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TO OUR GRADUATES THANK YOU

It is with deep gratitude and joy that we congratulate each Colorado Mountain College graduate on such a tremendous achievement. We are thrilled for you, proud of you, and hope and know you will continue to discover your own unique journey through learning, teaching, doing, and celebrating along the way. Thank you for inviting us to be a part of that journey. It has been our honor.

~Colorado Mountain College Faculty & Staff, Leadville Campus

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

LUIS BENITEZ

Luis Benitez began his career at Colorado Outward Bound School and progressed to serve as the COO and director of operations for Adventure Consultants, a New Zealand-based global expedition firm leading trips on Mt. Everest. He has reported from Mt. Everest for ABC-TV News and has filmed segments for National Geographic on Mt. Everest.



Luis went on to help found the internal university for Vail Resorts, focusing on leadership development for every level of employee. He also helped to create the nonprofit Trekking For Kids, which focuses on service-based expeditions allowing participants to climb and trek while teaching them about local issues, such as housing and healthcare for disadvantaged youth around the world. Luis was also a founding partner for Warriors to Summits, a nonprofit which focuses on serving returning veterans by connecting them with the outdoors and served as council member for the Town of Eagle, CO.

Throughout all of this, Luis has served as an adjunct professor in Ecuador and Chile for the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Most recently, Luis was appointed to be the first executive director of the Outdoor Recreation Industry Officer for the State of Colorado, a position he held with distinction from 2015 to just this spring, when he accepted a position with VF Corporation as vice president of government affairs and global impact. VF Corporation is the multi-billion-dollar owner of brands such as The North Face, SmartWool and Eagle Creek.

Luis holds a professional guide accreditation from The Ecuadorian Association of Mountain Guides (ASEGUIM) in Ecuador and an executive Masters in Business Administration from the University of Denver with an emphasis certification on behavioral sciences and public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

ABOUT

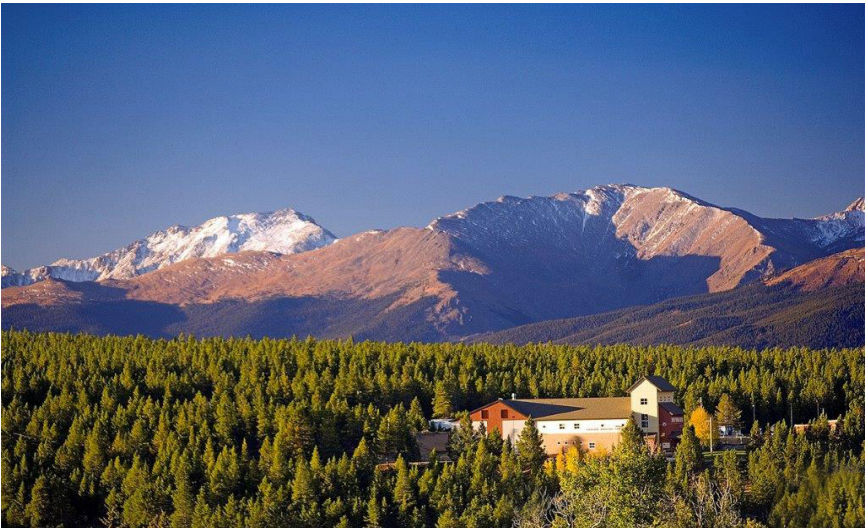
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The longstanding investment from our communities allows us to keep our quality high, our tuition affordable and our access wide open. Our 11 mountain locations in central Colorado enable big-school opportunities in small, personal settings. Our unusually strong local partnerships create rich experiences for real-world learning and careers. The result is proven student success that makes Colorado Mountain College a choice that is uniquely smart.

Colorado Mountain College (CMC) is a local college district established in 1965. The district and service area cover 12,000 square miles in all or part of nine counties. CMC offers 77 certificates, 54 associate degrees and five bachelor's degrees.

Colorado Mountain College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). It is governed by a board of seven, locally elected trustees.

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PATRICIA CHLOUBER

Patricia Chlouber received a Bachelor of Science from Oklahoma Baptist University and a Master of Arts from the University of Colorado. She taught reading at the elementary level and served nine years on the Lake County School Board. In 1996, Patricia was elected from the 3rd Congressional District as a member of the Colorado State Board of Education and served five years.

From 2001 to 2009 she worked for the U.S. Department of Education as the secretary's regional representative, appointed by the George W. Bush administration, working with six states including North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, and Colorado.

Patricia served on the Colorado Charter School Institute Board of Directors, to which she was appointed by Colorado Governor Hickenlooper from 2011 to 2016. She was elected in 2011 and 2015 as the trustee for Colorado Mountain College representing the Lake County area, and serves as the board secretary.

Patricia and her husband, Ken, live in Leadville. Ken is a Colorado state senator (retired) and the founder of the Leadville Race Series and the Leadville Legacy Foundation.

Patricia will conclude her service with the Colorado Mountain College Board of Trustees in November, 2019.

Thank you, Pat, for your dedicated service to the Leadville Campus and community, as well as to Colorado Mountain College.



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