



Updates, Announcements, and Events from Partner Organizations



NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

- Please see the accompanying slideshow for an update on the National Western Stock Show.

NATIONAL WESTERN AUTHORITY

- **Board committee.** The Community Benefits Committee of the National Western Center Authority Board of Directors will pursue a variety of community partnership opportunities and has begun meeting with community groups and representatives. The meetings are open to the public.
- **New Markets Accelerator.** The National Western Center, in partnership with the Colorado Farm and Food Systems Response Team, is launching a pilot program to provide business support to small- and mid-sized farmers, ranchers, and intermediaries across Colorado seeking to sell into emerging market channels. Those channels could include online sales, food assistance programs or other direct-to-consumer outlets. Beginning in February, the New Markets Accelerator is a two-month, intensive, cohort-based learning and mentorship experience for 8-10 participants who want support in pivoting their business model. The Accelerator will provide free consulting — including technical support — as well as access to a network of regional mentors in food and agriculture.
- **GES-focused newsletter.** The National Western Center launched a GES-focused email newsletter, in English and Spanish, focused on community partnerships, emerging programs and events, jobs, and ways to get involved with future phases of the redevelopment. CAC members are subscribed.

- **Volunteering.** Some National Western Center staff members have been lending a hand with GES food box distributions and ESL classes in 2020-2021.

NATIONAL WESTERN CONSTRUCTION

- Please [click here](#) to read more about the completion of the new rail corridor at the National Western Center.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- CSU Spur will host the first Topping Out ceremony on the Vida building (opening Jan. 2022) on Feb. 18th.
 - Sign up to sign the beam and/or for a tour of the site (during the first week of February, or other times upon request) at <https://www.csuspur.org/vida-topping-out/>; livestream timing will be sent out to registrants and posted on social media.
- The CSU Spur Scholarship will launch this fall for incoming freshmen students from 80216 enrolled at any of the CSU System institutions: CSU, CSU Pueblo, CSU Global.
 - The scholarship is up to \$2500/year for eligible students; learn more at <https://www.csuspur.org/scholarship/>
- The Youth Action Team, an effort to bring together National Western Center partner organizations and connect youth in a meaningful way to the project, will begin its second cohort in the coming months.
 - The students developed shadow day programs in late 2020
 - CSU System will welcome student interns in Spring 2021
- Continue to watch construction progress on all three CSU Spur buildings at <https://www.csuspur.org/construction/>
 - A new updated webpage for each of the three buildings is available at CSU Spur's website:
 - Hydro: <https://www.csuspur.org/hydro/>
 - Vida: <https://www.csuspur.org/vida/>
 - Terra: <https://www.csuspur.org/terra/>
- The CSU Spur Education Director will begin Feb. 8. We look forward to introducing her!
- CSU is also hiring a General/Facilities Manager position, and we will share this posting with the CAC as soon as it's ready--we'd welcome your help in distributing to interested people!

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

NWC and Community Partnership:

- DMNS, CSU and History Colorado partnered with National Western Stock Show for a **virtual scavenger hunt** this year. Check out the video (<http://ow.ly/d1Bt50DgqdQ>) to host your own scavenger hunt and post photos at #NationalWesternatHome.

Opportunities and Events with DMNS

- Visit us at www.dmns.org to learn more about the events below.
 - **Teen Science Scholar applications now open** – paid internships now open for students entering their junior or senior year of high school. This is a hands-on summer internship with DMNS Science Division staff. Applications due by Sunday, March 14, 2021, for more information visit <https://www.dmns.org/about/internships/>. Please share with your networks.
 - **Special Exhibitions:**
 - *SUE: The T. rex Experience* opens on February 12 to the general public
 - *Space Odyssey Reimagined* is open with new experiences, activities, and exhibits
 - **SCFD Community Free Day – Darwin Day!** on Monday, February 8.
 - *The Institute for Science & Policy* hosts a free, ongoing, **virtual series on COVID-19** and a series on **the Future of Energy**. Visit <https://institute.dmns.org/events/> to sign up and watch past webinars at no cost.
 - In support of the amazing work educators are doing this year, the Museum is offering **more scholarship support for ExciteEd programs**. Through the end of this school year, all schools qualify for a minimum of 50% off programs offered virtually, sent to your school, or at the Museum. To claim the 50% scholarship, enter DMNS50 at check-out when booking online at www.learning.dmns.org or call us. If your school has a Free or Reduced Lunch rate of 50% or higher, call 303.370.6000 to access a 100% scholarship.
 - March 2021 - Seventh Annual **Girls & Science!** We've moved online for 2021, sign up only once for all virtual programming at <https://www.dmns.org/girls-science/>.

HISTORY COLORADO

- There are no updates from History Colorado.