In April, the Office of Research and Innovation sponsored its fourth annual Mountain Lion Research day. Each year the event has grown larger than the year before, and this year saw over eighty research posters featured, the biggest number of posters yet. Most of the posters were created by undergraduate and graduate students who wanted to share the research work they had done in conjunction with course work or other projects on campus. During Mountain Lion Research day, researchers stood by their posters to talk about their projects and answer questions.

In addition to research posters, there were also three short presentations given throughout the morning by three UCCS faculty members. Dr. Chip Benight talked about his work in trauma recovery and his experiences with creating web tools that offer disaster survivors valuable tools for recovering from the traumatic event.

Dr. John Crumlin gave insight into the work being done at the CU Aging Center, including the development of a self-administered computerized memory assessment which will help medical professionals diagnose psychological conditions more effectively.

Dr. Eugenia Olesnicky Killian shared images and information about her research exploring the genetic mechanisms that generate nerve cells and neural connections. Her research with fruit flies promises to provide a great deal of new neurological information that can have great positive impact in human applications.

During lunch, keynote speaker, Dr. James O. Hill, gave a presentation on the Colorado Center for Health and Wellness at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. He gave the audience an illustrated tour of the new facility, explaining how the fitness area, metabolic kitchen, human performance lab and many other features will help the center conduct research and then share what they have learned to provide cutting-edge wellness information to the Anschutz campus, the surrounding community, and beyond.