



Breakthrough News and Views



September 2026

The Aurora Advantage

Fitzsimons benefits from being part of a city where healthcare, research, business and culture are all growing together.

Our campus sits within one of the region's most significant centers for healthcare and bioscience, where the companies at Fitzsimons work alongside the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Children's Hospital Colorado and UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital. Here, proximity creates access to talent and expertise that few places can match.



Aurora has become one of Colorado's most interesting places to live, work and build a business because of the people who call it home. The city's global influence brings perspectives from around the world into the community surrounding us, while access to outdoor recreation and a robust cultural arts scene contributes to the quality of life companies need to attract and retain talented people.

Our relationship with the City of Aurora adds another important dimension. The City understands the impact of the work happening here and has been a strong partner to Fitzsimons and our companies. That includes responding to the highly specialized permitting and development needs involved in building laboratories and other technical spaces, where efficiency can directly affect timelines, capital and a company's ability to move forward.

At Fitzsimons, collaboration is not limited to what happens inside our buildings. It includes the public partners who understand what our companies are trying to accomplish and are willing to help create the conditions for their success.

We spend a great deal of time thinking about what makes Fitzsimons an exceptional place to build and grow a life sciences company, and our location in Aurora is an important part of that story. Our companies are advancing important work in a diverse, growing city where science, culture, open space and economic opportunity exist alongside a community that understands the value of what is being built here.

When you chose Fitzsimons, you chose more than laboratory or office space. You chose a community, city and region that understand the value of your work, are invested in your success and continue to strengthen the environment that supports your growth.

Kelly Jean Brough

President & CEO

Fitzsimons Innovation Community

Innovation Spotlight: Cobio Diagnostics

Cobio Diagnostics Secures \$2.2M NIH Grant to Advance Rapid UTI Diagnostic Technology

Congratulations to Fitzsimons member company **Cobio Diagnostics, Inc.** on receiving a \$2.2 million NIH Small Business Innovation Research Fast-Track grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.



The award will support development of Cobio's rapid diagnostic technology for urinary tract infections, which is designed to identify the bacteria causing an infection directly from a patient specimen in seven hours or less. By providing actionable information within the same shift, the technology could help clinicians move patients toward targeted treatment significantly faster than traditional urine culture methods.

The Fast-Track grant will support Cobio through technical validation and additional development work as the company advances toward regulatory and clinical validation milestones. It is a significant step forward for a technology with the potential to improve how bacterial infections are diagnosed and treated.

We are proud to see Cobio reaching this important milestone and advancing innovative diagnostic technology from right here at Fitzsimons. Congratulations to the entire Cobio team on this achievement.

[Learn More](#)

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

Parking Transition Update

Metropolis Parking Is Now Live at Fitzsimons

The transition to **Metropolis is now live across Fitzsimons Innovation Community**. Community members can access the Metropolis portal to view current parking options and rates, manage their account and select a parking location if one was not automatically assigned during registration. If you have not yet completed your **Metropolis registration**, please do so as soon

as possible to ensure your vehicle and parking selection are properly connected to the new system.

You'll also notice some new names across the community. Thanks to everyone who participated in our parking lot naming survey. The updated parking map now reflects the five winning names: Use the updated map below as a reference as you get familiar with the new parking system and locations.



Updated Parking Map

Metropolis will continue to provide onsite support as everyone gets accustomed to the new system. An **Enforcement Ambassador and Supervisor will be available onsite in Bioscience 1 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to assist community members and address parking-related questions. For questions about registration, parking selections or the transition process, you can also contact Olivia Sprague, Metropolis Operations Manager, at osprague@metropolis.io.

We appreciate everyone who registered early, stopped by one of the onsite sessions and asked questions throughout the transition. With Metropolis now live, we encourage community members to review their accounts, familiarize themselves with the updated parking map and reach out whenever assistance is needed.

Public Art Announcement: Call for Entry

Public Art Project Moves Forward with Teaching Artist Search

Thank you to everyone who participated in the public art visioning survey in July. Your feedback helped inform the next phase of the mural project, and we are excited

to share that the **Call for Entry is now open** for a Colorado-based teaching artist to help bring the project to life. The selected artist will work with students from the Charles Burrell Visual & Performing Arts Campus to develop an original mural for Fitzsimons Innovation Community.

The mural will ultimately be produced as a vinyl installation, creating an opportunity for students to learn about the full process of developing public art, from concept and design through production and installation. Applications are now being accepted, and we encourage you to share the opportunity with artists and educators in your networks.

View the Teaching Artist Call for Entry

A poster for the Fitzsimons' New Public Art Project. The top half features an aerial view of the Fitzsimons Innovation Community with the text "HELP CREATE FITZSIMONS' New Public Art Project". Below this is a blue banner that reads "CALLING COLORADO TEACHING ARTISTS". The middle section contains text about the project and a QR code. The bottom right shows a person painting a mural. Logos for Charles Burrell Visual & Performing Arts Campus and Nine dot Arts are at the bottom left.

HELP CREATE FITZSIMONS' New Public Art Project

CALLING COLORADO TEACHING ARTISTS

Fitzsimons Innovation Community, in partnership with Nine dot Arts and the Charles Burrell Visual & Performing Arts Campus, is seeking a Colorado-based teaching artist to help develop an original mural for the Community.

BRING ART + EDUCATION TOGETHER

The selected artist will engage students in the creative process and help transform community input gathered this summer into a public artwork for Fitzsimons.

SCAN THIS CODE OR VISIT [HTTPS://OPPORTUNITIES.WEARECREATIVEWEST.ORG](https://opportunities.wearecreativewest.org)

Know a great teaching artist? Help us spread the word!

CHARLES BURRELL Visual & Performing Arts Campus NINE DOT ARTS

Welcome to the Community

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY



Mass Supply
LifePath Diagnostics
BiocheMichael Industries LLC
ApexKanna
Phytodex LLC

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to
Fitzsimons Innovation Community's newest members.

We're happy to have you here!

CBSA Awards: Nominations Now Open

Nominate a Colorado Life Sciences Leader or Company



Nominations are now open for **Colorado BioScience Association's 23rd Annual Awards Celebration**, presented by KBI Biopharma. Companies and community members can nominate standout organizations and individuals for honors including **Company of the Year**, **Rising Star of the Year**, **Building Momentum**, **Manufacturing Excellence** and **Educator of the Year**.

The awards recognize the companies, leaders, educators, advocates, policymakers and partners helping drive Colorado's life sciences industry forward. This is a strong opportunity to spotlight members of the Fitzsimons community whose work, growth or leadership deserves statewide recognition.

The celebration will take place **Thursday, November 12, 2026, at the Seawell Ballroom in Denver.**

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Fitzsimons Joins Colorado-Israel Chamber Ahead of Inaugural Gala

Fitzsimons Innovation Community recently joined the **Colorado-Israel Chamber of Commerce**, strengthening connections between our community and a network focused on expanding economic and innovation partnerships between Colorado and Israel. The relationship is particularly relevant to our work in the life sciences, where both markets have significant strengths in biotechnology, healthcare, research and commercialization.

That partnership will be on display this fall as the Chamber hosts the Colorado-Israel Economic Partnership Institute Inaugural Gala on October 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Safta in Denver.

The event will celebrate the launch of the Colorado-Israel Economic Partnership Institute, a new 501(c)(3) organization created to fund delegations, produce bilateral economic research, build partnerships among universities, government agencies and industry, and develop future Colorado-Israel leaders.

The gala will bring together business leaders, innovators, public officials, academics and community partners working across business, research, investment and innovation. The evening will include dinner, special honorees, guest speakers and networking, with speakers including Varana Capital Co-Founder and CIO Ezra Gardner and University of Denver Distinguished Professor Micheline Ishay.



October 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.



Safta Restaurant - Denver, CO

Space is limited, and registration is available now.



[Learn More and Register](#)

Learn. Educate. Network.

Events & Opportunities



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](#).

Thought Leadership Series: Reimbursements | CBSA

Thursday, September 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Polsinelli - 1401 Lawrence St - Denver, CO

An exploration of the evolving reimbursement landscape with practical strategies for life sciences companies at every stage of innovative therapy, diagnostic and medtech development.

Learn more and register [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](#).

Innovation After Hours: Signature Edition |

Thursday, September 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

4800 National Western Dr. - Denver, CO

A data-driven look at how Colorado's innovation economy compares with peer markets, featuring the Milken Institute and Colorado Innovation Council, followed by a fireside chat with leaders from bioscience, quantum, aerospace and economic development.

Register [HERE](#).

The Venture Summit

Tuesday, September 22: Catalytic Capital

Wednesday, October 14: Growth Capital

Virtual

A curated gathering connecting funders with leaders of venture accelerators, builders and hubs to explore growth and catalytic capital opportunities for the organizations that support and scale startups.

Register [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](#).

BioInnovate 2026

Thursday, October 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

1101 Center Ave Mall - Fort Collins, CO

A 2-in-1 recruitment experience hosted by the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), combining traditional career fair tabling with private 1:1 chat sessions and recruiter breaks.

Learn more and register [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

The Leader Within: Strength Through Change Featuring Kelly Brough

Colorado BioScience Association will feature Fitzsimons Innovation Community President & CEO, **Kelly Brough**, for **The Leader Within: Strength Through Change**, on Sept. 17. The conversation will on leadership, adaptability and navigating periods of significant change.



Kelly will share lessons from her career across business, government and economic development, along with the experiences that continue to shape her leadership at Fitzsimons. The program offers community members a chance to hear a more personal perspective on how she approaches change, collaboration and organizational growth.

We hope members of the Fitzsimons community will join Kelly and colleagues from across Colorado's life sciences industry for the conversation.

Register for the virtual opportunity [HERE](#).



Partner News

[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.](#)

[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.](#)

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

[Bioevents seeks leading physicians to chair medical webinars across specialties including hematology, cardiology, oncology and endocrinology.](#)

[O2matic and CU Anschutz report clinical trial results showing O2matic Pro kept hospitalized patients within target oxygen rates more consistently than manual oxygen titration.](#)

[Denver Business Journal announces call for nominations for 2027 40 under 40 Awards \(deadline Oct. 12\) and Best Place to Work Awards \(deadline Oct. 23\).](#)

[CU Anschutz researchers identify biological pathway linking colorectal cancer to muscle and bone loss, pointing to a potential target for reducing cancer-related wasting.](#)

[Colorado BioScience Association welcomes Terry Fry, M.D., Executive Director of the Gates Institute and Professor of Pediatrics, Hematology and Immunology at the CU Anschutz to Board of Directors.](#)

[Children's Hospital Colorado named exclusive children's hospital partner of the Colorado Avalanche, Denver Nuggets and Colorado Mammoth in multi-year partnership.](#)

[Silvana DelPiccolo named new Executive Director of Colorado BioScience Institute, bringing more than 14 years of leadership experience in life sciences partnership building to the role.](#)

[National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology spotlights Colorado's role in strengthening critical mineral supply chains in discussion hosted by Colorado School of Mines and the National Laboratory of the Rockies.](#)

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

[Gov. Jared Polis signs executive order creating pilot program to streamline state permitting for strategic industries, including bioscience, advanced manufacturing, aerospace and technology.](#)

[AdvaMed President & CEO Scott Whitaker makes the case that medical technology can lower healthcare costs by enabling earlier diagnosis.](#)

[Bipartisan Senate funding measure would temporarily block a White House proposal to give political appointees greater control over federal research grant decisions.](#)

[Colorado Bioscience Association accepting application for Board of Directors until Sept. 24 at 5:00 p.m. MT.](#)

[Innosphere Ventures named one of America's Best Incubators & Accelerators of 2026 by TIME.](#)

[Unshackled Ventures accepts pitches from immigrant founders building at the earliest stages, including pre-product, pre-traction and pre-revenue companies.](#)

[Grant and support opportunities available to small businesses, including programs from the SBA, Verizon and other organizations.](#)

[Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies wins 2026 Partners in Philanthropy Award.](#)

[BIO sends warning about proposed GLOBE and GUARD international reference pricing models and their potential to disrupt out-licensing agreements.](#)

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