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# Auraria



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The North Classroom Building, pictured above and on the cover, was designed to serve as a gateway to the campus of the Auraria Higher Education Center from downtown Denver. It is the largest building for higher education ever constructed in Colorado. Hoover Berg Desmond was the Architect and M.A. Mortenson Company was the General Contractor.

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## EMMANUEL GALLERY



Constructed on the site of Auraria's first public school, Emmanuel is the oldest church structure in Denver. Built in 1876 to serve an Episcopalian congregation, Emmanuel Chapel was converted into the city's first Jewish synagogue at the turn of the century. Membership had dwindled by the late 1950s, when Denver artist Wolfgang Pogzeba purchased the structure for use as a studio. The building currently serves as a campus art gallery.

## ST CAJETAN'S CENTER



John K. Mullen, Denver pioneer and multi-millionaire, donated the land on which the Spanish Colonial St. Cajetan's was built in 1926. A Denver landmark, the mission-style Catholic church was a focal point for Auraria's Hispanic community until 1973, when the construction of the campus necessitated relocation of the parish. St. Cajetan's now provides a meeting hall and performing arts space for Auraria.

## THE TIVOLI



One of Denver's earliest breweries, the Tivoli is a striking architectural example of the city's flamboyant past. The original structure dates back to 1866, when the Colorado Brewery first opened for business under the management of German immigrant Moritz Sigi. The seven-story mansard tower was added in 1890, and in 1900 a new owner, John Good, re-named the brewery after the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen.

The Tivoli-Union was one of the most successful breweries in the Rockies until financial difficulties, labor disputes, and flood damage led to its final closing in 1969. Trizec Corporation of Canada subsequently leased the building, which had become the property of the Auraria Higher Education Center. Tivoli was completely renovated and re-opened in 1985 as a retail and entertainment center.

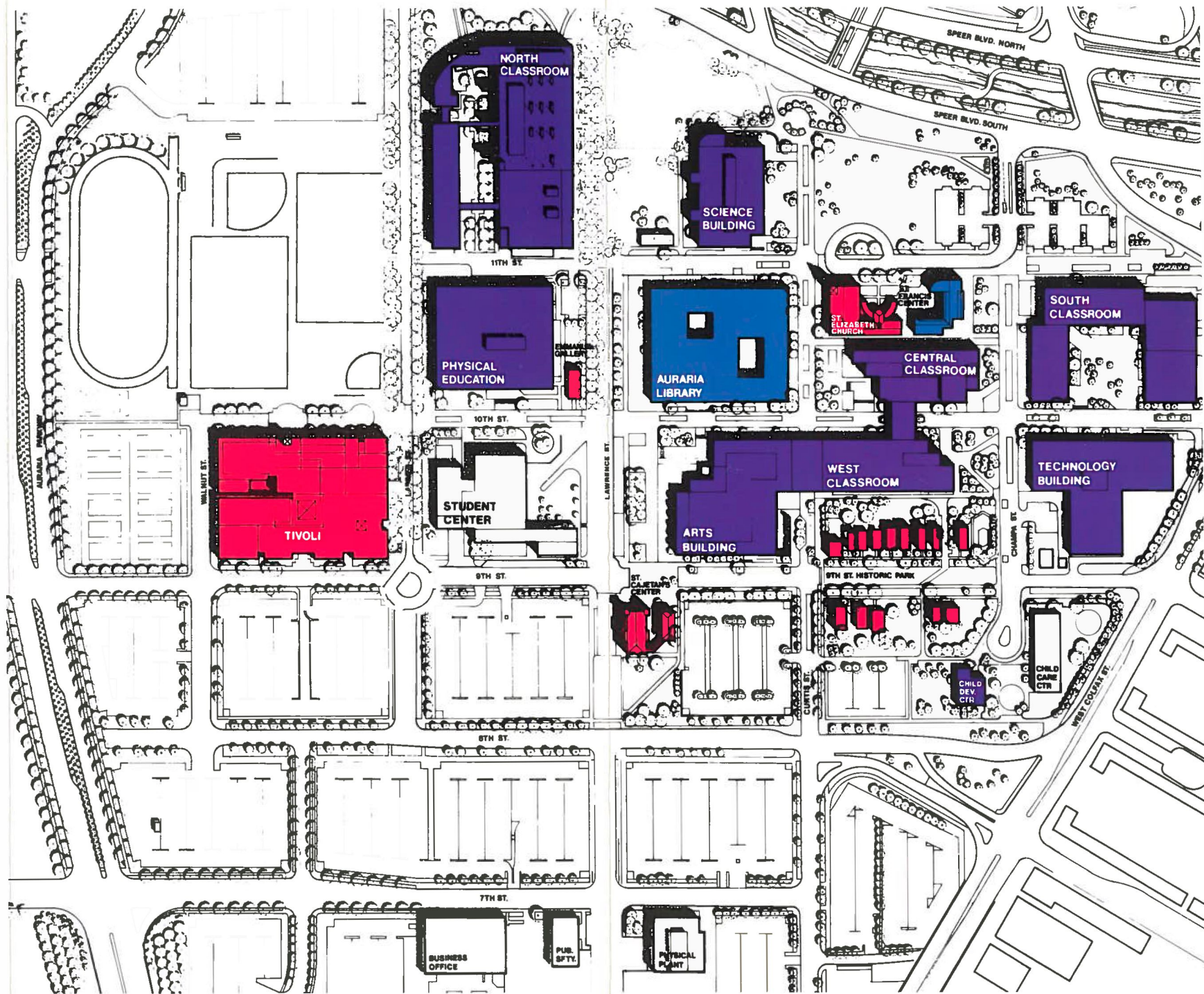
## AURARIA LIBRARY



The Auraria Library is the only academic library in the metropolitan area open to the public. The Library, which is linked by the public access catalog to other research libraries in Colorado, provides an important resource for the Auraria institutions and the Denver business community.



# The Campus

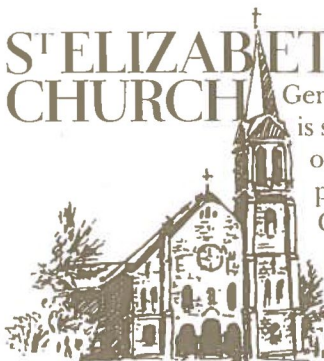


- DENVER HISTORIC LANDMARKS
- POINTS OF INTEREST
- ACADEMIC FACILITIES\*

\*most classes held in these facilities



## ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH



Founded in 1878 by German immigrants, St. Elizabeth's is still an active Catholic Parish. Its original small brick church was replaced in 1898 by the present German-Gothic edifice, which was modeled after the cathedrals of Europe. St. Elizabeth's is still recognized as one of the city's most beautiful church structures.

The bells of St. Elizabeth's were the gift of Denver brewer Philip Zang who, according to a popular story, insisted that the bells have a special, distinctive tone. It must have annoyed nearby Tivoli competitors when, instead of ringing, the bells tolled the hour with a sound very much like "zang."

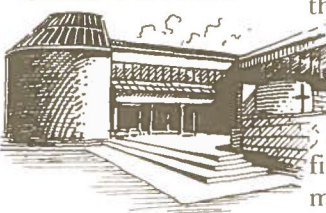
## NINTH STREET HISTORIC PARK



The Auraria Campus is located on the site of Denver's oldest continuously-occupied settlement. In October, 1858, William Green and J. Oliver Russell found gold nearby and established the pioneer town of Auraria. Enterprising settlers created the city's first school, first library, and first newspaper.

Ninth Street Historic Park remains as a unique reminder of Auraria's early days. Built between 1872 and 1906, the fourteen structures on Ninth Street were preserved through the efforts of Historic Denver, Inc. when the campus was built. The Park, which hosts thousands of visitors each year, was landscaped to create an open, village green area while retaining the linear quality of the streetscape. A variety of architectural styles are represented ranging from carpenter gothic Victorian to brick bungalow.

## ST FRANCIS CENTER



A lush backdrop of greenery highlighted by dramatic chandeliers makes the St. Francis Center an elegant meeting and reception space for campus and community groups. A facility of the Auraria Foundation, St. Francis also houses five interdenominational campus ministries.

## ACADEMIC FACILITIES

Major academic facilities on the Auraria campus include 138 classrooms and over 250 labs. The three institutions on the Auraria campus serve a combined student population of more than 30,000.

# The Auraria Higher Education Center

Auraria comprises three separate institutions: Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College, and the University of Colorado at Denver. Each with a separate role and mission, the three schools share building space and services managed by the Auraria Higher Education Center on the 171-acre downtown Denver campus.

## **Community College of Denver**

Community College of Denver (CCD) is an ideal starting point for college or career. CCD offers a range of college transfer and occupational programs students can afford. Its Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs prepare students to transfer to MSC, UCD and other state colleges and universities. In addition, for students who want to open the door quickly to a challenging, good-paying job, CCD offers over 50 Certificate and Associate of Applied Science degree programs in a broad range of occupational fields.

## **Metropolitan State College**

Metropolitan State College, one of the largest baccalaureate-degree granting institutions in the nation, offers students undergraduate education, dedicated faculty and excellent student services. Non-traditional students over the age of 20 are not subject to admission requirements.

Degree programs prepare students for an ever-changing world. The majors in each of the college's three schools, School of Business; School of Letters, Arts and Sciences; School of Professional Studies, provide the best in education for the future. Students leave MSC with the resourcefulness to reason, the skill to communicate, and the capacity to adapt.

## **The University of Colorado at Denver**

The University of Colorado at Denver is one of four institutions in the University of Colorado system. CU-Denver emphasizes professional, pre-professional, and liberal arts training, promoting the urban perspective of programs, faculty, and students.

CU-Denver offers undergraduate degrees in more than 40 fields and graduate degrees in more than 60. Ph.D degrees are offered in public affairs, applied mathematics, educational administration, and educational technology. Special emphasis is placed on programs that will help assure students professional opportunities after graduation.

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