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University of Colorado and Delta Dental of Colorado give student veterans another reason to smile

AURORA, Colo. (Aug. 25, 2014) – University of Colorado Denver|Anschutz Medical Campus continues its ongoing commitment to student veterans with the opening of the [CU Heroes Clinic](#), thanks to a \$1 million gift from Delta Dental of Colorado. The clinic opens Aug. 25.

In collaboration with the [CU Denver Office of Veteran Student Services](#), the CU Heroes Clinic will provide free dental care for military veterans enrolled in a degree program at CU Denver or CU Anschutz.

Many student veterans do not qualify for or receive coverage for dental care when they leave military service. The Heroes Clinic will address this gap, providing services which will supplement health care provided through the Veteran's Administration.

"We're working every day to serve our large student veteran population and to be a military-friendly university," said Patrick Browne, director of Veteran Student Services at CU Denver. "The Heroes Clinic is one more way we can ensure our student vets on both campuses have the resources they need to focus on their education."

Staffed by faculty and fourth-year students at CU's School of Dental Medicine, the Heroes Clinic will operate selected weekdays during the fall semester with plans to expand in the spring of 2015. Every dollar donated by Delta Dental of Colorado to the Heroes Clinic will go towards the cost of preventive and restorative dentistry.

"These student veterans have given so much to our country that they truly are heroes, who are deserving of a Heroes Clinic established specifically for them," said Kate Paul, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Colorado. "We are honored to work with CU Denver | Anschutz to provide this much needed service."

The Office of Veteran Student Services (OVSS) at CU Denver|Anschutz supports hundreds of students with military connections. In addition to assisting student vets with the adjustment from military to campus life, OVSS also helps with the transition to civilian careers as the college experience comes to an end. In conjunction with the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, a program called "[Boots to Suits](#)" enlists the support of the business community in metro Denver matching student veterans with mentors, offering internships that provide relevant work experience and offering assistance in the search for permanent jobs.

"Student veterans are an underserved population that we are committed to providing with high-quality dental care," said Denise Kassebaum, DDS, MS, dean of the CU School of Dental Medicine. "Ours is one of the first universities in the nation to create a clinic specifically for student veterans, and it would not be possible without the incredible generosity of Delta Dental of Colorado."

Information, including how to support the Heroes Clinic, can be found at www.ucdenver.edu/heroescclinic.

About University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine:

The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine is nationally-recognized for the quality of its dental educational programs, interdisciplinary research and contributions to caring for the oral health of communities and citizens throughout Colorado. Situated in the heart of the Rocky Mountain West, the School of Dental Medicine is located on the growing University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, CO where it educates more than 400 students and provides over 80,000 patient visits each year. Visit www.ucdenver.edu/dentalmedicine to learn more.

About Delta Dental of Colorado:

Established in 1958, Delta Dental of Colorado is the largest, most experienced dental benefits company in the state. It is a non-profit organization that serves more than 1 million Coloradans with high-quality, cost-effective, evidence-based dental plans. Delta Dental of Colorado's mission is to improve the oral health of the communities it serves. Delta Dental of Colorado is a member of the national Delta Dental Plans Association (DDPA). For more than 50 years, the DDPA has worked to improve oral health nationally. Delta Dental member companies serve more than 60 million people nationwide. For more about Delta Dental of Colorado visit <http://www.DeltaDentalCO.com>.

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