



Why Hospitality?

The School of Hospitality prepares students for success in the diverse field of hospitality management, including hotels, resorts, restaurants, breweries, event planning, and tourism. This comprehensive program develops future leaders with the technical, practical, and soft skills needed to excel. It emphasizes leadership, ethical practices, and offers opportunities for growth, travel, and diverse work environments.



In 2023, travel spending in the U.S. hit an all-time high, surpassing pre-COVID levels. Travel spending in Colorado increased 3.9% from \$27.2 billion in 2022 to \$28.2 billion in 2023. Earnings from Accommodation & Food Services showed a high rate of growth of 7.9%.

Salary Snapshot

\$103,880
Lodging Manager

\$82,850
Food Service Manager

\$63,570
Event Manager

\$65,286
Brewing Manager

\$87,451
Sales Manager

Students graduating with their degree in Hospitality Leadership can look forward to a variety of career paths. Whether it is leading a culinary team through a Nuggets season at Ball Arena or managing sales for a Denver hotel, developing students are sure to find a place in the hospitality industry.

Program Info!

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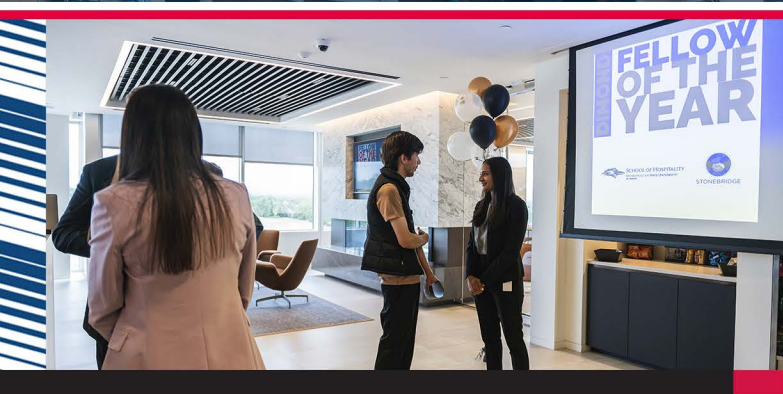
Our Facilities

MSU Denver's School of Hospitality is the only program in the U.S. that has a LEED Gold® hotel, a commercial conference space, a state-of-the-art beverage testing laboratory, and a commercial brewpub all on campus.



Degrees & Certificates

- Brewery Operations, B.S.
- Event and Meeting Management, B.S.
- Hospitality Leadership, B.S.
- Hotel Management, B.S.
- Beverage Management Minor
- Bar, Tap, and Tasting Room Manager Certificate
- Beverage Scholar Certificate
- Cannabis Hospitality Manager Certificate
- Cannabis Hospitality Specialist Certificate
- Culinary Arts Certificate
- Culinary Nutrition Certificate



The Rita and Navin Dimond Hotel Management Program is named for the founders and owners of Stonebridge Company properties, one of the nation's leading development and hospitality management companies. The Dimond Fellowship Program provides paid internships at select Stonebridge Companies properties, access to an invaluable network of leaders and a \$5,000 award to the Dimond Fellow of the Year.



Day Leadership Academy

Gina and Frank Day are infusing MSU Denver's School of Hospitality with Day's brand of inclusive leadership that has proved invaluable to the launch of national hospitality success stories such as Rock Bottom Brewery and Old Chicago Pizza and Taproom. The Gina and Frank Day Leadership Academy offers opportunities for industry professionals to take the next step to advance their careers, and establishes a structured mentoring program.

Sage Hospitality

As part of a public/private partnership, MSU Denver and Sage Hospitality have built an on-campus, full-service, learning laboratory: the Hospitality Learning Center. Combining higher education classrooms, teaching laboratories, a commercial hotel (Springhill Suites by Marriott Denver Downtown), brewpub, and a conference center, the HLC is the only facility of its kind.



The Charlie Papazian Brewing Education Lab, named in honor of the craft-beer pioneer who founded the Great American Beer Festival, provides students with an opportunity to brew on a commercial-scale system. Our campus brewpub, located onsite, sells the beer our students produce. The 1,500-square-foot facility features the kind of 3½-barrel commercial brewing system used in many small to medium-size breweries.

MSU Denver's **Beverage Analytics Lab** allows brewers, vintners and other beverage makers to have their products tested for alcohol content, nutritional content, water quality and other ingredients. Launched in partnership with the 140-year-old Chicago-based Siebel Institute of Technology, the labs are led by one of only seven triple-TTB certified technicians in the country.

Colorado ProStart

The statewide hospitality education program serves more than 900 students from 35 Colorado high schools with a restaurant-management, culinary-arts and business-economics curriculum taught by industry professionals. Students receive dual high school and college academic credit at MSU Denver through the program, which is run by the Colorado Restaurant Association and the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation.

"The hospitality program offered not only a wonderful curriculum and incredible support, but also opportunities to participate in conferences, research competitions, and student organizations. These experiences strengthened my passion for food and beverage operations and advanced my professional, academic, and personal growth."

Camille Rawinski
MSU Denver '25
Hospitality Leadership

"I'm passionate about creating opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in hospitality. My goal is to guide and inspire the next generation of leaders as they build the skills needed to excel in our evolving industry."

Taryn Claassen
General Manager
Springhill Suites by
Marriott Denver
Downtown

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