



Breakthrough News and Views



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The Start of Something New

Every so often, there comes a moment when you realize a community is entering a new era. I believe Fitzsimons is at that moment.

Companies are choosing this campus because they believe in what we're building. Partners are investing in our future. Together, we're creating an environment where entrepreneurs, researchers, healthcare leaders and innovators have the resources and relationships they need to move ideas from discovery to real-world impact.



That confidence is something I think about (and appreciate) daily.

I was honored this month to be named to the *Denver Business Journal's* Power Book Class of 2026. While I appreciate the recognition, I see it as a reflection of the extraordinary work happening across this campus and the trust so many companies and organizations have placed in Fitzsimons. That trust comes with a responsibility to keep strengthening this community and ensuring it remains a place where innovation can thrive.

Over the past month, we've seen the future taking shape in many ways. We've welcomed new companies to our community. You've shared your ideas for a public art installation that will become part of the campus for years to come. Now, you're helping give personality to our shared spaces by voting on parking lot names. We gathered at our Summer BBQ to strengthen relationships, and we joined the dedication of the Korean War Memorial, honoring the history that continues to shape who we are as a connected campus.

Each of those moments is proof that a great innovation community isn't defined only by its laboratories, buildings or infrastructure, but by the people who choose to invest their ideas, their businesses and their futures in a place they believe will help them succeed.

That is the opportunity in front of us. As Fitzsimons enters this next era and our **Master Plan** continues to take shape, I remain committed to creating the conditions that help every company,

researcher and partner succeed. When you succeed, Colorado succeeds, and together we create solutions that improve lives far beyond our campus.

Kelly Jean Brough

President & CEO

Fitzsimons Innovation Community

Innovation Spotlight: Laura White, Andon Bio

National Fellowship Spotlights Andon Bio's Breakthrough Innovation with Prestigious Activate Fellowship

Andon Bio, a Fitzsimons Innovation Community member company located in Bioscience 1, is celebrating a major milestone as CEO and co-founder Laura White has been selected as an Activate Fellow in Cohort 2026.



The highly competitive fellowship supports scientist-entrepreneurs who are translating breakthrough research into technologies with the potential to address significant global challenges. White joins one of just 50 fellows selected this year from across the country.

A spinout of the University of Colorado School of Medicine's RNA Bioscience Initiative, Andon Bio is developing technology that makes protein production more predictable by measuring the cell's underlying protein production machinery. By replacing trial and error with direct molecular measurements, the company's platform has the potential to help researchers and biomanufacturers improve protein expression, accelerate development timelines and reduce manufacturing costs for biologics and other protein-based products.

White, who co-invented the company's core aa-tRNA-seq technology during her doctoral research, leads Andon Bio's efforts to bring this innovation from the laboratory to commercial application. Her selection as an Activate Fellow recognizes both the scientific promise of the company's work and its potential to advance the future of biotechnology.

We congratulate Laura and the entire Andon Bio team on this well-deserved achievement and are proud to have them as part of the Fitzsimons Innovation Community.

[Learn More](#)

Have a win to share? [Email us](#) your updates and milestones – we'd love to highlight your work.

Help Shape the Future of Fitzsimons Parking

Help Shape the Future of Fitzsimons Innovation Community



The Science Behind Our New Parking Names: **We Need Your Help**

Beginning Sept. 1, Fitzsimons Innovation Community will transition to the Metropolis parking management system, creating a more seamless parking experience for tenants and visitors. In the coming weeks, we'll share additional information about the transition, including registration details, on-site assistance, parking rates and key dates to help everyone prepare.

As part of this exciting change, we're also introducing a new naming system for campus parking areas. Rather than traditional lot numbers, parking areas will feature science-inspired names that celebrate the innovation, discovery and life sciences ecosystem that make Fitzsimons unique. Finalists include names such as Helix, Genome, Catalyst, Sequence and Nucleus, inspired by the research and breakthroughs happening across our campus every day.

Now we need your help. Review the finalist names and cast your vote to help select the names that will become part of the Fitzsimons campus experience for years to come.

[Vote Now](#)

Voting closes August 15. Results will be announced before the September 1 Metropolis parking transition.

Building Stronger Connections Across Campus

Summer BBQ Brings the Community Together

Despite the summer heat, this year's Fitzsimons Innovation Community Summer BBQ and E-Recycling Event brought together tenants, partners and community leaders for an afternoon of networking, collaboration and sustainability.

Representatives from the City of Aurora, Aurora Economic Development Council, AURA, Thermo Fisher Scientific, the Colorado BioScience Association (CBSA) and many other partners joined members of the Fitzsimons community to build relationships that help strengthen Colorado's life sciences ecosystem.



Discover the Benefits of CBSA: Making the Most of New Connections

One highlight of the event was the opportunity to connect with the **Colorado BioScience Association**, which shared resources designed to help life sciences companies grow and preserve capital.

Eligible early-stage companies can receive two years of complimentary CBSA membership, providing access to networking opportunities, advocacy, workforce resources, commercialization support and exclusive member savings, including significant discounts on laboratory supplies and equipment through Fisher Scientific. Over the past two years alone, participating CBSA members have saved \$16.3 million through the Fisher Scientific Member Savings Program.

If you weren't able to attend the BBQ, you can still learn more about CBSA membership opportunities, the Fisher Scientific Member Savings Program and additional resources available to the Fitzsimons community by visiting the online resource center.

[Learn More](#)



Visit Your Fisher Scientific Resource Room

Thank You for Stopping by Our Booth at the Fitzsimons Summer BBQ & E-Recycling Event

Remember to visit your digital resource room to enable your production at every step. In this centralized hub, you'll find materials to help you learn more about our wide selection of products and services, along with contact information for your Fisher Scientific representative.

Scan to visit your digital resource room.



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A Warm Welcome

Welcome Lilly Barnett, Fitzsimons' New Property Manager



Welcome, Lilly Barnett!

Property Manager

Please join us in welcoming **Lilly Barnett**, the new property manager at Fitzsimons Innovation Community.

Lilly brings extensive commercial property management experience and a relationship-driven approach grounded in responsiveness, accountability and proactive service. She believes property management is about more than maintaining buildings. It is about building trust, solving problems and creating an environment where companies and organizations can succeed.

As she begins meeting community members, Lilly's goal is to understand their needs, communicate openly and provide practical solutions that support a safe, efficient and welcoming campus experience.

Outside of work, Lilly enjoys hiking, exploring Colorado and hot air ballooning. She is also the proud mother of 22-year-old identical twin sons who are currently serving their country.

Community members are invited to meet Lilly at the next Community Coffee on August 24.

Investing in Innovation

Join Colorado's Life Sciences Community in Vail for the Rocky Mountain Life Sciences Investor + Partnering Conference

This fall, Colorado's life sciences community will gather in the mountains for the **2026 Rocky Mountain Life Sciences Investor & Partnering Conference**, taking place September 30 through October 2 at the Grand Hyatt Vail. Hosted by the **Colorado BioScience Association**, the conference brings together investors, entrepreneurs, strategic partners and emerging companies for three days of networking, partnering meetings and investment opportunities designed to accelerate innovation across the Rocky Mountain region.

We're especially proud to see Fitzsimons Innovation Community companies selected to present at this year's conference. Congratulations to **Andon Bio**, **Intero Biosystems**, **Pearl Scientific**, **Myomar Molecular**, **GelSana** and **HepQuant**, each of which completed the conference's competitive selection process and investor readiness training to earn a place among this year's presenting companies.

The conference offers tremendous value for life sciences companies looking to grow their networks, connect with investors and strategic partners and gain insight into the latest trends shaping the industry. This year's expanded program also includes a keynote from seven-time Olympic medalist, entrepreneur and women's health advocate Shannon Miller, as well as programming exploring the convergence of life sciences, quantum technologies and Colorado's growing innovation landscape.

Whether you're seeking investment, strategic partnerships or new business connections, we encourage you to attend and support the companies representing our campus on one of the region's largest life sciences stages.



[Learn More and Register](#)

Learn. Educate. Network.

Events & Opportunities

Rockies Venture Club Pitch Academy

Tuesday, August 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Denver, CO + Virtual

A half-day workshop designed to help founders sharpen venture strategy, including presentation and negotiation.

Learn more and apply to pitch [HERE](#).

CBSA Leadership Roundtable: Capital Efficiency Under Pressure

Tuesday, August 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location provided at registration

An exclusive roundtable for CFOs and senior finance leaders featuring Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies CFO Rusty Spinney, with discussion focused on capital strategy, financial leadership and market navigation.

Register [HERE](#).

STEMblazers 2026 Golf Tournament

Wednesday, September 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Littleton, CO

STEMblazers will celebrate its 10th Anniversary Golf Fundraiser at Arrowhead Golf Club, with a day of networking, community building and fundraising to inspire the next generation of STEM leaders.

Learn more and apply to pitch [HERE](#).

Colorado Startup Week

Monday, September 14 – Friday, September 18

Denver, CO

A celebration of the state's entrepreneurial ecosystem with a week of free sessions, workshops, networking events and community programming designed to connect founders, innovators and business leaders.

Learn more and register [HERE](#).

Colorado School of Mines: Fall 2026 Career Days

Tuesday, September 15 – Wednesday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Golden, CO

One of the largest career fairs in the Rocky Mountain region! Recruiters can attend to connect with students, network with industry peers and find ready-to-hire talent.

Learn more and register [HERE](#).

8th Grade Career Expo: Adams County Education Consortium

Wednesday, September 16 – Thursday, September 17

Riverdale Regional Park - Brighton, CO

Colorado's largest 8th Grade Career Fair will bring together 5,500 students and 100 industry exhibitors for an interactive event connecting students with diverse career pathways and future workforce opportunities.

Learn more about vendor opportunities [HERE](#).

Redefining Early Stage of Investments (RESI) Boston

Tuesday, September 22 – Wednesday, September 23

Boston, MA

Learn how investors evaluate early-stage life science companies, assess risk and determine what makes a scientific innovation truly investment-ready.

Learn more and register [HERE](#).

2026 Rocky Mountain Life Sciences Investor & Partnering Conference

Wednesday, September 30 – Friday, October 2

Grand Hyatt Vail | Vail, CO

Nearly 40 investor-ready companies from Colorado and the broader Rocky Mountain West will participate in a comprehensive pitch training process before presenting to investors and strategic partners from across the U.S.

Sponsorships available.

Registration Open Now [HERE](#).

Foundations of Leadership: CBSI

Monday, October 5 – Monday, November 9

Boulder, CO + Virtual

Hosted by the Colorado BioScience Institute, this six-week professional development program is designed for emerging and aspiring leaders across Colorado's life sciences ecosystem.

Learn more and register [HERE](#).

The MedTech Conference

Sunday, October 18 – Wednesday, October 21

Boston, MA

Hosted by AdvaMed, The MedTech Conference will feature cross-cutting education led by top MedTech minds, live company presentations, hands-on tech demos and networking. Exhibition and sponsorship opportunities are available. CBSA member discount available with MTC Flex Pass.

Register [HERE](#).

Immunogenicity & Bioassay Summit

Monday, October 19 – Thursday, October 22

Alexandria, VA & Virtual

Explore the latest advances in immunogenicity assessment and bioassay development through expert-led sessions featuring industry, academic and FDA leaders focused on accelerating the development of clinical biotherapeutics.

Register [HERE](#).

Colorado BioScience Association 23rd Annual Awards Celebration

Thursday, November 12

Denver, CO

An evening of impact, inspiration and connection. This uplifting signature event shines a spotlight on individuals and organizations dedicated to transforming health and care for patients.

Get tickets [HERE](#).

Community & Partner News



Community News

Myomar Molecular Expands Its Global Reach

New Fitzsimons Innovation Community member company **Myomar Molecular** was selected by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) as one of just eight companies worldwide invited to participate in the **World Health Expo Japan** and strategic business meetings with healthcare industry leaders across Japan.

Headquartered in Canada with its U.S. operations based at Fitzsimons, Myomar Molecular is advancing molecular diagnostics and precision healthcare while expanding collaborations with partners around the world, including investor Suntory Holdings in Japan. The invitation recognizes the company's innovation and provides an opportunity to build new international partnerships that could help accelerate the future of precision medicine.



We're proud to see a Fitzsimons company representing our campus on the global stage and demonstrating that breakthrough innovation knows no borders.



Partner News

[Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade \(OEDIT\) Advanced Industries Accelerator Grant applications are now open. Proof of Concept Grant and Early Stage Capital and Retention Grant applications due August 27.](#)

[The Center for Devices and Radiological Health launches an innovation challenge to give patients access to home medical devices to reduce hospital readmission. Submissions due Sept. 30, 2026.](#)

[HIE Impact Innovation Champion, Dr. Shi-Long Lu, discusses the development of HNKlear, a saliva-based diagnostic platform for head and neck cancer to support precision cancer care.](#)

[Director of Faculty Ventures for CU Anschutz | Innovations, Professor Michael Holers, MD, receives 2026 Carol Nachman Prize in Rheumatology.](#)

[The 2026 Gates Grubstake Funding Opportunity is now open, offering \\$1.5 million to support high-potential translational research with the potential to improve patient care. Submissions due September 14.](#)

[The City of Aurora seeks community input on transportation improvements along 13th Avenue and future upgrades to General's Park. Comments are due August 6.](#)

[Life Science Nation announces early registration pricing for RESI JPM, taking place January 11-12, 2027 in San Francisco.](#)

[Watch: BIO 2026 panelists discuss political and policy pressures on U.S. patent protections.](#)

[Federal judge temporarily blocks Colorado's Prescription Drug Affordability Board \(PDAB\) from implementing nation's first Upper Payment Limit \(UPL\).](#)

[Trial findings from Children's Hospital Colorado and the CU Anschutz School of Medicine show increased growth rates in children with achondroplasia, highlighting leadership in pediatric orthopedic research.](#)

[Boulder-based Edgewise Therapeutics sells muscular dystrophy-treating drug, sevasemten, and business to international French pharmaceutical company, Servier, for \\$2.65 billion.](#)

[Industry and FDA negotiators reach agreement on proposed PDUFA VIII framework, outlining improvements to FDA review processes, sponsor communication and manufacturing oversight.](#)

[CU Anschutz School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Colorado receive up to \\$17.25 million to join the international ARIA IMPACT Network, advancing research into profound autism and related neurodevelopmental conditions.](#)

[BIO and the Council of State Bioscience Associations urge the Office of Management and Budget to revise proposed federal grant rules, calling for predictable federal support.](#)

[NCI SBIR Commercialization Readiness Pilot Program is accepting applications to help eligible SBIR/STTR-funded small business advance cancer technologies from late-stage development to commercialization. Applications due September 8.](#)

[Technolink of the Rockies announces new AI cybersecurity technology to prevent attacks.](#)

[Pathways Bioscience shares how flexible lab space and access to leading healthcare and research partners at Fitzsimons accelerate life sciences innovation in the Colorado Real Estate Journal.](#)

[CU Anschutz | Innovations announces the SPARK Funding Cohort 9 awardees, investing up to \\$200,000 in seed funding to accelerate innovative healthcare technologies.](#)

[Q32 Bio Inc. announces positive Phase 2 results for bempikibart in the treatment of severe alopecia.](#)

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