UCCS is hosting the first UCCS Academical Village Celebration with a number of events focused on celebrating ways to enrich the campus culture through conversation and sharing ideas. Students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to present their questions in a variety of activities during the day.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM The Celebration will kick off with a Continental Breakfast on Dwire Atrium Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 8 a.m.

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Keynote Speaker: “President Thomas Jefferson” University Center Theater (Clay Jenkinson, University of North Dakota)

President Thomas Jefferson will answer the following four questions:

1. What is your vision of the Academical Village from the point of view of class, privilege, and academic rigor?
2. What are the implications for growing a democracy-focused university system within an environment where public funding for education decreases?
3. How does the creation of public areas in the university promote a sense of community and communal interaction?
4. What academic rigor is crucial in an American university?

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Academic Breakout Sessions based upon the individual interest University Center Facilitators professors and Students
A) Pub and Patio area Audience places questions in soapbox and proceed to designated areas to continue conversations.
B) Upper Plaza
C) Lower Plaza

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  First Amendment Celebration
Upper Plaza  Food, music, drama, and exhibits.
               Exhibits on the First Amendment Rights

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  “On the Soapbox”
Upper Plaza Stage  Student Government Candidates Only
               Candidates present their vision for student leadership and
               program ideas

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  UCCS as an Academical Village
Upper Plaza Stage  Individual group discussions using ticket box model.
               Participants write their questions on tickets

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM  Group Share Activities on Campus Initiatives
Upper Plaza Stage

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM  Closing - Where we are and where we want to succeed as an
Upper Plaza Stage  Academical Village

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM  Canapes and Conversation Students, Staff, Faculty, and Friends
The Margarita at Pine Creek-Lower Level