



May 14, 2024

RE: **GESTEM 2024 Cancellation**

Dear GESTEM Participants,

It is with regret that we must inform you that GESTEM 2024, scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Auraria Campus, has been cancelled. We understand the disappointment this may cause, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience.

Reason for Cancellation: Due to the ongoing Pro-Palestine protests and encampment on the Tivoli Quad, and on the recommendation of Auraria Campus Police Department, we have made the difficult decision to cancel. The safety and well-being of our attendees, volunteers, and partners are our top priority, and we believe this is the most responsible course of action.

Volunteers: We deeply appreciate your commitment to supporting our event. While the event won't take place as planned, we value your dedication. If you have any questions or concerns, please reply to this email, and we'll address them promptly.

Sponsors: As always, 100% of donations go towards our event goals. We are working with our vendors to see how to best handle the financial investment we've made on your behalf. We will be in touch with options for your 2024 event sponsorship in the coming days.

Future Plans: GESTEM 2024 will not be rescheduled. We will start working shortly on GESTEM 2025 to be held one year from now.

Contact Information: If you have any further questions or need assistance, please reach out to our event team at swe.gestem@gmail.com.

Once again, we apologize for any inconvenience this cancellation may cause. We appreciate your understanding and support during these challenging times.

Thank you for being a part of our community, and we look forward to connecting with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Sarah Gilmore
GESTEM Chair
SWE Rocky Mountain Section