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Vinnie Scalia Tribute

Dean Vincent "Vinnie" Scalia will be deeply missed by the staff at the Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute. Vinnie was a member of the "grassroots" team that started the Cancer Institute. He was instrumental in obtaining funding for our new building, the Ben Nighthorse Campbell Center. Additionally, he worked enthusiastically with the UNC Foundation to secure funding for the "state-of-the-art" equipment in RMCRI. Vinnie was a wonderful leader and person and he will be greatly missed.



History of the Ben Nighthorse Campbell Center



Credit: U.S. Senate Historical Office

The Ben Nighthorse Campbell Center (BNCC) was built to provide a facility where cancer survivors can obtain help with the rehabilitation process that follows the different types of cancer treatments. The facility was built with funds from a federal grant that Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell helped secure for the Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute (RMCRI). Senator Campbell was a U.S. Senator from Colorado from 1993 until 2005. BNCC opened in August, 2003.

Senator Campbell has an interesting background with many exceptional accomplishments. He was born in Auburn, California in 1933. He dropped out of high school in 1951 to join the U.S. Air Force and served in Korea. The Senator obtained his GED while in the

Air Force and after returning to the U.S., he received a bachelor's degree in physical education and fine arts in 1957 from San Jose State University in San Jose, California. Campbell studied Japanese culture at Meiji University in Tokyo as a special research student in the 1960's where he trained with their world-renowned judo team. He won three U.S. national championships and a gold medal in the 1963 Pan American Games judo competition.

Campbell learned the art of making Indian jewelry from his father, who was of Native American Indian descent. Over the years he experimented with various styles and incorporated a laminating technique which he learned from the Japanese sword-makers. He developed a unique style of jewelry artistry and has received many awards. His jewelry has been displayed in the National Museum of the American Indian.

Senator Nighthorse Campbell is a can-

NEWS BITES

Outstanding Woman of Weld County

Our Director, Dr. Carole Schneider, was selected as one of Weld County's Outstanding Women. She was recognized at the Outstanding Woman Gala, which is an annual event sponsored by A Woman's Place. Dr. Schneider was selected for this honor for her work in the formulation and continued success of the Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute. RMCRI is funded totally by grants and private donations. Dr. Schneider spends countless hours writing articles to support the research done at the Institute, applying for and obtaining grants to keep the facility running, and supervises the day to day operation of the Institute. She does all of this without financial remuneration. We, at the Institute, both staff and clients, are very proud of Dr. Schneider.



Ben Nighthorse Campbell Center (BNCC)

cer survivor. In January, 2006, he announced his retirement from the public eye to spend more time with his family. There are some interesting photos on display in the BNCC reception area which showcase the Senator's accomplishments. We encourage you to come by our facility for a tour.

Football 101 for Women

UNC Head Football Coach Scott Downing and the UNC Alumni Association sponsored the first Football 101 for Women event as a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute. The event was held on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at the UNC Recreation Center. Coach Downing, his coaching staff, and some of the team players explained football basics to the

attendees. They made it a fun day with audience participation, a PowerPoint presentation, and guest speakers. This was a great opportunity for Greeley citizens and businesses to get to know about RMCRI. Coach Downing and the Alumni Association plan to make this an annual event to help keep RMCRI operational. Next year, we hope you will join us for a day of FRIENDSHIP and FUN.



Alumni Watch

Claudio Battaglini, Ph.D., is starting his 5th year as an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Exercise and Sport Science. Dr. Battaglini was a graduate student at the University of Northern Colorado, where he conducted his research in the area of cancer and exercise at the Rocky Mountain Cancer Rehabilitation Institute. This work has culminated into published research articles involving the management of cancer treatment related symptoms throughout the administration of prescriptive exercise intervention. Dr. Battaglini has presented his work nationally and internationally. At UNC Chapel Hill, Dr. Battaglini is the director and primary investigator of two trials; The EQUAL Project (Exercise and Quality of Life in Leukemia/ Lymphoma patients) and the the GET REAL & HEEL Breast Cancer Research Program (GR&H).

The first trial, the EQUAL project phase I, has been completed and the results have been submitted to the Journal of Integrative Cancer Therapies for publication. Currently, data for Phase II of the EQUAL project are being collected. Phase II is investigating the effects of exercise in a control group of cancer survivors (10 patients receiving usual cancer care with no exercise) compared to an exercise group of cancer survivors.



The second trial, the GR&H, a project designed for post-treated breast cancer patients is in its second year and data have been analyzed for the first 40 patients who have completed the 6 month intervention. The GR&H intervention is the only trial in the world that combines prescriptive individualized exercise and recreation therapy.

ALUMNI WATCH



Claudio Battaglini graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 2004, with a Ph.D. in Kinesiology.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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