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Auraria Campus Welcomes Recess Tivoli to the Historic Tivoli Student Union

New restaurant and bar will transform the former QuadSide Tavern and Tivoli Brewing space into a vibrant social destination for the Auraria Campus community

DENVER, Colo. (July 20, 2026) — Auraria Campus and Recess are excited to announce **Recess Tivoli**, a new restaurant, bar and gathering space housed in the historic Tivoli Student Union, opening in August 2026, ahead of the Fall semester.

Recess Tivoli will occupy the former Quad Side Tavern/Tivoli Brewing space within the historic Tivoli Student Union, reimagining one of campus's signature destinations with a lively food, beverage, and bar experience for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the broader Denver community.

"We're thrilled to welcome Recess Tivoli to campus," said Colleen Walker, **CEO of the Auraria Higher Education Center**. "The Tivoli Student Union has long served as the heart of our campus, and this new partnership reflects our continued commitment to creating welcoming spaces where students, employees, and visitors can gather, connect, and build community."

Recess Beer Garden, located in the Lower Highlands (LoHi) neighborhood, has become known throughout Denver for its extensive patio that combines approachable food and drinks, genuine hospitality, and community-focused experiences. The Tivoli location will extend that vision while embracing the unique history and culture of Auraria Campus. The Tivoli location represents Recess' second location and its first expansion into a university environment, bringing the brand's playful atmosphere to one of Denver's most active gathering places.

"When we first created Recess, the goal was simple: build a place where people could take a break, enjoy great food and drinks, and connect with the people around them," said **CEO & Managing Partner Jason Romero**. "The Tivoli has been doing that in its own way for generations, which makes this an incredibly meaningful place for us to call home. We're excited to welcome the Auraria community and continue that tradition together."

Located inside one of Denver's most iconic historic buildings, Recess Tivoli blends the building's rich history with the energetic, spirited environment the Recess brand is known for. Recess Tivoli will feature the brand's signature smashburgers, sandwiches, shareable appetizers,

full bar, and expansive patio seating, creating a social destination for everything from quick lunches between classes to after-work happy hours, weeknight activities, and game-day hangouts.

Additional details, including the official opening date, menu offerings, hours of operation, employment opportunities, and grand opening celebrations will be announced in the coming weeks.

About Auraria Campus

The Auraria Campus is a unique higher education campus in downtown Denver that serves over 40,000 students, staff, and faculty from three distinct institutions: the University of Colorado Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and the Community College of Denver. The Auraria Campus (Auraria Higher Education Center) manages the shared facilities and fosters a vibrant, inclusive environment that connects learning, culture, and community in the heart of the city.

About Recess

Recess is a Denver-based restaurant, bar, and hospitality brand built around the idea that everyone deserves a break. Known for its playful atmosphere, approachable food, creative cocktails, and community-focused events, Recess creates gathering spaces where guests can relax, reconnect, and have fun. What began with Recess Beer Garden in Denver's LoHi neighborhood has grown into a brand focused on bringing people together through memorable hospitality experiences. Learn more at recessbeergarden.com.

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