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Tivoli Beer to Return to its Original Home

Tivoli Brewery and Tap Room to Open on the Auraria Campus in Early 2015

DENVER – Tivoli Brewing Company has established a long-term lease with the Auraria Higher Education Center that will return the production of Tivoli beer to its original home in the Tivoli Student Union on the Auraria Campus, and lay the groundwork for partnerships with the Auraria Campus institutions to provide new educational opportunities related to the beer industry.

Corey Marshall, founder and chief executive officer of Tivoli Brewing Company, signed an agreement in August 2014 to occupy the 4,000-square-foot restaurant space and 4,000-square-foot historic boiler room, which is where Tivoli beer will be brewed.

Marshall, a Colorado native and seasoned beer industry professional, resurrected the Tivoli brand as a tribute to Colorado's rich brewing history. "I wanted to bring back a part of Colorado culture that was lost," he said.

Colorado's oldest brewing company began a 45-year hiatus in 1969 after more than 100 years as one of the largest breweries in Colorado. In 2012, Tivoli Brewing Company recreated the historic Tivoli beer recipe, and has since been distributing and serving it locally in the Denver area.

The Tivoli Brewery and Tap Room is scheduled to open as a full-service Tap Room, restaurant and brewery in early 2015. Renovations began earlier this month, taking into special consideration the preservation of historic elements such as the smoke stack and other structural and building components, as well as the original brewery machinery. The original beer kettles will not be used to brew Tivoli beer; however, they will remain intact and maintained for their historical significance.

"In addition, we are planning to resurrect and brew a number of historic beers from some of Colorado's other early breweries, such as Neef Brothers, Zang's, and Sigi's," said Marshall. These historic recipes will be part of the Tivoli Brewery and Tap Room's standard beer selection.

With the opening of the brewery, Auraria Campus students will have an opportunity to experience a curriculum built around the beer industry. "We are thrilled to have Tivoli Brewing Company back in operation on campus," said Barbara Weiske, executive vice president for administration and chief executive officer of the Auraria Higher Education Center. "The academic collaborations that are being developed around this craft make it a unique partnership for all constituents involved," she said.

For more than two decades, Metropolitan State University of Denver's Hospitality, Tourism and Events program has been teaching students the fundamentals of beverage management. The program has expanded in recent years, offering both certificates and a minor in beverage management within the new [Hotel and Hospitality Learning Center](#) containing dedicated sensory analysis and mixology labs.

“We look forward to expanding our beverage-management curriculum so our students can learn first-hand all aspects of beer industry operations from start to finish,” said MSU Denver President Stephen Jordan. “Our beverage faculty are currently working with industry leaders, including the Tivoli Brewing Company, to develop new courses with an emphasis on teaching skills that apply to a wide variety of potential employment opportunities including brewing sciences, beer industry operations, sales and marketing, and brewpub operations to support the workforce needs of Colorado’s growing craft-beer industry.”

The Community College of Denver is developing a certification program in Beer Industry Welding, where students can learn and observe on-site. “CCD has a strong track record and commitment to workforce development,” said CCD President Everette Freeman. “We’re excited about the opportunity for CCD’s world-class welding program to provide students with real-world experience in a Colorado growth industry, and to develop job prospects with breweries throughout the state.”

Marshall would like local craft brewers to benefit from the Tivoli Brewery and Tap Room. “We invite all craft brewers in the state to utilize our resources and the educational opportunities that exist on this campus to help their businesses grow,” he said.

Tivoli Brewing Company’s goal is to open the Tap Room and restaurant for business in spring 2015, with the brewery beginning on-site production soon after.

The Tap Room menu is planned to include a variety of items, including small plates, panini and other sandwiches, flatbreads, salads and soups. A vast selection of tea and chai will also be available. Tivoli beer will of course be on tap along with a large selection of other local and national craft beers.

Footnote: Corey Marshall will present in MSU Denver’s Beers of the World class on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at noon in the Hotel and Hospitality Learning Center. Marshall will provide students an overview of Tivoli Brewing Company’s new venture and outline how students can get involved both inside and outside the classroom. Interviews will be available immediately following the class presentation. To confirm your attendance, contact: Tim Carroll, 303-870-7705, carrollt@msudenver.edu.