

An aerial shot of Braiden Hall at Colorado State University, which features solar panels atop the residence hall. Photo by Joe Mendoza/CSU Photography

Earth Month 2022 at Colorado State: ‘Invest in our planet’

By Kadyne Thorpe

Earth Month 2022’s slogan is “Invest in our planet.” There’s no better place to start than right here at Colorado State University.

For CSU, green isn’t just a color to represent Ram Pride, it’s a way of life for students, staff, and faculty.

CSU is ranked as one of the country’s most sustainable academic institutions, and they don’t shy away when they get a chance to show all of their sustainable initiatives.

As of right now, CSU is working on its Climate Action Plan, a plan that will allow CSU to run on 100% renewable energy by 2030. That’s not where CSU’s sustainable initiatives stop. Throughout April, there are many opportunities for you to learn more about what CSU is doing now and, in the future, to be a sustainable institution.

As Earth Month approaches, CSU has begun planning its “Earth Day Festival.” This year, Earth Day will be on April 20, but CSU has planned weeks of educational events to learn more about what they are doing as well as what you can do to help protect our planet.

“Zero Waste Week,” lasting from April 4-8, gives you the opportunity to learn more about composting. Visit CSU’s Windrows Compost Facility on April 5 to take a tour of the facility and meet “Oscar” the 30-yard compost bin that composts around 300,000 pounds of pre-consumer food per year.

If you need some extra fertilizer for your spring flowers, stop by the Moby Arena Parking Lot on April 8 for their compost giveaway and e-waste collection. If you have any extra electronics you don’t want anymore, hand it over to the CSU surplus property and they will dispose of it in a safe way.

The third week, “Mobility Week,” is through April 11-15. If you want to learn more about how CSU paves the way in sustainability for academic institutions, stop by the sustainability fund presentations on April 12, hosted virtually. Here, you can learn more about how the CSU Sustainability Fund of \$25,000 is used to support CSU’s sustainability efforts.

On April 13, head over to Avogadro’s Number, on South Mason Street to hear the panel filled with School of Global Environmental Sustainability hosts as they talk about topics related to sustainability issues.

From April 18-22, it’s “Sustainability Week.” Celebrate the different ways that CU has made achievements in sustainability on April 19.

On April 20, celebrate Earth Day with the CSU Earth Day Festival. Located

in the LSC West Lawn, student organizations, academic departments and sustainable organizations throughout Fort Collins will be there to help you learn more about sustainable practices.

The last week, “Food Justice Week,” will give you the opportunity to attend “AGU Hydrology Days,” lasting from April 25-27 at the Lory Student Center. Explore how engineering relates to water conservation, but make sure to sign up and register by April 8 to secure a spot.

There are so many events surrounding sustainable practices and sustainability awards throughout April. Make sure to stop by and learn how not only CSU has made a difference when it comes to sustainability but how you can as well.

Check out Colorado State University’s Earth Month schedule at green.colostate.edu/earth-month/ to find the times and locations for all events happening.



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Graduate Center for Inclusive Mentoring

Jozsef Vigh recently became the director of the Graduate Center for Inclusive Mentoring, based out of the Graduate School at CSU. The GCIM provides leadership for faculty directed mentoring efforts and works to propel student and postdoctoral scholar success through community building. Vigh completed his doctoral degree in neurobiology in Hungary. He has been part of the Department of Biomedical Sciences since 2007, mentoring undergraduate and graduate students.

School of Music, Theatre, and Dance

K. Dawn Grapes, associate professor of Music History in the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, was recently awarded the 2022 Eva Judd O'Meara Award from the Music Library Association for the best review in Notes, for her review of The Norton Guide to Teaching Music History, edited by C. Matthew Balensuela.

Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering

Sue James, vice provost for Faculty Affairs and professor, has been elected to the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, or AIMBE, College of Fellows. James was nominated, reviewed, and elected by peers and members of the AIMBE College of Fellows for her pioneering work on hyaluronan-enhanced polymers and efforts to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice in academia.

CSU Spur

Jim Bradeen will be CSU's new associate vice president for CSU Spur strategy, facilitating Fort Collins campus activities as CSU's local senior leader at Spur and working closely with CSU Spur campus leadership and stakeholders across the larger Denver-metro community. He will start on April 4.

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CSU marches toward becoming a prodigious basketball school

By Ethan Dvorak

The words CSU and basketball were not always a feared dyad. That all changed this year. Colorado State made its first appearance in March Madness since 2013, and while the results were disappointing, this season certainly was anything but.

If you walk around campus or in Fort Collins you can feel it. That buzz. Colorado State has become a basketball school.

Since the 1995-96 season, the average attendance has never reached the totals of this year at 6,174 fans. From alumni to current students, faculty and staff, Rams could not stray away from Moby Arena this season. And for good reason.

CSU Men's Basketball finished with an extraordinary record of 25-6, good enough to settle in as a sixth seed in March Madness. Headlined by second-year point guard Isaiah Stevens and junior forward David Roddy, the Rams struck fear into the hearts of the Mountain West division.

David Roddy led the team in scoring, rebounding, and passionate yells, with 19.2 PPG 7.6 RPG as Isaiah Stevens excelled with his ball movement and clutch scoring adding 4.7 APG on 90.2% from the free throw line. And, this one two punch still has another year together. Their chemistry has become unmatched and their pick and roll was as essential as food and water in each victory.

Sure, this season didn't end how the Rams had hoped, but that should not discontinue the celebration that occurred this year. While there is no guarantee that our entire team will be back next year, these Rams have heart and they love the game of basketball. They're going to come back next season with an innate feeling of vengeance and a properly found confidence. That kind of confidence can take a young team very far. With solidified head coach Niko Medved, who says that the Rams will not have an even better season next year?

Through this all, an infectious community was derived. It has become nearly impossible to be affiliated with CSU and not fall in love with this team. This association of CSU Basketball fans, of people who love to watch the Rams play an outstanding brand of basketball, is something that not every university is able to enjoy. Those sold out nights at Moby where the air is thinned by the aroma of competition and thickened by the nerves of the game, they seldom happen and must always be enjoyed. CSU is becoming a great basketball school right before our eyes.

Be excited for what is to come but also appreciate what has transpired. For our Rams, finishing this season with tears in their eyes will only make their smiles that much bigger when they break through next year. The CSU community will be watching with eagerness and growing with support. For more information and stats about our team, visit csurams.com.

Courageous Strategic Transformation video online



By Nik Olsen

President Joyce McConnell ceremoniously launched Courageous Strategic Transformation at Colorado State University on March 1 inside the Lory Student Center Theatre. Video of the event is now available for those who could not attend or would like to reference information shared that day.

McConnell explained to the CSU community the structure and focus of the Courageous Strategic Transformation plan, describing the four major elements of people, financial and operational excellence, innovation, and impact. McConnell joined Vice President for Strategy Jenelle Beavers and Ben Withers, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, in a Q & A session that detailed aspects of the plan and its implementation.

"We have engaged over the past year in an inclusive effort unknown to universities our size," McConnell told the crowd. "You all have participated in a rate unseen in the United States at a land-grant university."

McConnell shared a series of implementation steps that will take place this spring, including plans for a Courageous Strategic Transformation milestone tracker.

Watch the video at source.colostate.edu/courageous-strategic-transformation-video-shared-with-csu-community.

Experience more of CSU Life online

Print editions of *CSU Life* are being delivered in smaller batches to campus buildings this semester as some university community members are working remotely. Additional copies are available in the Lory Student Center. Read more stories about faculty, staff and the CSU community, online at source.colostate.edu.

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Connecting generations with the Virtuoso Series

By Ethan Dvorak

Music has a wonderful tendency to bring people together.

The lights begin to dim and the stage is illuminated in the beautiful Organ Recital Room. Anticipation floods the crowd as hushed murmurs fill the few vacant seats. A performance is soon to commence.

At the Virtuoso Series Concert: Faculty Chamber Music, the halls resonated with an outstanding harmony and a love of music.

During the concert, there were five different pieces played, each with their own individual melody and artistic touch. Watching the speed of the musicians' fingers and the focus on their faces was a spectacle to behold. The amazing performance, however, was from those that are Rams. This made the performances even more special.

Beginning on Monday, March 28, CSU faculty members combined their masterful musical skills to create an ensemble of music. This night was the first of two performances with the other concert taking place on March 29.

Those that teach music and have a love for it are not always able to showcase their talents on the stage, other than composing or teaching others. These performances were a great reminder why music matters and the power that it can hold.

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Within the audience, CSU alumni, current students and staff all sat together in a moment of



bliss. The effect that music can have on not just the lives of those on stage but the average viewer is one that cannot be overlooked. Hearing a myriad of sounds and performers thoroughly combine into one sound and one entity is truly extraordinary.

These Virtuoso Concerts were profound because of the music that was played, but also because of the devotion that those on stage have to their university and to their students. The faces of students that saw their teacher play on stage for the first time cannot be replicated. One can only appreciate the time

and dedication that is required to reach this level of musical excellence.

Music is a powerful tool in this world and across Colorado State University. It brings generations together and has the influence to change lives. Just as sensational music has changed the lives of so many at CSU, let us not forget the immense impact that CSU faculty and staff have had on students, audience members and any individual that is lucky enough to hear a composition of music as incredible as these concerts have been.

Commemorative MAIL-HOME Graduation Edition Honoring the Spring Class of 2022



Each semester Rocky Mountain Student Media produces a commemorative graduation edition for seniors and their families and this spring will be no exception. The **Spring 2022 Graduation Edition** will be printed and mailed directly to the homes of more than 4200 graduating seniors. These commemorative editions are enjoyed not only by graduates but also their families, creating a warm, lasting impression with our CSU family and soon-to-be alums.

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Spring Graduation 2022 will be mailed the week of May 9
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Deadline for ready-to-print PDF files: Tuesday, May 3



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KRNC RECIPES OF THE MONTH

For more delicious recipes, nutrition tips, and cooking and nutrition classes, contact the Kendall Reagan Nutrition Center at (970) 495-5916 or see chhs.colostate.edu/krnc. More health tips are also available at pinterest.com/coloradostateu/colorado-state-health-and-wellbeing. Lastly, don't forget to sign up for the KRNC monthly newsletter! The Kendall Reagan Nutrition Center is in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, part of CSU's College of Health and Human Sciences.

Savory herb veggie crepes

Impress your guests this holiday season with a skillfully crafted savory crepe! This recipe packs a punch of flavor with herbs and loads of vegetables you are sure to love.

Serving Size: 1 crepe
Yield: 4 crepes (may have a little batter left over)

Ingredients:

- Crepe:
- 2 eggs
 - 1 tablespoon melted butter
 - 3/4 cup 2% milk
 - 2 tablespoons fresh sage, finely chopped
 - 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, finely chopped
 - 1/2 cup white all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt

- Filling:
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
 - 3/4 cup green onion (both white and green parts), diced
 - 3/4 cup roasted red bell pepper (low-sodium), diced
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 5 cups spinach, packed
 - 4 eggs
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions:

1. Whisk 2 eggs with milk and butter in a large mixing bowl.

2. Combine herbs with flour, garlic powder and 1/8 teaspoon salt – add to egg, milk and butter mixture until well-combined.
3. Cover and refrigerate batter for 20 minutes.
4. Add canola oil to a large pan on medium heat – add green onion, roasted red bell pepper, garlic and spinach to pan and cook until spinach reduces.
5. Crack 4 eggs into the pan with vegetables, scramble and cook through, then season mixture with pepper and 1/8 teaspoon salt.
6. For each crepe, spray a large, shallow, nonstick pan with cooking spray and bring to medium heat – add 1/3 cup crepe batter and swirl the batter around to evenly coat the bottom of the pan.
7. Cook crepe until golden brown underneath, then flip (about 1 minute per side).
8. Add vegetable/egg filling to the center of the crepe – fold crepe over the filling and roll tightly.

Nutrition information / amount per serving

Calories: 225
Protein: 8 g
Total fat: 13.5 g
Total Carbohydrates: 19 g
Saturated fat: 3.5 g
Dietary Fiber: 2.5 g
Cholesterol: 108 mg
Sodium: 323 mg
Sugars: 4 g
Added Sugars: 0 g



No bake coconut and flaxseed energy bites

These bites are an easy, tasty snack that tastes like dessert! This recipe has a video! Watch the No Bake Coconut and Flaxseed Energy Bites video at youtube.com/watch?v=kH2a5uLS5Go.

Serving Size: 1 ball
Yield: 20 servings

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats (uncooked)
- 2/3 cup sweetened shredded coconut, toasted and cooled
- 1/2 cup ground golden flaxseed meal
- 6 tablespoons chocolate chips

Directions:

1. In a mixing bowl, stir together peanut butter, honey, and vanilla extract.
2. Add remaining ingredients and stir until evenly coated.

3. Transfer mixture to refrigerator or freezer and chill until set.
4. Remove from refrigerator and shape into 1-inch balls.
5. Store in the refrigerator in an airtight container.
6. Enjoy!

Nutrition information / amount per serving

Tip: This recipe can be made gluten free by using certified gluten-free oats. To make it vegan, dairy free, substitute the honey with agave or maple syrup and use dairy free chocolate chips or omit completely.

Calories: 149
Protein: 4.0 g
Total fat: 9.2 g
Total Carbohydrates: 14.5 g
Saturated fat: 2.6 g
Dietary Fiber: 3.5 g
Cholesterol: 0 mg
Sodium: 38.0 mg

Vice Provost Long to retire this coming fall



By Pam Jackson

After a career in education that has spanned more than four decades, including as a high school teacher and at Colorado State University as a faculty member, associate dean and current vice provost for undergraduate affairs, Kelly Long has announced that she will be retiring in the fall.

Provost and Executive Vice President Mary Pedersen said CSU has benefitted greatly from Long's deep passion, dedicated leadership and critical intellect as vice provost.

"Kelly has supported several important academic initiatives including co-leading the Student Success Initiatives, overseeing implementation of Student Learning Outcomes for the general education curriculum, guiding a curricular think tank, working closely with the University Curriculum Committee, and leading the Teaching Continuity and Recovery Team from the onset of the pandemic through last fall," said Provost Mary Pedersen. "She has served with passion and pride, and CSU is a better place for students to learn and succeed thanks to Kelly's tireless dedication."

Long said she knew at an early age that a career in education was her destiny, a path inspired by caring teachers who made a great difference in her life. She knew that becoming a teacher not only would feed her inclination to serve and support others, but also would provide her the opportunity to continue learning in order to impact the lives of others through education.

"Education broadens us and can foster positive change in the world," said Long. "Well before universities began using the term 'first-generation' student, when I arrived at CSU as a first-year undergraduate, I was the first in my family to go to college and would be the first to complete a college degree. Eventually, all my four siblings followed suit and earned degrees. Like many first-generation students, we succeeded against a lot of odds."

Long taught for more than 17 years at Poudre High School in Fort Collins: AP Senior Humanities, IB English and history, theatre and social studies. During her time there, she received a Fulbright Summer Abroad Scholarship from the U.S. Department of Education to study in China. A prestigious Dewitt Wallace National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher-Scholar sabbatical grant followed and allowed her to progress toward a Ph.D. in history.

National search to be conducted

CSU will launch a national search for the next vice provost for undergraduate affairs and more information will be announced when available. Long will assist with the transition of the new vice provost and work on priority initiatives for the Office of the Provost until her full retirement this fall.

"I appreciate Kelly's willingness to continue to serve in advisement and leadership support as we go through this transition process," said Pedersen. "I am grateful for her thoughtful leadership and passion for our students and our mission, and all she has contributed through her love of education and her love of CSU."

Long reflected on her career and what lies ahead for her. "Whether in the classroom or in a leadership role, I've found it most gratifying and important to celebrate others and their successes that I may have helped to foster. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve in a senior leadership role that afforded me the opportunity to do just that," said Long. "I'll remain a champion of CSU and will seek ways to support programs and students into the future. I also look forward to teaching on Semester at Sea in Spring 2023, more time for playing my trumpet and making music with others, and traveling."

Read more at colostate.edu/vice-provost-kelly-long-to-retire-this-fall-after-42-years-in-education.

SPRING IS HERE

Time to Acclimate Plants for the Outdoors

By Anna Jelden

With the arrival of spring, you may be wondering, when is the right time to move your plants back outdoors? Here are some tips that will help you successfully transition your plants back outside.

THE TEMPERATURE NEEDS TO BE RIGHT

Wait until night temperatures are consistently at or above 50°F, however this number will vary depending on the type of plant that you have. This will ensure that your plants aren't in danger of freezing.

MOVE THEM GRADUALLY

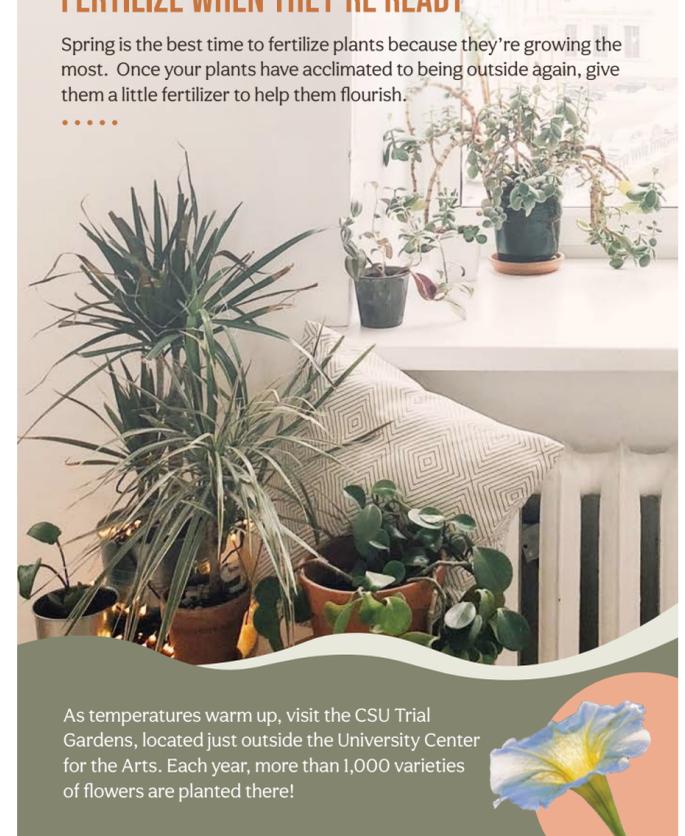
Plants love consistency, and moving from being indoors to outdoors is a big change for them. To gently acclimate them, move your plants outside for a few hours during the day and then bring them back inside at night. This gradual shift will help your plants easily adjust to living full-time back outside.

DON'T PLACE THEM DIRECTLY IN THE SUN

In general there are very few houseplants that can tolerate lengthy amounts of time in direct sunlight. Placing plants in direct sunlight can give them sunburn. When your plant does spend time outside, pay attention to any brown or bleached spots on its leaves, as this may be a sign that your plant is getting too much direct sunlight.

FERTILIZE WHEN THEY'RE READY

Spring is the best time to fertilize plants because they're growing the most. Once your plants have acclimated to being outside again, give them a little fertilizer to help them flourish.



As temperatures warm up, visit the CSU Trial Gardens, located just outside the University Center for the Arts. Each year, more than 1,000 varieties of flowers are planted there!



'What the Eyes Don't See' is new Rams Read book

By CSU MarComm Staff

Beginning next fall, Colorado State University is expanding its existing Rams Read program into an inclusive, university-wide Thematic Year aligned with Courageous Strategic Transformation. The theme for 2022-23 will be health, and the university is bringing Flint, Michigan pediatrician Mona Hanna-Attisha back to Fort Collins as the Rams Read author and as a visiting scholar with an expertise in health.

In *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City*, Hanna-Attisha tells the story of her own role in exposing the Flint water crisis, as well as the roles played by many Flint parents and activists and by whistleblowers in local and federal government. The book will be distributed free to all incoming CSU students at New Student Orientation in June and at Ram Welcome in August. It will also be available for purchase at the CSU Bookstore and for loan from the CSU Libraries.

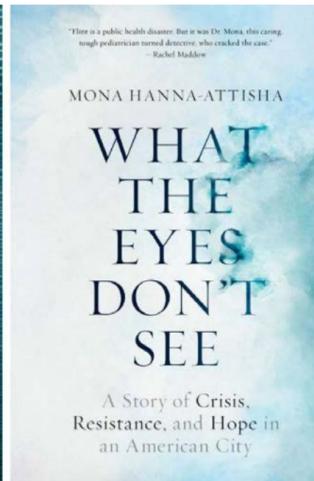
Hanna-Attisha will come to campus as a visiting scholar Wednesday, Sept. 21. She will spend time in conversation with students, visit a class, and participate in a live, in-person public conversation with President Joyce McConnell. More information about her visit will be forthcoming.

As an expansion of the current Rams Read program, the thematic year will accomplish several exciting

goals. "Establishing a thematic year makes it possible for everyone at CSU—as well as many members of the larger community—to engage with the theme, through events and programs that will take place on campus, virtually and around the state throughout the academic year," said Marissa Dienstag, the leadership fellow organizing the planning and implementation of the project. "And it will be an amazing platform for us to highlight a Courageous Strategic Transformation priority every year, in a collaborative, inclusive way."

In planning for the year of health, the Office of the President asked for input from hundreds of leaders across CSU. They sought ideas and feedback that included everything from what resources would be most valuable, the ways units and departments would prefer to get involved, to which specific definitions of health resonated most. As the result of this initial input, the CSU year of health will focus specifically on animal health, human physical and mental health and public health, with an emphasis on health disparities.

Faculty, staff, students and community members will be invited to participate directly in the year of health not just by attending events but by organizing events themselves, adding relevant events to the yearlong calendar on the year of health website,



highlighting the expertise of their team throughout the year and engaging with the theme on social media and other platforms. Dienstag said that more information about how to get involved will be forthcoming this spring, including how to add events and programs to the calendar and how to apply for funding to support health-themed initiatives in 2022-2023. Anyone interested in joining the steering committee for or otherwise contributing to the year of health should email thematicyear@colostate.edu.

Meanwhile, the CSU community is invited to read *What the Eyes Don't See* in preparation for the year of health, and anyone interested in curricular support for using the book should email for more information. The Rams Read will remain a cornerstone of CSU's thematic year, according to Ann Claycomb, chief of staff and director of communications in the Office of the President, who was initially charged with launching the Rams Read and is working with Dienstag on the year of health.

Faculty Council elects 2022-23 leadership at CSU

By Amy Barkley

Faculty Council members voted on the leadership positions for the 2022-23 academic year at their March meeting.

Sue Doe

Sue Doe was reelected for a third term as Faculty Council Chair. Doe is a professor of English, former director of composition (2015-20), director of the Center for the Study of Academic Labor, and lead editor for the journal *Academic Labor: Research and Artistry*. She teaches courses in composition, autoethnographic theory and method, reading and writing connections, research methods, and graduate teaching assistant preparation for writing instruction.

She additionally does research in three distinct areas: academic labor and the faculty career, writing across the curriculum, and student-veteran transition in the post-9/11 era. Doe is a coauthor of the faculty development book *Concepts and Choices: Meeting the Challenges in Higher Education*. Doe has published articles in *College English*, *The WAC Journal*, *Reflections*, and *Writing Program Administration*, among others. Her collection on student-veterans in the Composition classroom, *Generation Vet: Composition, Veterans, and the Post-9/11 University*, co-authored with Professor Lisa Langstraat, was published by Utah State Press (an imprint of the University Press of Colorado) in 2014.

Melinda Smith

Melinda Smith was elected by members as next year's Faculty Council vice chair. Smith joined CSU in 2012. She is a professor in the Department of Biology and former director of CSU's Semi-arid Grassland Research Center (2013-18). Her teaching includes an undergraduate course in plant ecology, a graduate course in community ecology, and seminar courses in drought impacts on ecosystems. She has published 190 peer-reviewed journal articles and currently has about \$2.5 in extramural funding. She currently serves as the faculty representative to the Board of Governors and chair of the Committee on Research, Scholarship and Graduate Education. Smith's research examines the impacts of global changes, particularly climate change and climate extremes (droughts, deluges and heatwaves), on grassland ecosystems in the Central U.S. (Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming), South Africa and China.



Sue Doe (left), Melinda Smith and Andrew Norton were elected to leadership positions for the 2022-23 academic year.

Andrew Norton

Andrew Norton will be the new Board of Governors Representative for the 2022-23 academic year. Norton joined CSU in 2000 and is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Biology. His teaching has included courses such as applied and general entomology, plants and civilizations, introduction to bioagricultural sciences, and plant insect interactions. He currently serves as the master teacher initiative coordinator in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Norton's research is centered on pest ecology and management, with a focus on non-native plant ecology in natural areas.

Day in the life of Jeremy Dawson at Colorado State

By CPC Recognition Committee

Jeremy Dawson has worked as a CSU State Classified employee for 21 years. For the last 14 years, he has led the Access, Resource, Compliance (ARC) team for Parking and Transportation Services (PTS).

“There is no typical day for me. Each day brings its own set of challenges.”

The ARC team’s duties center around serving customers and campus partners with exceptional service. They are continually engaged with the campus community throughout the day as a first point of contact for PTS. They help answer parking and transportation questions as they are out and about on campus, or will put customers in touch with the PTS Customer Service team when appropriate. Dawson works directly with campus partners to help facilitate parking needs for events and helps to build new partnerships internal and external to CSU.

Parking Services recently implemented a new Parkmobile Event software, and they just had their first event. The ARC team ensures the implementation runs smoothly and notifies their IT group regarding any issues seen out in the field. Dawson also participates on the University Special Events and Activities Group (USEAG). But the coolest thing, according to Dawson, that he works on is the implementation of License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras. CSU PTS has used License Plate Recognition (LPR) Software and Cameras for several years. Because of this experience, he’s often used as

a resource for potential new users of the system. LPR allows PTS staff to be more efficient in their operations, and ultimately allows them to focus more on their customers and how to better serve them.

“When I started this job in October of 2000, we walked around looking for permits on every single car (that’s a lot of steps every day for those of you counting!). With LPR, we were able to move away from those pesky physical permits and move into a virtual world where the possibilities are endless. With advancements in technology improving every day, I’m excited to see where we are in the next five years.”

When he thinks about his favorite part of working for Parking and Transportation Services, he says it is the people who work with him. “Our department is full of kind-hearted individuals who, at the end of the day, are here to help customers. They come to work with a positive attitude and that energy is felt throughout the department.” Inspiration for Dawson comes in many forms. The moments that highlight the good side of humanity are the types of moments that fill him with joy. He explains, “When I see genuine respect between two people from opposing sides; or someone performing a good deed because it’s the right thing to do, and not done for accolades or personal gain; any sappy movie; videos of baby animals; or true human moments.” These are what inspire him to be a better person.

Get to Know Jeremy Dawson



Outside of Work

Travel is top on the list. Dawson and his wife try to go somewhere at least two to three times a year — preferably on a cruise and, in particular, they love the Caribbean or anywhere with a beach. When they are not traveling or working, both Dawson and his wife work for the Colorado Eagles as Off-Ice Officials. They are in charge of the group that manages all aspects of the game, things that people always see but seldom think about. Dawson explains, “From keeping team stats, running the game clock, entering the game into the live scoring system, working the

penalty boxes, or turning on the goal lights; we do it. And we have since the Eagles came into existence 19 years ago, or roughly 700+ home games.” “Day in the Life” features the stories of state classified colleagues to help the CSU community get to know and recognize their diverse responsibilities and duties. To recommend a state classified individual or group for a future “Day in the Life,” visit the Classified Personal Council website. Follow the CPC on Facebook at facebook.com/ColoradoStateUniversityCPC.

“Day in the Life” is a written feature introducing the CSU campus to State Classified colleagues. The spotlight recognizes the diverse responsibilities and duties that make up State employee’s workdays. The Classified Personnel Council accepts nominations for individual State Classified employees and groups of State Classified employees. Nomination forms are available at cpc.colostate.edu/annual-cpc-awards/day-in-the-life.

‘Health and Human Science Matters’ podcast returns

By Melanie Chaffey

Health and Human Science Matters podcast hosts Avery Martin and Matt Hickey are back in the recording studio, sharing conversations with researchers in Colorado State University’s College of Health and Human Sciences to give some insight into the humans behind the science.

“It may be cliché, but we are better than ever for season two,” said Martin during the trailer for the second season of the podcast.

As they did in season one of Health and Human Science Matters, Martin and Hickey invited researchers from each of the College’s eight academic units, as well as a special guest and a graduate student in the Dean’s Fellowship Program, to have candid conversations about their lives, their research, and how the two intertwine.

“This time around, we really wanted to focus on the impact that these individuals make and the problems they solve both on CSU’s campus and globally, through their research,” Hickey said.

Health and Human Science Matters season two guests:

- Construction Management, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez
- Design and Merchandising, Laura Malinin
- Food Science and Human Nutrition, Chris Melby
- Health and Exercise Science, Heather Leach
- Human Development and Family Studies, Gloria Luong
- Occupational Therapy, Patti Davies
- School of Education, Vincent Basile
- School of Social Work, Paula Yuma
- Special Guest, Sue VandeWoude, One Health Institute Director
- Dean’s Fellow, Human Development and Family Studies, Reagan Miller



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CHHS Research Day back in person for 2022

By Gretchen Gerding

After last year's move to a virtual poster show and presentations, this year's third annual College of Health and Human Sciences Research Day was back in person – and the excitement was evident among both participants and visitors.

CHHS Research Day is the brainchild of Dean Lise Youngblade, who launched the event as a way to bring people together to spark potential collaborations, celebrate innovation and discovery, and feature the outstanding research and scholarship conducted by the talented faculty, postdocs, and students across the College.

"While we were happy to make CHHS Research Day happen virtually last year, we were thrilled to be back in person this year," said Dean Lise Youngblade. "There is no substitute for the personal exchange of ideas and the spark of creativity that happens when we get everyone together in a room. The energy was simply amazing!"

At the morning Poster Show, 85 presenters made up of undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, staff, and post-docs explained their research in short talks to visitors and judges with the help of their posters and creative work on display. No matter what the discipline, the thread that ran through all of the work was the incredible ways College researchers are improving physical, mental, and social well-being and transforming lives.

Winning poster presentations came from each of the College's academic units and featured a broad array of topics including the effects of cannabidiol on kidney and liver function; causes and implications for project delays in highway construction; addressing food insecurity among CSU students; positive human and animal interactions and mental health in young adults; unexplored potential of white matter to understand aging and dementia; and an adaptive rain kit for people who use a wheelchair.

Keynote speaker

This year, the keynote address was given by Rebecca Hasson, associate professor in the School of Kinesiology and director of the Childhood Disparities Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan. Hasson's talk, supported by the College of Health and Human Sciences Mary Scott Lecture Series, was titled "Merging Implementation Science and Health Equity Research to Eliminate Youth Physical Activity Disparities."

Hasson has examined the effects of built and social environments on pediatric physical activity and child health disparities. Her research has focused on the development and implementation of physical activity interventions in school and home environments, especially for low-income and ethnic minority

children. Through her research on the "Interrupting Prolonged sitting with ACTivity" or InPACT program, she has tested the feasibility of implementing activity breaks in classroom settings. She also adapted InPACT for dissemination in the home environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Barry Braun, department head in Health and Exercise Science, has known Hasson for many years.

"Rebecca's commitment to health equity, diversity, and social justice has been relentless and firm, and goes back 20-plus years to when she was a student," Braun said. "Her talk was centered on developing and implementing physical activity interventions in grade school environments, but she managed to incorporate aspects of all eight academic units in the College – a triumph of multi-disciplinary thinking!"

Lightning Talks

What do the brain's role in controlling movement, supporting children with intellectual disabilities, the lack of culturally comprehensive counseling for underserved populations, and accessibility to healthcare all have in common? They are just a few of the research areas covered in the six-minute Lightning Talks at CHHS Research Day.

This year's Lightning Talks again featured one speaker from each academic unit along with the two Dean's Fellows, who are Ph.D. students: Mehmet Ozbek – Construction Management, Vivian Li – Design and Merchandising, Sarah Johnson – Food Science and Human Nutrition, Brett Fling – Health and Exercise Science, Debbie Fidler – Human Development and Family Studies, James Graham – Occupational Therapy, Jessica Gonzalez-Voller – School of Education, Jen Currin-McCulloch – School of Social Work, and Dean's Fellows Patricia Grady-Dominguez and Susan Mingils from Occupational Therapy.

"Our Lightning Talk presenters shared groundbreaking ideas and research collaborations," said Matt Hickey, associate dean for research and graduate studies who emceed the event and had the unenviable task of keeping time. "Topics ranged from the micro level, such as nanofiber technology for healthcare garments and the impact of functional foods like blueberries on healthy aging, to the macro level, including imagining the construction materials and opportunities for future megacities in the year 2070. Each presenter enlightened the audience with their expertise, passion, and alignment with our College's mission, sparking questions and dialogue."



Rebecca Hasson delivered the keynote address during the CHHS Research Day. Watch Dr. Hasson's keynote address at youtube.com/watch?v=_rGYFozvHV4.



Associate Dean Matt Hickey delivering his Lightning Talk. Learn more about this year's Lightning Talks presenters and watch their presentations at youtube.com/watch?v=NkZ_YA0y7UQ.



During the week of April 24-30, all CSU employees can enjoy 1 free 20-oz. beverage at one of the below participating cafes!



Details: Employees may only use this offer once during the week of April 24-30. When ordering, employees must show this flyer, email, or state they are a CSU employee. (Offer not valid for student staff)

There are 5 participating CSU student-run cafe locations:

[Bean Counter, inside Rockwell Hall West](#) [Morgan's Grind, inside Morgan Library](#)

[Intermissions, inside Lory Student Center - level 200 - near Theatre](#)

[Sweet Temptations, inside Behavioral Sciences Building - 1st floor](#)

[Sweet Sensations, inside Lory Student Center - level 200 - east entrance](#)

There are ten participating Human Bean locations:

[The Human Bean Coffee Truck in Moby Arena - Lot 195 \(M-Th, 7-4 p.m.\)](#)

[The Human Bean, 1822 S. College Ave., Fort Collins](#)

[The Human Bean, 821 N. College Ave., Fort Collins](#)

[The Human Bean, 6180 E. Crossroads Blvd., Loveland](#)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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March 25 - June 1
Plant Sciences
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New Music Ensemble Recital

Wednesday, April 6, 6 - 8 p.m.
University Center for the Arts
Students of the woodwind studios at Colorado State University present an evening of chamber music, including trios, quartets, and quintets from 1700s to present.

Meet the Designer: Girl Powder presented by Katelyn Schmidt - Discussion

Thursday, April 7, 7 - 8 p.m.
Avenir Museum Classroom 157
Girl Powder is a portfolio and capsule collection of seven complete snow sport looks that embrace athleticism and

functionality while holding femininity at the crux.

Spring Dance Concert

Friday, April 15, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
University Center for the Arts
Join us as we celebrate our return to live dance performances with artistic and theatrical creations by CSU Dance faculty Judy Bejarano, Chung-Fu Chang and Madeline Harvey. Student choreographed selections will be featured as well as the work of internationally revered choreographer and guest artist Thomas Vincent.

Trumpet Studio Recital

Tuesday, April 19, 6 - 8 p.m.
University Center for the Arts
Solos and chamber music presented by members of the CSU Trumpet Studio under the direction of Stanley Curtis.

Earth Day festival

Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
LSC Sutherland Sculpture Garden
Join us in celebration of Earth Day at the LSC Sutherland Sculpture Garden. While you're enjoying

the live music by Mountain Duo, peruse the many booths to learn about sustainability on campus and how you can get involved.

Women in Science Symposium - Resiliency

Thursday, April 21, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Virtual
The sixth annual WISS event will feature speakers addressing Resiliency-Balanced States of Being, Art-Science Continuum, Cultivating Resiliency, Care Giving, and Resilience in Movement. Stay tuned to updates at our website for this half day event for all.

Through the Student Lens Film Festival

Thursday, April 21, 6 - 9 p.m.
Eddy 212
The Through the Student Lens Film Festival is Colorado State University's only student film festival. Join us to watch films, ask questions of the filmmakers, and congratulate the winners, featuring documentaries, short films, animated films, personal narratives, experimental work and

more by CSU students and alumni. The festival is free and open to all.

Fast and Furriest 5K

Saturday, April 23, 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Oval
This event will be held by the CSU vet school class 2024.

Rams Remember Rams

Tuesday, April 26, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
In front of the Administration Building
The CSU community gathers together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have lost over the last year.

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