

Denver's Next 160 Letter

Dear Next Generation Leaders:

What I think about Denver is obvious. I have watched this great city grow into a metropolis. My children all grew up here, we grew up together in Denver!

We first arrived in Colorado as a family in Spring of 1966 and moved to Denver in 1970, when Uncle Sam sent us back after a short stint in Germany. I first met my husband, Staff Sargent Robert James Hancock, on Fort Carson Army base in 1954. After our return, the children got settled in school and began getting acquainted with many friends. Our children, a total of 10, all had different interest. Our baby boy, is Denver's current Mayor Michael B. Hancock. He is truly the baby of all the children, but the true rock of the family, always around when needed. He's always been serious about his family, his first lady, his children and his community. I have watched closely as he has traveled the world making friends and connecting with other countries for all our benefit. Denver is better connected globally today because of these efforts. That makes Denver a much different city than the one we returned to in 1970. Denver International Airport has a lot to do with our growth and connectivity. I was worried about what closing Stapleton would mean for all of us. However, Denver International Airport has answered the call and helped Denver mature to great City. At 160 years old, Denver is looking great!!

What I think about Denver? I am proud to be citizen and resident of Denver and I have been for close to 50 years. I am retired and feel blessed to live here. So, to Denver I say, Happy 160 years!!

My advice to the next generation is to remember that the people have made this city great. Work to be an asset to Denver by getting the best education you can; be safe and keep your neighbors safe. Keep your health, mind and body strong, and for the good of all of us strive to be the best you be. Always commit to being helpful to the community and always be respectful to your elderly and the homeless. How you treat people who can do nothing for you reflects more on you than on them. Be Great Denver!! That is simply what we have always aimed to be, nothing less will do!!

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