Joint research institute unveiled

CSU, East China Normal University create joint research institute for energy, environment

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In Shanghai this June, Colorado State University and East China Normal University announced a Joint Research Institute for New Energy and the Environment that will capitalize on strengths of the two institutions to develop new energy solutions and help deal with the impact of energy on climate, air quality, land use and water resources.

East China Normal University is one of CSU's strategic partners in China with collaboration on student exchange programs and research initiatives in everything from music to clean energy.

"The partnerships we are pursuing with East China Normal University and other Chinese universities are built around common faculty research interests and shared global concerns - and are very much in keeping with the service mission of a land-grant university like CSU," said Colorado State President Tony Frank.

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Honor U.S. Veterans on campus

Colorado State will honor U.S. veterans during this year's Veterans Day celebrations from Nov. 7-12. Events will be held across campus and during the Nov. 12 home football game to honor and remember those who have served in the U.S. military.

The Veterans Day 5K run/walk on Nov. 12 will honor USMC Sgt. Nick Walsh. Walsh, 26, was a dedicated Marine and beloved husband, father, son, brother, and grandson who took great pride in serving his country. Walsh, 26, was assigned to the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, when he was killed by an enemy sniper while conducting combat operations in Fallujah, Iraq, on May 26, 2007.

Walsh enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating from high school in Birmingham, Ala., in 1997 and served until 2001. He re-enlisted in 2004 and was on his second deployment to Iraq when he was killed.

His military decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat V and the Purple Heart.

See the event listing on page 7 for more details.
College of Applied Human Sciences

Department of Health and Exercise Sciences
Professor Matt Hickey was selected by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities Board of Human Sciences to receive the Undergraduate Research Mentor Award. The prestigious award will be given at the APLU meeting in San Francisco Nov. 13.

Emily Allen, academics support coordinator, and her husband Greg announced the birth of their son, Cooper Islow Allen, who was born Sept. 23.

Department of Human Development and Family Studies
Francisco Palermo and Sarah Killoren introduced a new addition to their family. Luna Lucille Palermo was born June 28. Francisco is a tenure-track assistant professor and Sarah is a special appointment assistant professor, both in the HDFS department.

This summer, Robert “Bob” Fetsch celebrated his retirement of 25 years of service to Human Development and Family Studies and CSU Extension.

Raymond K. Yang celebrated his retirement this summer with 20 years of service to CSU.

Warner College of Natural Resources

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology
Professor Brett Johnson was an invited speaker at the 6th World Recreational Fishing Conference (WRFC) in Berlin early this fall. He presented his work on illegal stocking of aquatic animals. Johnson is co-author of a United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization document for developing nations called “Technical Guidelines for Responsible Recreational Fisheries” with Robert Arlinghaus (Humboldt University, Berlin) and Stephen Cooke (Carleton University, Canada). An expert panel was convened by the U.N. at the Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries in Köpenick, Germany, in August, where the three professors presented their work to a panel of international experts.

College of Business

Stanley Slater, the Charles and Gwen Lillis Professor of Business Administration in the College of Business, has been named the 2011 recipient of the Mahajan Award for Lifetime Contribution to Marketing Strategy Research. The prestigious award, presented annually since 2000 by the American Marketing Association Foundation, recognizes marketing educators across the world for outstanding contributions to marketing strategy research.

Send in your Applause

Our Applause section features notable highlights from CSU’s colleges and departments. The campus community is invited to submit material for Applause to celebrate the good work, service, outreach, research, and personal triumphs that keep the people of CSU engaged and committed to higher education.

If you have applause to share, fire off an e-mail to CSULife@colostate.edu with your brief announcement, along with the best way to contact you. Images are welcome, too.

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Tony Frank speaking in Shanghai, shortly after the announcement of the joint institute between Colorado State University and East China Normal University was made.

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Always Remember Never Surrender Scholarship

A fully endowed scholarship benefits mental health and suicide prevention
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In April 2010, CSU senior psychology student Sam Lustgarten founded the Always Remember Never Surrender Scholarship to benefit students interested in mental health and suicide prevention. The scholarship was established after Lustgarten dealt with suicide while he was a residence hall assistant at CSU.

Student Brittnee Vagneur was the first to receive the scholarship in the 2010-2011 school year when the scholarship was brand new. For 2011-2012, the scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Vazzano. In their scholarship applications, both students conveyed interest in working with populations suffering from suicidal thoughts.

For his effort and initiative, Lustgarten was awarded an honorable mention from the Jed Foundation for the Jerry Greenspan Student Voice of Mental Health Award.

“Some of these people have dealt with issues that are very, very powerful, so I want to bring awareness to this subject,” said Lustgarten, who is now in his first year of graduate school at CSU. “There’s hope for people who are suffering, and there’s hope for people who can help these people. We’re always going to remember those who have passed and at the same time, we’re never going to stop fighting for them. Always remember, never surrender.”

Just over a year after establishment, the scholarship is now fully endowed at more than $25,000, thanks to the generosity of many people. An endowed fund is one that is available in perpetuity with only the interest used to pay scholarships.

The dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Jan Nerger, has been a key supporter of the scholarship since the beginning.

“We had a Poudre High School student generously raise $4,000,” Lustgarten said. “When Jan was notified of the student’s fundraiser – even before knowing the total – she jumped at the opportunity to help.” Nerger matched the donation to further help the scholarship flourish.

Contribute to the Scholarship

To contribute to the scholarship, go to https://advancing.colostate.edu/CNS/PSYCH/GIVE or contact Simone Clasen at (970) 491-0997.

If you or someone you know is suicidal, call the 24-hour suicide prevention lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Sam Lustgarten, founder of the Always Remember, Never Surrender scholarship fund.

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Get your Green On

This year’s Homecoming and Family Weekend was all action and color, flash and pizzazz. Marching bands, fun floats, challenging foot races, delightful banquets, warm reunions, a huge bonfire – a plethora of activities for Ram fans far and wide to gather and celebrate all the best that Colorado State has to offer.

Highlights included the Distinguished Alumni Awards, a new addition to traditional Homecoming festivities that celebrated 17 notable alumni; the Homecoming parade led by Grand Marshall Joe Blake, CSU chancellor; a pep rally and bonfire, including lighting of the ‘A’; the annual 5K race and Kids Fun Run led by Cam the Ram; and, of course, the Homecoming tailgate and football game vs. San Jose State.

Runners in the Colorado State University Homecoming 5K Race raise funds for the Department of Health and Exercise Science's Adult Fitness Program, Oct. 1.

Go green & gold!
Thousands of pounds of food donated to Food Bank

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Cans Around the Oval is Larimer County’s largest one-day food drive

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his October’s Cans Around the Oval food drive, held in sunny, mild weather at the Oval on campus, once again helped support The Food Bank for Larimer County with donated food and money.

The CSU community joined businesses, community groups, organizations, schools, and residents to fill the Oval with canned goods to help those in need. The annual event is hosted by the Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement office, or SLiCE, at CSU.

Although hunger is an issue plaguing third-world countries, it’s also a problem in Colorado. One in five children in Larimer County don’t have enough food to meet their nutritional needs, according to The Food Bank. With more than 30,000 clients served by the Food Bank in 2010, Cans Around the Oval plays an important role in feeding the community throughout the year.

Last year alone, Cans Around the Oval was able to donate more than 66,000 pounds of food and $39,000. This year’s goal was 100,000 pounds and $30,000 in cash donations.

Visit the SLiCE website at www.slice.colostate.edu for more details.
Skloot chronicles a true medical thriller

He mentioned that in class when he first told me about Henrietta, but I did. Which is an amazing thing about classrooms: You never know what random sentence from a teacher will change a student’s life.

Skloot serves as the president and founder of the Henrietta Lacks Foundation. The non-profit organization provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships to the descendents of Henrietta Lacks.

Reach out to troubled students on campus

A 45-minute training module helps the campus community learn to recognize signs that a student is in distress or exhibiting behaviors that could become problematic.

As employees, our goal is to mold the future workforce by recognizing signs that a student is in distress or exhibiting behaviors that could become problematic.

But what can be done when employees become concerned for a student or perplexed by their behavior?

If you’ve ever noticed a student who seems troubled, disruptive, or whom you’re generally concerned about, Colorado State has a new program to help employees become concerned for a student or alert CSU offices that a student may be at risk.

Each semester, a number of CSU students are hospitalized for psychological distress, and the number who are in danger of hurting themselves or others has increased in recent years. The more campus personnel who recognize the early warning signs of distress and take action to connect that person (a student or employee) to campus resources, the healthier our campus environment is for everyone.

University leadership believes that the health and safety of students and employees is critical, and we are strongly encouraging each instructor and faculty member to complete the training. While this module is focused on identifying students in distress, the information about signs of distress is generally applicable to anyone – colleagues, friends, and loved ones.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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**29th Annual CSU Pow Wow**

Nov. 4-5

Lory Student Center Plaza and Main Ballroom.

“My Life as a Turkey”

Nov. 9, 7 p.m. free screening hosted by PBS, Behavioral Sciences Building, Theatre 131.

Creative Writing Reading Series

Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. poetry, essay, and criticism by Devin Johnston; University Art Museum, University Center for the Arts.

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint Exupery

Nov. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.; Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. 2nd Floor Large Acting Lab, University Center for the Arts.

Percussion: The Long and Rich Past and the Very Bright Future of Hitting Things

Nov. 14, 3 p.m. with music Professor Eric Helenbeck; Society of Senior Scholars Speaker series; CollegeAmerica, 4601 S. Mason Ave., Fort Collins.

Second race for the pole: Antarctic exploration

Nov. 16, 7 p.m. with Professor Adrian Howkins; Everyday Joe’s, 144 S. Mason St.

Creative Writing Reading Series

Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. with Masters of Fine Arts students; University Art Museum, University Center for the Arts.

Linda Carlson’s Favorite Things

Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Avenir Museum curator Linda Carlson retirement celebration and retrospective on the museum; Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising, University Center for the Arts.

Fall recess

No classes for CSU students. Nov. 19 through Nov. 27

University holiday – CSU offices closed; no classes. Nov. 24-25

**VETERANS WEEK EVENTS**

Nov. 7: Veteran’s Breakfast

8-10 a.m., Room 196, Lory Student Center. Veteran’s Week kicks off with free bagels and fruit for student-veterans and veterans from the community.

Nov. 8: Diversity Day

10 a.m.-1 p.m., LSC Room 228. A panel of diverse veterans share stories to help reverse stereotypes of military people. Q&A to follow.

Nov. 9: Veterans Panel

10 a.m.-1 p.m., LSC Room 230. Veterans share their experiences. A Q&A follows.

Nov. 10: Veterans Stand Down

9 a.m.-1 p.m. A day for veterans who may be in need, may be homeless, potentially homeless, or who would simply like to join other veterans for the day and receive some free services for the service they provided to the country. This off-campus event is open to the community.

Nov. 11: National Roll Call

9 a.m.-2 p.m., LSC Plaza. Reading of all names of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom casualties. University students nationwide pause at noon for a minute of silence.

Nov. 12: Veterans Day

CSU Oval.

Race-day registration: 7:30 a.m.; race start: 9 a.m. Register online by noon Nov. 11 at www.veterans.colostate.edu/5k.

additional events throughout the week

Flag Display, LSC east lawn

More than 600 American flags on display represent 623,000 U.S. military killed in battle from WWI to the present day.

Veterans Print Project, LSC basement

Display of art created by local artists and veterans. See http://veteranprintproject.com/.

Veterans Plaza Registration, LSC Room 195 Ongoing registration for the Veterans Plaza at Spring Canyon Community Park.

Visit www.veterans.colostate.edu for more details.

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**Must be the season of the ghouls**

**Scary, educational, trick or treaty – Halloween on campus has it all**

**Halloween at the Lory Student Center**

Bring your children to the Lory Student Center on CSU’s main campus for a fun and safe Halloween celebration from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 31. The theme this year is “Children’s movies, TV shows and cartoons.” Games and activities are planned throughout the LSC. Offices will be decorated to fit this year’s theme and staff will be handing out candy. The event is free and open to the public.

**Chemistry Club’s Mad Scientist Halloween**

The Chemistry Club hosts its seventh annual Mad Scientist Halloween event for children and families on Oct. 28. The event brings together CSU students and the Fort Collins community in an exciting and educational event.

“Kids can trick-or-treat in a safe environment with their families,” said Robin Ward and David Daley, members of the CSU Chemistry Club. “We have stations for making liquid nitrogen ice cream, cool potions and crafts, and an awesome Mad Scientist Show for the family.”

All activities and shows are free and fun for the whole family, but donations are accepted to help pay for the candy and chemicals.

Children of all ages are welcome, but the science-based activities are generally geared toward elementary school students.

The Chemistry Club’s outreach program provides educational shows for teachers throughout the Poudre Valley School District. Student volunteers offer demonstrations and hands-on activities for children in first through 12th grades as well as shows in the university residence halls.

The event will be 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Chemistry Building on CSU’s main campus near Lake Street and Centre Avenue.

Visit www.csuchemclub.org or e-mail CSUCChemClubOutreach@gmail.com for more details.

**A booming organ extravaganza**

The frightful sounds of Halloween will fill the Organ Recital Hall at the University Center for the Arts during the sixth annual Halloween organ extravaganza on Oct. 31.

The booming resonance of the world-renowned Casavant organ will feature thematic organ music performed by costumed performers including CSU organ professor Joel Bacon, organ students, and guest musicians.

CSU’s wildly popular annual concert runs at three times on Oct. 31 at 7-8:30 p.m., 9-10:30 p.m., and 11 to midnight at the UCA’s Organ Recital Hall, 1400 Remington St.

“Get your kids involved. If you make it an early habit it just becomes natural later on in life.”

Meet the VanderVeits. Here’s why they recycle:

- “It’s good for the environment and reduces costs to manufacture new products.”
- “We take aluminum cans to scrap metal dealers and get a little beer money to support local breweries!”
- “The larger curbside recycling containers motivate people.”
- “The highlight is Bach’s infamous Toccatas and Fugues in D minor. Thought to have been Bach’s warm-up for testing organs, the piece has transcended classical realms to become a major part of pop culture. “We have so many crazy organ fans, it’s a shame Halloween only comes once a year,” Bacon said.

Contact Jennifer Clary at 1-3603 for details.