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Making Room for the Next Idea



Every breakthrough begins with an idea, but few come with a clear roadmap for success. One of the things I appreciate most about spending time with companies and researchers at Fitzsimons is hearing about the ideas they are pursuing and the challenges they face. Whether discussing milestones, unexpected results or difficult decisions, I always leave with a greater appreciation for the determination and ingenuity that drive this Community.

Those conversations remind me of the importance of making room for ideas still taking shape. We celebrate the breakthroughs, product launches and achievements across our campus, but I also think about the promising work underway that has yet to reach those milestones.

At Fitzsimons, we support innovators at every stage, from companies expanding established technologies and entering new markets to researchers testing hypotheses and exploring new applications. Each contributes to the strength and future of our Community.

Early-stage innovation requires more than laboratory space and specialized equipment. Emerging companies benefit from access to experienced entrepreneurs, researchers and institutions, along with the flexibility to explore ideas and learn from unexpected outcomes. Sometimes progress means getting to a “no” faster and having the support to pivot toward a more promising direction.

One of our most important responsibilities at Fitzsimons is to provide the infrastructure, resources and connections that help companies pursue their ideas, recognizing that no two paths to innovation look exactly alike. As our campus grows, we remain focused on supporting the next generation of innovators alongside our established companies, creating opportunities for emerging businesses to access resources, establish themselves and grow.

To the researchers, founders and teams across Fitzsimons, thank you for the ambition and persistence you bring to your work. Whether you're celebrating a milestone, navigating a challenge or exploring an idea whose potential is still unfolding, your efforts help shape the future of life sciences.

We cannot know today which ideas will ultimately change how we understand, diagnose or treat disease. What we can do is create the conditions that give promising ideas a chance to develop. I look forward to seeing what comes next.

Kelly Jean Brough
President & CEO
Fitzsimons Innovation Community

You're Invited!



Celebrate the Season with Us

What an incredible year it's been at Fitzsimons Innovation Community! Join us as we celebrate the people, partnerships and accomplishments that make this Community such a special place to innovate and grow.

Enjoy an afternoon of festive beverages, sweet treats and great company as we toast to another year of discovery, collaboration and progress!

Thursday, Dec. 17 | 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Bioscience 3

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Innovation Spotlight: Intero Biosystems

Intero Biosystems Celebrates Major Recognition on the National Stage



Fitzsimons Innovation Community company **Intero Biosystems** is making headlines following its victory at **TechCrunch Disrupt 2026**, where it won the prestigious Startup Battlefield competition. Selected from 200 promising startups worldwide, Intero earned the coveted Startup Battlefield Cup and $100,000 grand prize, placing the Colorado company among an elite group of emerging innovators recognized for their potential to transform industries.

Founded by Charlie Childs and Madeline Eiken, Intero Biosystems is advancing drug discovery through its innovative human intestinal organoid technology. Its flagship GastroScreen platform uses laboratory-grown miniature human intestines to help pharmaceutical, biotechnology and other companies evaluate drug safety and effectiveness before clinical trials. The technology offers a more human-relevant approach to preclinical testing while potentially reducing reliance on animal models.

Intero's recent success builds on growing recognition of its technology, including a $250,000 Advanced Industries Accelerator Grant from the **Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade**. These achievements reflect the company's momentum as it works to improve how new treatments are developed and tested.

Learn More

Have a win to share? **Email us** your updates and milestones – we'd love to highlight your work.

Community Check-Ins: Let's Connect

Community Check-Ins Continue

Our annual community check-ins are underway, and we're looking forward to connecting one-on-one with the organizations that make Fitzsimons

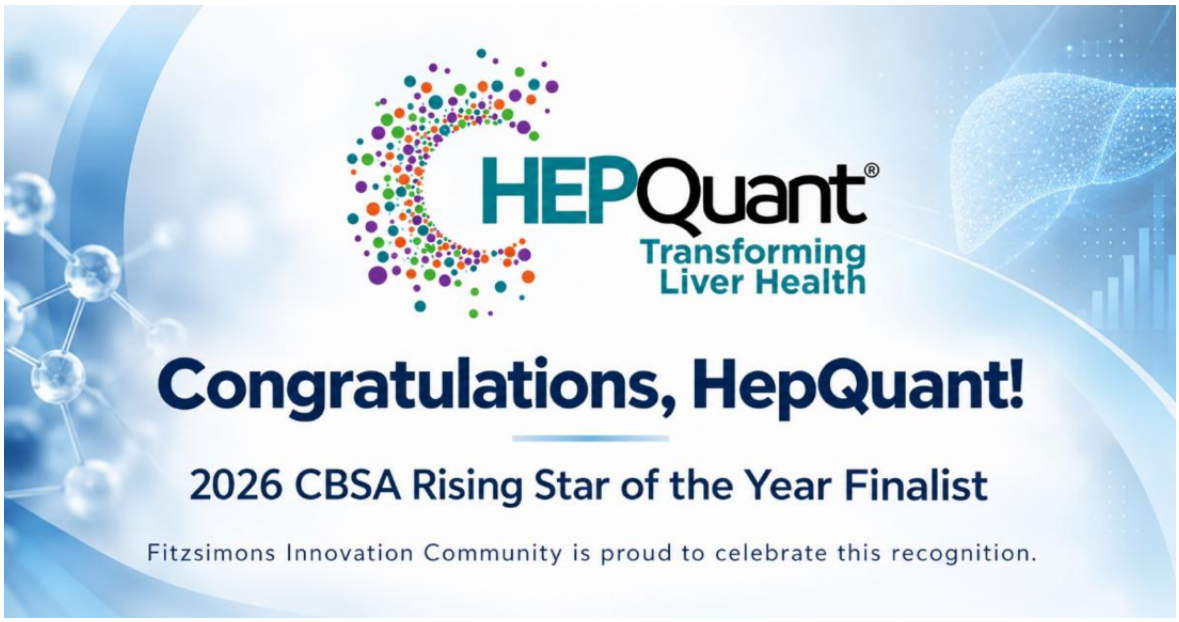
Innovation Community what it is. These 30-minute conversations give us an opportunity to hear about your latest developments, learn more about your priorities for the year ahead and explore how we can better support your continued growth.



Your feedback also helps inform our annual community report, highlighting the collective achievements, progress and impact of organizations across Fitzsimons.

If you haven't scheduled your check-in yet, keep an eye on your inbox for an invitation and scheduling link. We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating the work happening across our Community!

Celebrating Your Wins



Congratulations to Fitzsimons Innovation Community company **HepQuant** on being named a finalist for the **Colorado BioScience Association's 2026 Rising Star of the Year Award**, recognizing emerging life sciences companies demonstrating exceptional innovation, growth and potential.

HepQuant continues to advance liver health diagnostics through innovative technologies designed to improve the assessment of liver function and disease. Earlier this year, the company achieved a significant milestone with FDA approval of its HepQuant SHUNT Liver Diagnostic Kit, marking an important step toward providing clinicians with more precise tools to evaluate liver health and guide patient care.

HepQuant is one of three finalists for the award, which will be presented at **CBSA's 23rd Annual Awards Celebration** on Nov. 12 in Denver. We congratulate the HepQuant team on this well-deserved recognition and look forward to celebrating its continued success.

Welcome to the Community



3i Expands Colorado Presence With New Headquarters at Fitzsimons

10,000-square-foot facility in Bioscience 3 at Fitzsimons Innovation Community. The custom-built space will consolidate the company's manufacturing, research and development, sales, sup port and service operations. The relocation is underway, with the full build-out expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

Founded in Colorado in 1995, 3i has grown into an internationally recognized provider of advanc ed microscopy technologies and imaging software used by scientists studying cells, tissues and complex biological processes. Its innovative systems help researchers capture and analyze detai led images of living specimens, supporting discoveries in fields ranging from cell biology to neuro

science and biomedical research.

The new headquarters will feature upgraded laboratory and demonstration spaces, supporting c ontinued product development, manufacturing and customer engagement. With approximately 2 5 employees expected at the facility and plans to expand its workforce, 3i's investment marks an exciting new chapter for the company as it advances technologies that help researchers better u nderstand biological systems and accelerate scientific discovery.

Read the Announcement

Learn. Educate. Network.

Events & Opportunities

📌 RVC Pitch Academy

Tuesday, November 3 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Thrive Ballpark, Denver

Join Rockies Venture Club for a hands-
on workshop covering investor pitches, fundraising strategies and venture capital negotiations, w ith expert feedback and practical insights.
Register HERE.

📌 Colorado BioScience Association 23rd Annual Awards Celebration

Thursday, November 12 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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.

📌 2026 GameChangers Awards | AC-REP

Thursday, November 12 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Balistreri Vineyards 1946 E 66th Ave, Denver

Celebrate the businesses, organizations and leaders driving innovation, economic growth and su stainability across Greater Adams County while recognizing their outstanding achievements and contributions to the region’s continued success.
Register HERE.

📌 Foley Hoag Colorado Life Sciences Summit

Thursday, November 12 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Join Colorado life sciences innovators, investors and industry leaders for panel discussions on AI , quantum computing, health care partnerships and entrepreneurship. The summit offers network ing opportunities and insights into emerging technologies shaping the industry's future.
Register **HERE**.

📌 Bioreactor Fundamentals & Hands-On Operation Workshop

Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
CSU Spur Campus, Denver

Gain practical experience with bioreactor fundamentals, equipment operation and essential biopr ocessing techniques through hands-
on training designed for biotechnology and life sciences professionals.
Register **HERE**.

📌 DARPAConnect Mission Connect

Wednesday, November 18
Club Level, Boulder or Virtual

Connect with DARPA leaders, researchers and industry innovators for technical discussions, res earch insights and guidance on federal funding opportunities, with networking focused on advan cing breakthrough technologies for national security. **Register** **HERE**.

📌 Lead with Impact Summit | Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, November 19
Omni Interlocken Hotel, Broomfield

Connect with business and community leaders for expert-
led sessions on corporate social responsibility, sustainability, employee engagement and leaders hip, with networking opportunities and practical strategies for driving meaningful impact. **Get Register** **HERE**.

📌 Tech Weekend

Thursday, November 19 to Friday, November 20
Menlo Park, Silicon Valley, California

Connect with startup founders and venture capital investors for pitch competitions, funding discu ssions, one-on-
one investor meetings and networking opportunities focused on accelerating innovation and start up growth.
Get Tickets **HERE** and save 25% with code: **TW26_Nov25**

📌 AC-REP 2027 Legislative Preview Breakfast

Wednesday, December 9 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Front Range Community College, Westminster

Join AC-
REP and Adams County state legislators for a preview of the 2027 legislative session, featuring discussions on transportation, housing, workforce development, energy and policies shaping the region's economic future.
Register HERE.

📌 RVC Investor Forum

Wednesday, December 9 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Denver or Virtual

Join Rockies Venture Club for startup pitches, investor discussions and networking focused on pr omising early-
stage companies and angel investment opportunities. Open to accredited investors.
Register HERE.

📌 Fitzsimons Innovation Community Holiday Party

Thursday, December 17 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Bioscience 3

Celebrate an incredible year of innovation, collaboration and community with festive beverages, sweet treats and great company.
Hope to see you there!

📌 2027 RESI Conferences: Global Capital, Strategic Partnerships & Life Science Innovation

January 11-12: San Francisco
April 13: Tokyo
June 7: Philadelphia
September 22: Boston

Life Science Nation's 2027 RESI conference calendar connects early-stage life science companies with global investors, pharma partners and industry leaders across major life science hubs.
Meet JPM 2027 panelists and submit speaker applications **HERE**.
Register HERE and take $300 off with code: **CBSA**

Community & Partner News

Community News

Fitzsimons Welcomes Charleston Chamber Leadership Delegation



Fitzsimons Innovation Community recently welcomed business and community leaders from South Carolina as part of the **Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Metro Leadership Visit** to Denver, held Oct. 6-9. The annual program brings regional leaders together to explore innovative approaches to economic development, infrastructure, workforce development and community growth.

During the visit, Fitzsimons President and CEO Kelly Brough moderated a panel discussion featuring Fitzsimons Board Member and Aurora City Manager Jason Batchelor and Chief Operating Officer Kenneth Ho, highlighting the development of Fitzsimons and its role in supporting Colorado's growing life sciences industry. The conversation provided an opportunity to share perspectives on innovation, collaboration and the partnerships that help drive research, commercialization and economic development.

The visit offered Charleston leaders an opportunity to learn from the Denver region's experiences while fostering connections and exchanging ideas that can inform future growth in both communities.

Partner News

USDA offers two grant opportunities supporting solid waste management and rural water infrastructure through technical assistance and training. Applications close Dec. 31, 2026. **Solid Waste Management | Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance & Training.**

Applications due Jan. 7 for Colorado School of Public Health microcredentials on poverty, health, social structure and the epidemiology of poverty and social determinants.

NIH offers SBIR/STTR grant funding opportunities to support small business research, technology development and biomedical innovation. Applications due Jan. 5, 2027.

The National Institute on Aging launches 2027 Start-Up Challenge, offering $994,000 in cash prizes and mentorship for healthy aging innovations. Applications close Jan. 15, 2027.

NIH opens applications for paid 2027 Summer Internship Program, offering students hands-on biomedical research experience. Applications close Jan. 26, 2027.

Nominations are open for the 2026-27 Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards, recognizing young people who overcome adversity and make positive c

ontributions to their communities. Deadline: Jan. 31, 2027.

Colorado Circular Communities offers mini grants of up to $50,000 for projects advancing waste reduction, recycling, reuse and sustainable resource management. Applications are open.

Myomar Molecular joins Indo-Pacific AgeTech Accelerator, expanding international partnerships and opportunities for its innovative muscle-health monitoring technology.

CU Anschutz receives record federal research award of up to $120 million from DARPA to advance treatments and diagnostic technologies for life-threatening bleeding.

UCHealth, Aurora Public Schools and Community College of Aurora partner to launch Colorado's first health sciences high school in August 2027, offering hands-on clinical training and career pathways in health care.

CU Anschutz Innovations' 2026 annual report highlights advances in medical research, industry partnerships and startup development, including AI-powered cancer research and emerging health care technologies.

Bioevents seeks Congress Chairs for US/UK/Europe medical congresses.

AC-REP seeks employer input on childcare challenges and their impact on the regional workforce.

Four CU Anschutz faculty members elected to the National Academy of Medicine, recognizing contributions to medical research, clinical care and health policy.

Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies partners with TrAMPoline Pharma and CU Anschutz to advance automated cell therapy manufacturing for solid tumor treatments.

AB Nexus awards $825,000 to five CU Anschutz and CU Boulder research teams advancing discoveries in AI, brain health and infectious diseases.

Colorado rural hospitals receive grant funding to upgrade medical equipment, strengthen staffing and expand access to health care.

UCHealth hospitals earn top state and national rankings for quality care, with University of Colorado Hospital ranked No. 2 in Colorado.

Colorado's gubernatorial candidates outline positions on business regulations, economic development, affordability and other issues affecting the state's economy.

Women's Health Advocates launches Colorado chapter to advance women's health research, innovation, investment and policy advoc

acy.

FDA updates human factors guidance for medical devices, clarifying usability engineering, risk management and documentation expectations for manufacturers.

Adams County Education Consortium reports more than 91% of surveyed eighth graders discovered new career interests at its 2026 Career Expo.

Colorado BioScience Association releases 2026 BioScience Colorado magazine, highlighting life sciences innovation, company growth and research advancements.

Governor's Competitiveness Council releases 2026 roadmap with 49 recommendations to strengthen Colorado's business climate, workforce and economic competitiveness.

Colorado families affected by rare diseases highlight advances in genetic research and treatment alongside growing concerns about funding and access to care at recent fair hosted by Children's Hospital Colorado.

New executive order establishes NIH Women's Health Division and White House task force to advance women's health research and clinical care.

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