George Seidel Jr. to be awarded 2022 Founders Day Medal

By Nik Olsen

George Seidel Jr. was known internationally as an expert on reproductive physiology whose applied research transformed animal agriculture. At Colorado State University, where Seidel spent his 50-year career, he was also known as a brilliant, kind and hard-working colleague and a generous mentor.

Seidel, who came to CSU in 1971 and remained an active and contributing member of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences until his passing in September 2021, will be awarded the 2022 Founders Day Medal. In announcing Seidel’s selection for the award, President Joyce McConnell noted that his service and contributions to the university and the larger community it serves had a lasting, transformative impact on the institution.

“George’s incredible research career was exemplary, and he is among the greatest minds that have been part of our Ram family,” McConnell said. “But his kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, and determination to make CSU better give him a special place in our history. We are so proud to have had George as part of our community, and we are proud to celebrate his incredible contributions.”

Growing up on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania, Seidel came to Colorado State as an assistant professor after completing post-doctoral work at Harvard Medical School. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1992 and named a University Distinguished Professor in 1993. In 2014, he was elected to the National Academy of Inventors. He did this all while proudly running a cow-calf ranch with his family, especially his beloved wife Sarah.

Seidel’s work led to the establishment of the Bovine Embryo Transfer Laboratory at CSU as well as the XY, Inc. company. As the founder of XY, Inc., Seidel transferred royalties from his company’s work back to Colorado State to support generations of students and fellow researchers.

“For the most part, I just consider myself lucky – having been at the right place at the right time,” Seidel said in a late-career interview. “I have had good colleagues, students, and mentors. I cannot minimize my wife’s input as well. I think, for the most part, I get more credit than I deserve – sometimes less than I should, sometimes more – so it evens out.”

Seidel supported 18 Ph.D. students and 38 master’s students and mentored more than 30 postdocs while at CSU. He retired in 2011 but remained active in his scholarly pursuits. Over the course of his career, he had 192 publications and nearly 5,000 citations.

The Founders Day Medal was first awarded in 2010 and is among the most prestigious honors at Colorado State University, awarded to individuals, families or organizations whose contributions have had a significant, transformative, and lasting impact on the University’s history and progress. CSU’s Founders Day celebrates the institution’s creation and the collective impact of its students and scholars on the state, nation, and the world, as well as celebrating the University’s service to the people of Colorado.

The Founders Day medal is traditionally awarded to the recipient or (in the case of a posthumous recipient) to their family on Founders Day, Feb. 11. This year, in consideration of COVID public health protocols, an event is being planned for later this spring to celebrate Seidel’s achievements and contributions. President McConnell will present the medal to Seidel’s family at that time.
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**College of Natural Sciences**
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**Community reflects on legacy of Mary Ontiveros**

By CSU MarComm Staff

Founding Vice President for Diversity Mary Ontiveros passed away on Feb. 14, a little more than a year after her retirement from a CSU career and education that spanned more than 50 years. Below are some of the many tributes that have poured in to honor her legacy.

“Our hearts are with those who are grieving. As a community, we are both bereft and deeply fortunate to have known Mary and benefited from her passion, her compassion, her wisdom, and her unparalleled commitment to CSU. As she herself said in an interview in 2020, ‘There are some pretty significant things that happened historically, and I’m just glad that I was at CSU because the one common denominator that I think helped us get through everything are the people. It’s really the people that make a difference.’ Mary Ontiveros herself was unquestionably one of the people who made a difference; to offer just one powerful example, she was instrumental in leading the development and university wide adoption of our Principles of Community. And Mary had this kind of transformative impact not just at CSU but for literally thousands of students who are now alumni making a difference in their own ways.”

–Joyce McConnell, CSU president

“It is impossible to overstate Mary’s impact on our campus over almost half a century. As our first vice president for diversity, as the longtime head of Admissions, and even in her early years as a leader in student government, she always sought to leave this campus better than she found it. And she did so with her trademark humor, patience, and passion for uplifting everyone around her. So many programs that are part of the fabric of our university – programs that have opened doors for thousands of students – started with Mary sitting down at a table with her colleagues and imagining what might help. More than anything, I valued her as a trusted friend, and like all of her friends, I will miss her greatly. My heart is with her entire family, and with her CSU family as well.”

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“How do you say goodbye to someone who has been such a part of my journey at Colorado State? My heart is broken as I say farewell to my friend, colleague, and mentor to so many others over her many years at Colorado State! She truly loved CSU and was dedicated to making our university a place where everyone was welcomed and included. She has left a legacy and a challenge for us all to continue to work together to achieve the goal that she spent her professional and personal life committed to.”

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Celebrating the 2022 Best Teacher Awards

By University Advancement

Each year, students, faculty, and alumni nominate teachers who’ve inspired them and made an impact in their lives for the Best Teacher Awards. The 2022 recipients of the Best Teacher Awards, representing six colleges, will be celebrated March 30 at the Best Teacher Awards banquet. Organized by the Colorado State University Alumni Association, event tickets are available—$5 for students, $15 for Alumni Association members, and $20 for nonmembers. Tickets include a plated dinner and dessert. The best teacher awards will be Wednesday, March 30, 5:30-8 p.m. in the Lory Student Center Theatre.

2022 recipients are listed below.

Anna Fails (D.V.M., ‘87; Ph.D., ‘99)
Assistant Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Department of Biomedical Sciences

Anna Fails is an assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, teaching both veterinary and human biology. She began her doctoral studies at CSU in 1994 and began teaching in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program in 1998. She earned her Ph.D. in 1999. That same year, Anna developed a graduate-level human neuroscience class where she remains the coordinator and sole lecturer. During this time, Anna discovered her desire to pass along knowledge and instill a love for learning and thought teaching might be a good fit. After 27 years filled with meaningful interactions with students and inspiring the next generation of educators, Anna knows she made the right decision.

“Dr. Fails inspires me by how enthusiastic she is about the content she teaches. She is always a ball of energy and it makes classes so much better. She expects us to work and study hard, but she also reminds us to keep doing the things we love.”

– Liz Patton, graduate student (25)

Eric Ishiwata (B.A., ‘97; Ph.D.)
Associate Professor, College of Liberal Arts
Department of Ethnic Studies

An associate professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies, as well as a diversity, equity, and inclusion Extension specialist for the Office of Engagement and Extension, Eric Ishiwata obtained his B.A. from CSU in 1997 and focused his work on supporting immigrant refugees, and asylum seeking workers throughout Colorado. A Humanitarian in every sense of the word, Eric sits on committee and boards devoted to engaging and uplifting typically underrepresented communities, while also searching for ways to connect the first generation undergraduate students to community-engaged work. He cites the growing crew of talented, hardworking former students who are having tangible impacts on the communities they serve as one of his greatest achievements as an educator.

“Eric is a tireless advocate who is always finding ways to help his students and doing work that puts CSU in a great light. I am constantly in awe of him and hope of talented, hardworking former students who are having tangible impacts on the communities they serve as one of his greatest achievements as an educator.”

– Aleksandra Scalco, graduate student (’22)

David Most (Ph.D.)
Associate Professor, College of Health and Human Sciences
Department of Biological Sciences

A CSU faculty member since 2001, David Most is an associate professor in the School of Education. In the classroom, he creates an atmosphere of collaboration and discussion with the ultimate aim of challenging ideas. David states his greatest purpose in being an educator is empowering his students to achieve their goals. He is inspired by those who are committed to building justice and is always searching for a deeper understanding of how statistical tools can be applied. He is consistently recognized as being an outstanding educator and also holds an appointment as an associate professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Informatics in the School of Public Health.

“David is kind, humble, and considerate of his students. The vibe of his classes was always welcoming and democratic; he never portrayed himself as a professor who could not be challenged. He always gave us the confidence to ask questions even if we thought they might be too basic.”

– Hoai-Ching Lin, alumnus (77; 20)

Noa Roman-Muniz (M.S., ’04; D.V.M., ’19)
Professor and director of undergraduate programs, College of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Animal Sciences

Noa Roman-Muniz is a professor in the Department of Animal Sciences. She grew up in Puerto Rico and earned her M.S. in clinical sciences from CSU in 2004. She began teaching at CSU in 2008, served as the Extension diary specialist for 11 years, and in 2019, she was named the director of undergraduate programs for the department. She believes in creating inclusive learning spaces where students are encouraged to learn actively; foster their curiosity; and develop their passions. Throughout her time as an educator, she has enjoyed developing and facilitating educational opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as live textbook curators and farm supervisors.

“Dr. Muniz everything to the fullest, working her hardest to support her students, and set them up for success. As a Puerto Rican woman, she is someone I look up to and respect for her every day.”

– Miranda Zavich, student (22)

Christina Minihan (B.S., ’09; M.M.P., ’10; Ph.D., ’14)
Assistant professor, Warner College of Natural Resources, Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources & Ecotourism, College of Liberal Arts, Department of Journalism and Media Communication

Christina Minihan is an assistant professor in the Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and an instructor in the journalism department. She is an author, collaborator, and culinary entrepreneur. In 2006, she earned her Master of Management Practice with an emphasis in marketing in 2001, and her Ph.D. in culinary tourism in 2014, all from CSU. She has a heart for teaching and loves to help students reach their full potential, discover their best selves, embrace their passions, and land their dream jobs.

“Christina Minihan is truly the most dedicated professor I came in contact with during my years at CSU. Her high standard for her students and to CSU always was as bright as she does, and I would not have been able to complete my programs without her support, encouragement, and guidance.”

– Viktoria Dante, alumna (’19)

Steven J. Simske
Professor, Walter Scott, Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Animal Sciences

Steven J. Simske is a professor in the Department of Veterinary Medicine, and is the director of the School of Veterinary Medicine at CSU. He earned his Ph.D. in 1989 and has been at the university ever since.

“Steve Simske promotes a culture of trust, respect, and confidence in the department, his colleagues, and every one of his students. He is an advocate for those students both inside and outside of CSU, and committed to supporting every student to progress to their highest potential. Being in his class is simply exciting.”

– Alejandro Salas, graduate student (’22)

Starting May 1, 2022, plastic bags will no longer be available at grocery check-outs and customers will be charged a small fee per paper bag. Below are some tips to help get your household ready!

Get your bags ready
Dust off your reusable bags or stock up – find them at your local grocery store, thrift store, or from online groups that share items for free. Most households need 5-10 reusable bags.

Wash your bags
Reusable bags require regular cleaning just like any item that comes into contact with food. Give your reusable bags a wash after each use.

Stash them strategically
Place reusable bags in your car, bike trailer, purse, or backpack so you always have them when you need them.

Want to learn more about how and why to create a Bag Plan? Learn more at ourcity.fcgov.com/plastics

Get going
Start using your reusable bags each time you shop.

Get creative
Already in the checkout line, but forgot your bags? Often a purse or backpack can cover smaller purchases. Most stores will pack your purchases back into your cart and you can then transfer them directly to your car or bike trailer.

Spread the word
Help friends and family create their own Bag PLAN by sharing this list with them!

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Chickpea avocado salad

Try this quick, delicious and colorful chickpea salad full of antioxidants and nutrients. A serving provides a good source of Vitamin C, K, and Copper, all of which are needed for natural collagen production!

**Ingredients:**
- 1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 Roma tomatoes, deseeded and diced
- 1 small red onion diced
- 1 medium avocado, diced

**For dressing:**
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley

**Directions:**
1. In a large mixing bowl add chickpeas, tomato, and red onion. Toss to combine.
2. In a jar add olive oil, lemon juice, and garlic. Shake to combine.
3. Pour dressing onto salad and toss to coat.
4. Top salad with avocado and fresh parsley.
5. Enjoy!

**Nutrition information / amount per serving**
- Calories: 247
- Total fat: 17 g
- Saturated fat: 2 g
- Cholesterol: 0 mg
- Sodium: 167 mg
- Added Sugars: 0 g

For more delicious recipes, nutrition tips, and cooking and nutrition classes, contact the Kendall Reagan Nutrition Center at (970) 495-1916 or see chhs.colostate.edu/krnc. More health tips are also available at pinterest.com/colostateuniversity/colostate-food-and-health.

How to Grow Your Own Shamrock Plant

The Shamrock plant can be a great addition to your home year-round! Place your plant in a room that has good air circulation. These plants like bright, indirect light for optimal growth and flowering. During their active growth periods they prefer slightly moist soil.

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Shamrocks are actualy a type of wood sorrel. Although they are most commonly seen in the green variety, shamrock plants can also be purple. When grown indoors, shamrocks can reach heights around 8 inches and look really pretty! They come from the Irish word “swarming”, which translates to youngest.

Feeling lucky? The shamrock plant is popular around St. Patrick’s day due to its similarity to the four-leaf clover. This lucky little plant can be grown indoors as a houseplant or outdoors in a garden.
Summer session funding gives students more financial support

By Allison Sytle

In state students who want to enroll in summer classes at the Colorado State University Fort Collins campuses will have more support than ever thanks to an additional $640,000 from one-time, need-based financial aid recently approved by the Board of Governors. This means nearly 1,000 students will receive support from the CSU Tuition Assistance Grant in Summer Session 2022, an increase from the 600 who benefited the previous two summers.

“We are very grateful to the CSU Board of Governors for investing in our summer tuition assistance program with this infusion of funds as part of a $3 million package they approved specifically for increasing financial aid to students,” said Provost and Executive Vice President Mary Pedersen. “This additional funding will be incredibly impactful for our students who want to attend summer classes to allow them to stay on track for graduation, but otherwise might not be able to afford to do so.”

The CSU Office of Institutional Research has found a positive correlation between summer session enrollment and student success, including as chair of CSU’s Master of Tourism Management program.

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Joe Blake’s commitment to higher education made an incredible impact on all of the CSU System’s campuses. More importantly he improved the lives of our students and the citizens of Colorado. We are grateful for his leadership and grace,” said Kim Jordan, chair of the CSU System Board of Governors.

Honoring life of Chancellor Emeritus Joe Blake

By Cara Netl

Joe Blake, chancellor emeritus of the CSU System and long-time advocate for higher education in Colorado, passed away Feb. 15 at the age of 86. The Colorado State University System joins in honoring the life and legacy of our dear friend, Joe Blake,” Chancellor Tony Frank said in a statement.

Joe was the first full-time chancellor of our System, a tireless advocate for education, and one of the staunchest champions of our students and scholars. He was also a model of grace, goodwill, and good humor, whose love of language, passion for ideas, and commitment to his state and its people were unwavering. We are grateful to have had Joe on our team, and he remains in our hearts.”

Blake became an enthusiastic advocate for the CSU System and its campuses when former Gov. Bill Owens appointed him to serve on the Board of Governors in 2006. Blake became the System’s first full-time chancellor in 2009, a post he held until 2011. He continued to work for the System as chancellor emeritus and as a highly successful fundraiser for campus programs and scholarships up until he died.

A high-profile son of Denver, Blake graduated from East High School and returned to his home state after earning his bachelor’s degree in English literature from Dartmouth College. He then attended law school at the University of Colorado and was part of the executive management team that led the development of Highlands Ranch south of Denver.

He worked for nearly a decade as president and chief executive officer of the influential Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, striving to diversify the regional economy and strengthen ties between business and civic leadership. Along the way, Blake helped bring Major League Baseball to Colorado and served on the boards of many philanthropic organizations. For his tireless work and community advocacy, Blake was inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame in 2007.

Former Chair of the CSU System Board of Governors Doug Jones, a close friend of Blake’s, said he epitomized community leadership.

“He was always about community first and himself second, and he always found common ground with people. He had an amazing career, what he’s done and where he’s been,” said Jones, noting Blake’s early career as an FBI agent and legislative aide on Capitol Hill. His integral role in creating Highlands Ranch, and his leadership at the Chamber and the CSU System, “Some would say Blake was always able to connect the dots with people, and it was because he genuinely loved humans, he loved people, and he loved Denver. Nobody felt like they were treated with more respect than Joe Blake, and he truly gave as much as he took, talent, and treasures. Everybody he touched, he left with a smile, and I am honored, fortunate, and lucky to have spent so much time with him.”

In his System leadership roles, Blake helped shape policies that allowed the CSU System to successfully weather the Great Recession. Later, that groundwork helped the System’s campuses get through financial challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also developed a critical strategic plan for the System and supported the successful launch of CSU Global, the nation’s first fully online public university.

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CPC needs you: Who we are and why it matters

By Classified Personnel Council

Have you wanted to advocate for and support concerns important to State Classified employees at CSU? Have you thought about meeting new people, making connections, and collaborating with people across CSU? Are you reading this, thinking you want to learn more? Many before you have answered the call to become a Classified Personnel Council member. Employee councils like CPC, the Administrative Professional Council (APC), and Faculty Council are the key elements in the practice of shared governance at Colorado State University, giving employees a voice and allowing us to actively participate in making positive changes at CSU.

The Council represents CSU State Classified employees on issues such as raises, parking, work-life balance, supervisor training, employee recognition, while also contributing to university committees across campus. The mission of the CPC is to promote, improve, and protect the role of State Classified employees within the University. In 2022, CPC is busy focusing on the following issues on behalf of State Classified employees: 1) new employee changes related to navigating the hybrid working environment created by the pandemic; 2) partnering with Colorado WINS and tracking the collective bargaining agreement for State Classified employees; and 3) contributing to the development and implementation of CSU’s Courageous Strategic Transformation Initiative.

“This has been a transformative and exciting year for the CPC,” shares CPC Chair Adrian Macdonald. “I have been added to President McConnell’s Executive Leadership Team to provide a State Classified employee perspective to University leadership. We have also started to build a relationship with Colorado WINS; the union that now represents State employees, and we have found we share many of the same goals. We look forward to continuing to build those relationships and help the University as it rolls out the Courageous Strategic Transformation in the coming months.”

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Administrative Professional Council is here to help

By Administrative Professional Council

Sometimes you can feel alone, like a tiny speck on a large planet. We have been a little quiet the past couple of years, but the Administrative Professional Council (APC) has been working diligently behind the scenes in support of all AP staff at CSU.

What is the APC, you ask? It is a council made up of 46 representatives from 15 colleges and divisions at the university. In addition, we have co-offices members and shared governance representatives from the Classified Personnel Council (CPC), Faculty Council, and Human Resources.

The APC holds monthly meetings and invites CSU officials and presenters on relevant topics to share their knowledge and receive feedback. APC members and alternates also sit on more than 20 university committees to advocate for our constituents and each APC member also contributes ideas and service to the following internal councils: Employee Recognition, Equity & Social Justice, Nominations & Elections, Policies & Procedures, Recognition, and Service & Engagement.

While it isn’t as glamorous as being a social media influence, you can be a CSU AP influencer. Nominations & Elections will be holding elections in the next month for new APC representatives. Feel free to reach out to any APC member for additional information on serving on the APC and watch for an email from us mid-March with instructions on how to nominate yourself or a colleague.

Some of our recent discussions and actions have centered around affordable housing, budget, food insecurity, retirement plans and benefits, and AP representation in high-level discussions on campus.

All monthly APC meetings are open to AP staff on campus. Contact your area representative on the APC member page for directions on how to join virtually. The APC Recognition Committee also coordinates the CSU AP Star and Distinguished Administrative Professional awards. Nominations just closed recently, so watch for our exciting announcement in the coming weeks to see who has been recognized for their outstanding work. Our annual recognition event spotlights these award winners and also makes an effort to appreciate all the work that has been done this year by all AP staff. This year, it will be held at the Holiday Twin Drive-In on Thursday April 28. Save the date!

The next time you’re feeling like a tiny speck, at CSU, look around and know that we are there with you, advocating for you, and celebrating you — even if you don’t see us.
Meet some incredible Rams

Women's History Month:

Women who are changing the world. Women who are changing the world. Women who are changing the world.

By Kadyn Thorpe

Lillian Greene-Chamberlain
First, Lillian Greene-Chamberlain established the first women's track team in school history in 1960. Next, Chamberlain was the first woman to receive an athletic scholarship, now named the “Lillian Greene-Chamberlain Scholarship.” Lastly, Chamberlain was the first African American female athlete in Colorado State University history. After graduation, she served as the first woman director of the Physical Education and Sports Program for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Lillian Greene-Chamberlain has been put down in history as a pioneer for women's sports.

Rebecca Skloot
While attending Colorado State University pursuing a biology degree, Rebecca Skloot signed up for a creative writing course, and the first assignment in her class was to write about something someone forgot. This assignment was the start of Skloot's No. 1 New York Times bestseller The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, later made into an HBO Film. Skloot later founded the Henrietta Lacks Foundation which helps provide financial assistance to people who were “involved in historic research cases without their knowledge, consent, or benefit,” which is what Skloot's book is based off.

Tara Ruttley
Earning her degree in Biology and her master’s in mechanical engineering with an emphasis in Biomedical Engineering from Colorado State University, Tara Ruttley went on to work for NASA in 2004. During her time at Colorado State University, Ruttley was involved with the Colorado Space Grant Consortium and the student branch of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, which introduced her to the world of space travel and the aspects of maintaining health during space travel.

Becky Hammon
As the first female athlete to ever win a gold medal in two Olympics, Becky Hammon has pushed the idea that gender discrimination in all forms is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Elizabeth Corrin Maurus
As a student athlete, Elizabeth Corrin Maurus had a passion for singing and music. While she attended Colorado State University, she would spend her time opening for touring musicians. Maurus collaborated with Maroon 5 on the track “Fidelity Records on a song featured on popular television shows such as The O.C. and Veronica Mars. After graduation, she opened for Lenny Kravitz during his Love Revolution Tour.

Marcia Middel
Marcia Middel never finished third in any swimming competition during her time at Colorado State University. Middel placed in the top three in the 50 and 100 freestyles in her years competing for Colorado State University in 1971 and 1972. Once graduated, Middel pursued her master’s and doctoral degree in psychology. Now, she is an award-winning psychologist and director of the Mental Health Center of Denver.

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Stephanie Davis
Stephanie Davis has climbed outrageous mountains, including the Salathe Wall on El Capitan in Yosemite, which was the first woman to free climb. During her time at Colorado State University, she received a track and field scholarship. After graduation, she moved to Los Angeles to attend University of Southern California and landed her first role in the television movie, “Diary of a Teenage Hitchhiker.”

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Mary Cleave
Graduating in 1969 with a bachelor’s degree in Biology with a minor in Zoology, Cleave went on to be selected as a NASA astronaut. She has flown two space shuttle missions as well as led multiple research and scientific exploration programs that involved the Hubble Space Telescope. She retired as an astronaut in 2007 and now serves as an environmental engineer in Maryland, serving as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Jenny Cavan
Jenny Cavan has been the co-founder and co-owner of the Colorado Rockies since 2012 and this year she was named the Sportswoman of the Year for the state of Colorado by the National Sports Media Association. Graduating in 2008 with a degree in Communications and Business Administration, Cavan went on to work with the Padres for 4 years before she came back to Colorado to make her mark on broadcasting for the Rockies.

Amy Van Dyken-Rouen
The first female athlete to ever win gold medal in five different sports, Amy Van Dyken-Rouen has been placed in the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. It wasn’t until she transferred from the University of Arizona to Colorado State University that she achieved world class status. In 1994, her graduation year, she was named the NCAA Female Swimmer of the Year. She went on to win gold medals, competing in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Elizabeth Coy Lawrence
Elizabeth Coy Lawrence made history as the first and only woman inductee among the initial three graduates of Colorado State University in 1884. Lawrence, along with the other two graduates of the State Agricultural College founded the Alumni Association. Lawrence went on to teach preparatory and Latin classes at Colorado State University, served 14 terms as president of the Larimer County Pioneer Society and as a historian for the Fort Collins Woman’s Club.

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By Allison Syle

The podium inside Colorado State University’s Alder Hall classroom 123 might look simple at first glance, but it will make a world of difference to those who use it.

“I see rocket science, and that’s why I want to talk about it,” said Eric Tisdale, the director of the College of Health and Human Sciences.

Tisdale spearheaded the podium project, which is the culmination of a year of work involving multiple groups on campus. It is optimized to ensure that people with special mobility needs have the same access to important teaching tools as everyone else.

Instructors who use wheelchairs are able to raise and lower the podium, which also comes with a system with a touch screen that anyone can operate as long as they have a laptop. The podium will also benefit those who have recently been injured or have acquired a physical condition that requires extra accommodation.

It will be hard to have something available so I can independently teach in the classroom,” said James Peth, an assistant professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, who uses a wheelchair.

He said he has previously had to bring his own equipment so that he could teach classes, and was tapped to provide feedback in the knowledge that as long as support has existed for freedom struggles. She is a community-based researcher as well as an elderly advocate director who works with older persons with disabilities.

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