



# CU ANSCHUTZ HISTORY TOUR

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## 1. Fitzsimons Building (formerly Building 500)

Construction concluded in 1941, days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Upon opening, it was the largest building in Colorado at the time. Physicians in this building treated injured soldiers, sailors and airmen, as well as patients with tuberculosis. A suite on the eighth floor commemorates President Dwight D. Eisenhower's seven-week stay recovering from a heart attack in 1955.

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## 2. Nighthorse Campbell Native Health Building

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Completed in 2002. Designed with Native American cultural elements, including a rotunda and ceremonial plaza, it houses Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, and is named for former U.S. Senator from Colorado Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a member of the Council of Chiefs of the Northern Cheyenne Indian tribe.

## 3. Sharon Lane Memorial

Honors First Lieutenant Sharon Lane, a U.S. Army nurse who was the only American servicewoman killed as a direct result of enemy fire throughout the Vietnam War. Lane served on campus shortly after joining the Army Nurse Corps Reserve.

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## 4. UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital Anschutz Outpatient Pavilion

Contains the first building constructed on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, built in 2000, following the transformation from an Army facility to an academic medical campus. Adjacent to the CU Cancer Center, Colorado's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center (and one of only four in the 10-state Rocky Mountain region).

## 5. Anschutz Health Sciences Building

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Opened in 2021, this 396,000-square-foot building, designed to evoke the canyons and peaks of the Rocky Mountain region, houses people and programs focused on education, translational health science research, mental and behavioral health, personalized medicine research, innovations, bioinformatics, education and training, and more.

## 6. Strauss Health Sciences Library

Has roots in the Charles Denison M.D. Memorial Library on the former University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at Ninth Avenue and Colorado Boulevard in Denver. Many collections were moved from that location to CU Anschutz's Health Sciences Library when it opened in 2007. In 2018, the library was renamed the Strauss Health Sciences Library to honor pharmacy alumnus and philanthropist Henry L. Strauss ('51). The glass structure at the top evokes the Colorado columbine. Visit the library to view campus artifacts, permanent and rotating exhibits, and art collections.

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## 7. Red Cross Memorial Plaza

Created to commemorate the site of the historic Red Cross Building, which opened in 1918 to provide recreational refuge for recovering soldiers. The Beehive Memorial, which remains to this day, was erected in 1923 to honor medical military personnel lost during WWI.

## 8. Fitzsimons Post Chapel

Built in 1942, the chapel served as a house of worship for the Fitzsimons Army Hospital and is distinctive for its stained-glass windows and open truss roof.

## 9. Parade Grounds

A large open space that was the original Parade Grounds for the Fitzsimons Army Hospital, the site of many ceremonies, training activities and celebrations.

## 10. Colonels Row

Built in the 1920s, these buildings operated as residences for senior Army officers until 1999. One of these buildings has since been renovated to house veteran, active-duty military, and first responder patients of the Marcus Institute for Brain Health.

## 11. General's Park

Currently operated by the city of Aurora, this park includes a small pond that was added in 1900 on the site of Gutheil Park Nurseries. Colonel Paul Hutton established the pond as a wildfowl preserve to provide a sanctuary to mallard ducks he had been gifted. A federal permit protects waterfowl at this park to this day. The park also features an exhibit on the history of Aurora and the Fitzsimons Army Base.

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