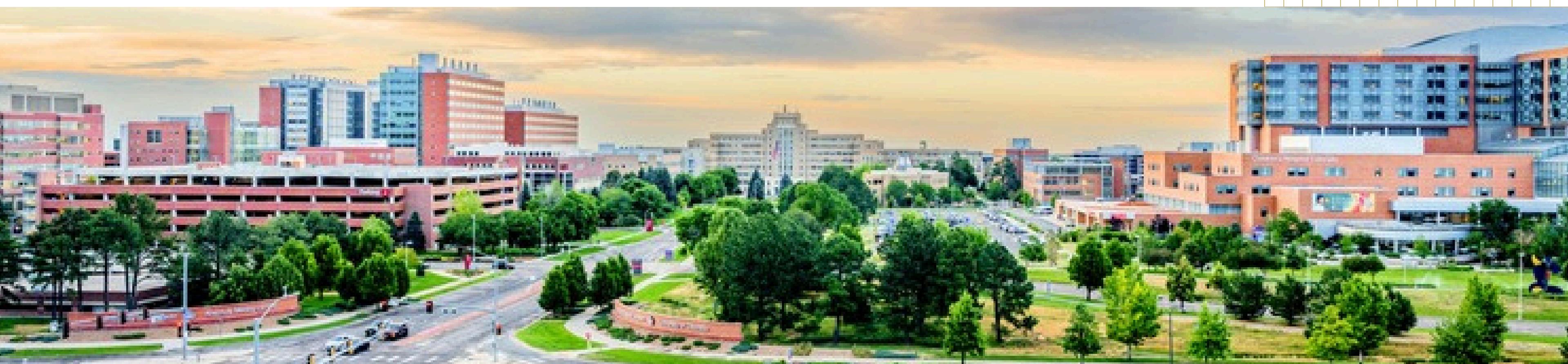
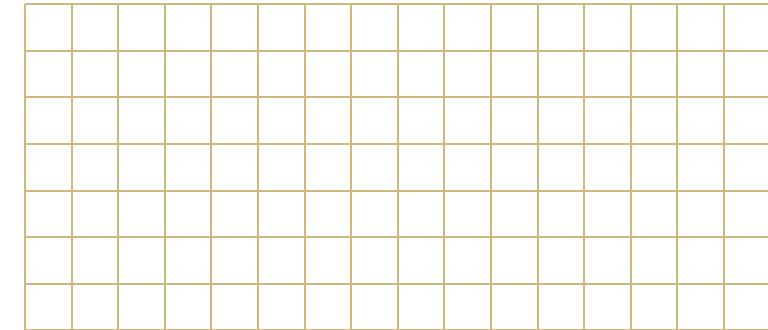


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