WICHE’s 50th Anniversary Lunch

WICHE at 50 in Colorado: Celebrating the Past, Looking Toward the Future

Introductions: Tim Foster, executive director, Colorado Commission on Higher Education

Welcoming remarks: Ray Baker, chair, Colorado Commission on Higher Education

Speaker: James H. Shore, chancellor, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

For 50 years, WICHE and Colorado have shared a uniquely close relationship, borne in part from the fact that WICHE resides in Boulder and in part from Colorado's critically important role in the Student Exchange Programs. Colorado has educated and continues to receive more students through the Professional Students Exchange Program (PSEP) than any other WICHE state. Colorado is also one of the most active states in the Western Undergraduate Exchange, both as a sending and receiving state.

Recent developments at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC) raise the possibility for even greater collaboration between Colorado and the WICHE region in the future. UCHSC is investing more than $500 million to build an entirely new health sciences center and biotechnology research community on the site of the former Fitzsimmons Military Medical Base. Designed to serve a multistate region, the new health sciences center will provide the most contemporary medical service and related research opportunities to the citizens and institutions of the Rocky Mountain West. It offers a wealth of opportunities for education, research joint ventures, and medical services to the citizens of the region. Chancellor James Shore will be sharing the university's vision for this venture with the commission in his luncheon address.

Biographical information on participants

Tim Foster is the executive director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Prior to becoming executive director of CCHE, he was a partner in the general commercial practice law firm of Foster, Larson, LaiChe and Griff in Grand Junction, Colo. Foster served as state representative of
District 54 from 1988 to 1996 and as the majority leader of the Colorado House of Representatives from 1993 to 1996. While serving in the Colorado House of Representatives, he was a member of the Capital Development Committee and the Youth Crime Prevention and Intervention Program Board and was chairman of the House Finance Committee and the Education Task Force. He has been involved in numerous community, civic, and professional organizations, including the board of governors for the Colorado Bar Association, the board of Powderhorn Ski Area, and the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, of which he was chairman. He currently serves as a governor's appointee to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, as a member of the Colorado Institute of Technology, the Colorado Space Science Committee, and the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Higher Education for the Twenty-First Century.

Raymond T. Baker, chair of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, is owner of the asset management firm of Gold Crown Management Company in Denver. He is a former president and board member of the Metro Denver Apartment Association and the Colorado Apartment Association; and former chairman and member of the board of both the Denver Metropolitan Baseball Stadium Authority and the Metropolitan Football Stadium District. Baker is cofounder and director of the Gold Crown Youth Foundation. He attended Adams State College and the University of Denver.

Dr. James Shore is chancellor of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC) and interim chancellor at the University of Colorado at Denver. He was professor and chairman of the UCHSC Department of Psychiatry and superintendent of the Colorado Psychiatric Hospital from 1985 to 1999, and earlier he served as interim chancellor at UCHSC (1998/99 and from 1995 to 1997). He also was the interim director of the University Hospital from 1987 to 1988. From 1973 to 1975, he was director of the Community Psychiatry Training Program at the Oregon Health Sciences University, and he was professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine at the Oregon Health Sciences University from 1975 to 1985. From 1969 to 1973 he was in the U.S. Public Health Service as chief of the Mental Health Office for the Indian Health Service in the Pacific Northwest.
Shore has been a leader in American psychiatry and academic medicine with the American Psychiatric Association, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, the American Association of Chairmen of Departments of Psychiatry, the Psychiatry Residency Review Committee. He currently is president of the American College of Psychiatrists. He has been the only psychiatrist to chair the interdisciplinary council of the American Council of Graduate Medical Education. His professional interests include public psychiatry, impaired physicians, addictions, stress disorders, and especially his work with American Indian communities.

He has authored more than 100 scientific publications. His honors include the USPHS Commendation Medal for work with American Indians. He received his M.D. from Duke University, completed his medical internship at the University of Utah, and later completed his psychiatric residency training at the University of Washington in Seattle.