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CU DENVER'S TUTORING HEADQUARTERS

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) monthly Newsletter is designed to keep students, staff and prospects up to date with the latest developments within the CU Denver Community, the LRC, and Colorado.

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Finals Week Tutoring
(December 6th-December 11th)

We ARE offering tutoring appointments during finals week.

We will NOT have tutor study sessions during finals week.
Thank you to all the tutors that have helped me this year. I would not have made it through calculus without all of you!

Thank you guys for taking the time out of your busy schedules to help those with questions.

Thank you all for everything you do and all the hard work you put in to helping us! I was surprised to see that after my tutoring session my tutor would reach out to me and send me more materials, it was sooo helpful and I am so grateful to have met a wonderful tutor that I am definitely going back to!

Thank you guys, honestly. Thank you so much for your help I would be struggling without your help.

Specials thanks to all of the amazing tutors at CU Denver! Your efforts make a difference in the lives of all students, especially during these difficult times when we’re unable to see each other in person. Please continue to keep up the great work.

I really appreciate how hard our tutors have worked to support our students learning. With every curveball, you have pivoted and flexed, and through your creativity you have helped the LRC find a way to succeed. Thank you for adapting to change and being so committed. You all are making a difference!

Your work is greatly appreciated!!!

Thank you so much to all of the tutors who have made the switch to support our students in this virtual environment, all while balancing and navigating their own academic loads!!! THANK YOU!!!!

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The LRC is now offering Student Success Workshops online!

Can’t make it to one of our in-person workshops? Don’t worry, we’ve got you covered! Watch Student Lingo workshops from the comfort of your own home 24/7! Topics include:

ACADEMIC AND CAREER EXPLORATION
- Creating your College Bucket List: Explore, Experience, Succeed
- What It Takes To Be A Successful Student
- Writing Effective Resumes & Cover Letters

LEARNING TO LEARN
- Exam Preparation Tips & Test-Taking Strategies
- How to Overcome Math Anxiety
- How To Reduce Test Anxiety

ONLINE LEARNING
- 10 Tips For Success In Your Online Course
- Effectively Communicating Online
- Online Courses: Staying Motivated & Disciplined

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT
- Emotional Intelligence: The Other Key to Academic Success
- Financial Literacy: Smart Money Skills For College & Beyond
- How to Achieve Well-Being, Balance, and Success

STUDENTLINGO.COM/UCDENVER
for these and MANY MORE free online workshops
KLAUS
Klaus came out on Netflix last Christmas and became an instant classic. It gives an emotional spin on the origin of Santa Claus that never leaves a dry eye.

THE GRINCH
While everyone knows the Jim Carrey version I would highly recommend the new version from Illumination studios. From the animation style to the different approach to the Grinch himself. This movie makes some nice changes that help create a new spin on a holiday classic.

THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES
Another Netflix original that doesn’t disappoint is the Christmas chronicles. Kurt Russel was born to play Santa and this whole movie is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit.

THE SANTA CLAUSE
Everyone knows Tim Allen’s version of Santa, I grew up watching this movie and it provides the perfect mix of nostalgia and Christmas spirit.

JINGLE JANGLE
Another new addition from Netflix, this movie while not completely centered on Christmas provides a heart warming story that is sure to please.

THE YEAR WITHOUT A SANTA CLAUS
There are a lot of new Christmas movies but sometimes nothing beats the classics. This holiday classic always satisfies the nostalgia and provides a great dose of Christmas Spirit.
SPICED GINGERBREAD LOAF WITH ORANGE FROSTING

Get in the holiday spirit with this yummy bread loaf paired with coffee or for dessert.

INGREDIENTS

GINGER BREAD LOAF
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 and 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon ground pepper  
3/4 cups dark molasses  
3/4 cups hot water  
1/2 cups (1 stick) unsalted butter  
1/3 cup light or dark brown sugar  
1 large egg at room temperature  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
Optional: Cranberries for decoration

ORANGE ICING
1 cup (120g) confectioners’ sugar  
2-3 Tablespoons (30-45ml) orange juice

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Spray a 9x5-inch loaf pan with nonstick spray. Set aside.

Step 2: In a medium bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, salt and pepper together until combined. Set aside. In another bowl, whisk the molasses and hot water together.

Step 3: In a large bowl using a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter on high speed until smooth and creamy (approx. 1 minute). Add the brown sugar and beat on high for 1 minute until creamed together. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula as needed. On medium-high, beat in the egg and vanilla extract until combined. With the mixer on low speed, add the dry ingredients in 3 additions, alternating with the hot water/molasses, and mixing each addition just until incorporated. Avoid over-mixing. *Batter will be thin. Whisk any big lumps.

Step 4: Pour the batter into prepared pan and bake for 50-60 minutes or until gingerbread loaf is baked through. Allow to cool completely in the pan set on a wire rack before removing from the pan.

Step 5: Make the icing by whisking confectioners’ sugar and orange juice together. Drizzle over cooled loaf. Top with cranberries for a festive look.

- Adapted from Sally’s Baking Addiction
DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Denver Zoo Lights**
November 23 - December 31
2300 Steele St. Denver, CO 80205

Come celebrate the 30th anniversary of Denver Zoo lights. The Denver Zoo will be covered with over 1 million lights sparking over 80 acres! Come and make magical memories with your family.

Social distancing measures will be put in place.

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**Christmas in Color**
November 20 - January 3rd
3051 S. Rooney Rd. Morrison, CO 80465

Gather your friends and family into your vehicle and head to Bandimere Speedway to experience the Christmas in Color drive through experience. There are over 1.5 million lights which are perfectly synchronized to holiday music which can be heard through your car's radio. This is a perfect way to socially distance but enjoy the holiday festivities at the same time.

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**Winter Park Tubing Hill**
566 County Road 721 Fraser, CO 80442

If you want to enjoy a winter activity but not too fond of skiing or snowboarding, snow tubing may be something you want to try. At Colorado Adventure Park, you can tube down a variety of terrain hills from slow and easy to fast and wild! They offer single and double tube rentals depending on your family preference. This is a fun experience for anyone 6 years or older.