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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AMY PARSONS LEADS A PANEL DISCUSSION ON “HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT” AS PART OF CSU’S THEMATIC YEAR OF DEMOCRACY ON MARCH 25. PHOTO BY JOHN EISELE/CSU PHOTOGRAPHY

Democracy Summit to feature W. Kamau Bell, Robert D. Putnam as speakers

By CSU MarComm Staff

Colorado State University’s College of Liberal Arts is hosting a special weeklong event showcasing CSU’s longstanding efforts in democracy and civic spaces that includes two prominent speakers: Emmy-winning stand-up comedian and producer W. Kamau Bell and renowned political scientist Robert D. Putnam.

The College of Liberal Arts is leading the Democracy Summit April 8-12, with a series of events designed for students, employees and community members to explore what we mean by democracy and how democracy is experienced in a variety of contexts by a variety of people.

Bell will open the weeklong summit on Monday, April 8, with Putnam bringing the week to a close with a talk on Friday, April 12. Both speakers will highlight different approaches to the issues of community and culture.

With the upcoming November elections, Democracy Summit organizers are looking to showcase CSU’s longstanding efforts in democracy. This year, CSU instituted a Thematic Year of Democracy, a university-wide initiative that invites members of the campus community to participate in conversations and events focused on democracy. This has included visits by nationally known speakers during the spring semester such as actress and activist Jane Fonda and U.S. Rep. Ken Buck, among others.

Between the two talks, the College of Liberal Arts is offering a host of events as part of the Democracy Summit. Events include a panel

discussion on the historical and contemporary meanings of democracy with faculty from the University of Alabama, University of Pennsylvania and University of Denver on April 8.

Additionally, there will be a discussion of democracy with respect to Indigenous governance practices and barriers to political participation encountered by Native Americans on April 9.

The week also will include an April 10 film screening of *The 5 States of Colorado*, a feature-length documentary film focused on general regions within the man-made boundaries where cultures and identities have evolved from the land and its history.

April 11 will feature a host of panel discussions that include rural voices in democracy, election rights and engaging queer voices in democracy. In the evening, a screening of *Join or Die*, a film about Putnam’s social capital theory, will be held at Lyric Cinema, followed by a discussion of the Civil War’s impact on American democracy today.

For the latest information on events visit thematicyear.colostate.edu/democracy-summit.com



W. KAMAU BELL

THIS MONTH

DEMOCRACY SUMMIT 2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

April 8-12

May 10-12



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Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering

The National Academy of Engineering is adding Colorado State University professors Sonia Kreidenweis and Jorge Rocca as new members for 2024. Both faculty members in the Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering were announced by the academy in February. Election to the body is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Membership honors those who have made outstanding contributions to engineering research, practice or education.

Human Resources

Colorado State University's Division of Human Resources has received a first place Eddy Award from the publication Pensions and Investments for the successful conversion of CSU retirement plans to Fidelity Investments last year. CSU's first place win was in the Conversions/403(b) Consolidations category for public institutions with more than 5,000 plan participants. The Eddy Awards were created by Pensions and Investments 25 years ago to identify and reward best practices

in providing investment education to defined contribution plan participants. The awards are judged by an independent panel of plan sponsors and consultants.

College of Natural Sciences and College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Dr. Dean Hendrickson and Professor Melissa Reynolds have been named as senior members of the National Academy of Inventors. The honor recognizes early career faculty, scientists and administrators who "foster a spirit of innovation within their communities and institutions while educating and mentoring the next generation of inventors." Hendrickson is a professor of surgery in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, whose work has helped revolutionize how veterinary, medical and nursing students can practice critical surgical techniques while training as surgeons. Reynolds is a professor in the Department of Chemistry, with other appointments in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering and the School of

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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 csulife.source.colostate.edu.



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YEAR OF DEMOCRACY

In Memory: Diana Wall, groundbreaking soil ecologist who left a lifetime legacy at Colorado State University

By Nik Olsen

Diana Wall, one of the world’s most internationally respected environmental scientists and inaugural director of Colorado State University’s School of Global Environmental Sustainability, passed away March 25.

“Diana was not only a brilliant ecologist, but also kind, and she treated people and the planet with utmost respect,” said President Amy Parsons. “She could have excelled at any institution in the world, and we are so honored and grateful that she chose Colorado State University. Our entire university community grieves as we reflect on the life, loss and legacy of Diana Wall. Her impact will forever be felt across our university and around the world.”

Wall was an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the 2013 Laureate of the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement. In 2004, as recognition for her work on the continent, she had an Antarctic feature named after her: Wall Valley.

Wall, a professor of biology and University Distinguished Professor at CSU, was a soil ecologist who spent her research career in the dry valleys of Antarctica, where she and her team showed that soil nematodes – microscopic roundworms – represent the top of the terrestrial food chain.

For more than 25 years, Wall and her colleagues researched in the Antarctic McMurdo Dry Valleys, and the Wall Lab at CSU helped clarify the critical links between climate change and soil biodiversity.

Her interdisciplinary research uncovered dramatic impacts to invertebrate communities in response to climate change, the key role nematode species play in soil carbon turnover, and how they survive such extreme environments.

In 2008, when he was serving as provost, Colorado State University System Chancellor Tony Frank asked Wall to help create a university-wide school to address global environmental challenges.

“The environment has lost a leading advocate,” Frank said. “The National Academy lost a great scientist. CSU lost a University Distinguished Professor and transformational member of our community. Many of us lost a precious friend. But Diana’s impact will live on in her work, her students and the planet she fought to protect.”

Wall began her research in Antarctica in 1989. She arrived at CSU in 1993 and went on to hold several research and leadership positions, including director of the Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory.

“When Diana Wall was appointed the director of SoGES, we knew an outstanding scientist would be leading our sustainability efforts,” said Rick Miranda, senior vice president. “What we didn’t fully appreciate was the ultimate impact that she would have – not only on our campus, but internationally. She was tireless – right up to the very end; she was inspiring – to many young scientists who worked with

her, to her colleagues, and to her peers (who were few); she was a great communicator – to local and global audiences, to students and to experts; and she was generous – with her time, her resources, her encouragement and her ideas. I suppose her last gift to us is a challenge: to maintain and improve the trajectory of the wonderful work she did.”

Wall was scientific chair of the Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative, which, with the European Union Joint Research Initiative, released the “Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas” in May 2016 at the United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya.

“There are few people we meet in a lifetime who are as extraordinary as Diana Wall. She truly was a giant among us,” said Provost and Executive Vice President Marion Underwood. “You would never know that from Diana, but everyone around her could see it, and her influential work revealed it. Diana changed the lives of those who knew her, and as a scientist she changed our world.”

Wall’s extraordinary knowledge and understanding of our planet and its environment was recognized through international accolades. At CSU, she was well-known as an educator who was a generous and inspirational teacher and dedicated mentor.

“Diana was a real force on campus, and I always loved her enthusiasm for science,” said Jan Leach, professor of agricultural biology in the College of Agricultural Sciences and fellow UDP at CSU. “She cared about people, and she promoted them – from students to fellow faculty – in all ways she could. She was an important mentor for many of us. Diana truly was a gift to CSU. Through her work at SoGES, she provided a strong connection to the local community. Her national and international reputation raised all of us up. We will feel her loss for some time.”

Wall’s wit and humor allowed her to make meaningful connections. She had the ability to bring people together from across campus, around the Fort Collins community through her monthly science chats at Avogadro’s Number, and her vast network of international colleagues, who she worked with to implement new ideas to address environmental challenges.

“She was passionate about what she could offer sustainability,” said Kathy Galvin, director of The Africa Center at CSU and a CSU UDP. “She would take ideas she learned while traveling the world and bring it back and implement them through SoGES.”

Wall was also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences and a recipient of the Ulysses Medal and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research President’s Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Antarctic Science. In 2016, Wall also was named Honorary Member by the British Ecological Society. In 2019, she was awarded BES’ President’s Medal, among numerous other honors over the years. She was inducted into the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame in the class of 2014.

Wall grew up in North Carolina and earned her doctorate degree in plant pathology from the University of Kentucky, Lexington.



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Biomedical Engineering. She also serves as the director of the Panacea Life Sciences Cannabinoid Research Center and the faculty director for the Campus Core Research Facilities at CSU through the Office of the Vice President for Research.

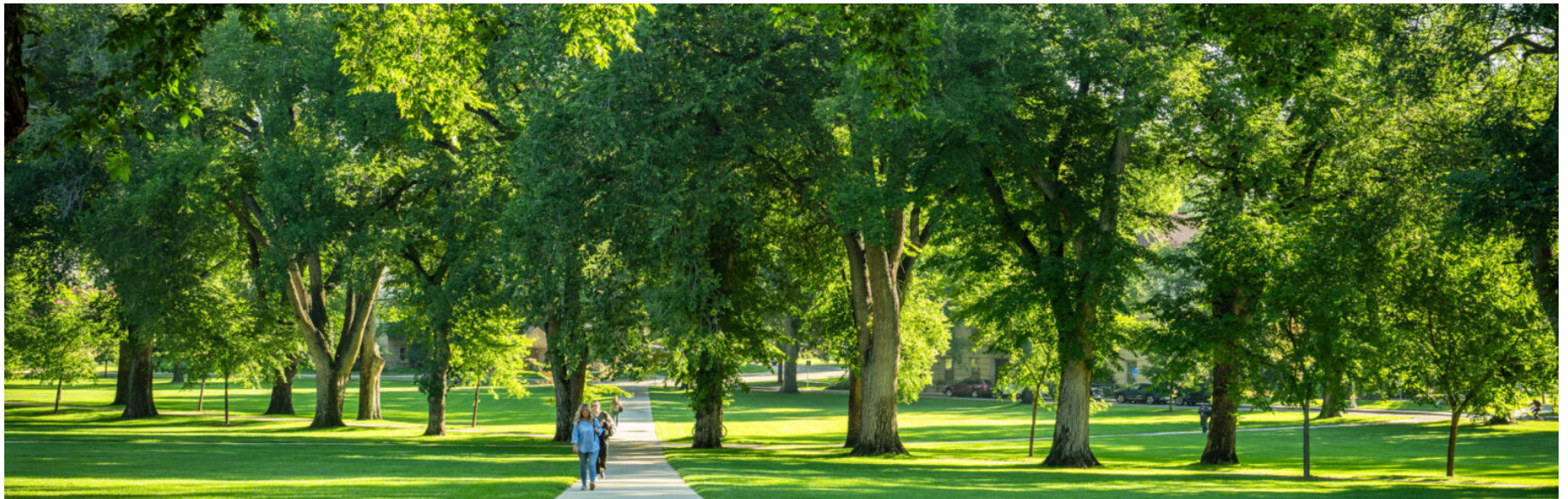
Employee Appreciation Board

The Colorado State University Employee Appreciation Board is highlighting the Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Laboratory administrative support team for all its hard work related to recent

challenges with its building and creative solutions. When a roofing project created multiple delays and disruptions to service and work, the administrative staff worked “round the clock and additional hours to support the research needs of the building and to create solutions to the disruptions caused by the roofing project,” said nominator Brittany Runyan. The team was celebrated with a luncheon. Nominate a campus unit at csueab.colostate.edu.

CSU Summer session offers affordable opportunities for students

By Rachel Baschnagel



Registration for summer session at Colorado State University opened Tuesday, March 19 in RAMweb.

Summer session allows students to tailor their learning and research experiences to complement other summer activities while gaining deeper understanding of course materials or expediting their track toward graduation.

CSU Summer Director Anne Van Arsdall said the program's goal is to both promote equity for students while continuing to strive for excellence in educational opportunities. Following this mission, CSU Summer continuously examines ways to apply the Boyer 2030 Commission's Equity/Excellence Imperative, which posits that "excellence without equity (privilege reproducing privilege) is not true excellence, and equity (mere access) without excellence is an unfulfilled promise."

And this work is paying off. Reports from Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness show that students who take summer courses tend to persist and graduate at higher rates, especially students seeking to improve their GPA or who struggled during their first academic year. Last year, summer session saw a 5.3% increase in student credit hours awarded — its biggest spike since the 2020 pandemic altered learning experiences across the globe.

"Summer 2023 was really our largest growth without extenuating circumstances," Van Arsdall said. "Students are becoming more aware of the affordability and opportunity that summer brings."

Unique opportunities

Summer terms vary from four to 12 weeks, and with in-person, hybrid and online offerings, summer session students can gain invaluable knowledge and experiences in classrooms, at the Mountain Campus, studying abroad, in campus research facilities and through field experiences, internships and service learning.

"Summer session courses provide students multiple opportunities to make progress toward their degree without the added pressure of taking large credit loads," said Tom Siller, interim vice provost for undergraduate affairs. "Classes typically have smaller enrollments,

affording a more personal experience. It is a great opportunity to increase students' success at CSU."

"All the keys to success were on the table, and all the resources I needed were in front of me," said Jonathan Christenson, biomedical sciences graduate student.

Through the Office of Undergraduate Research and Artistry (OURA), faculty can connect students with research opportunities related to their fields of study, and due to the intimate and flexible nature of summer classes, students can pair their courses with research or jobs without compromising their educational goals.

"(Summer session) is faster paced, but because of that it can be more engaging," said Patrick Byrne, CSU professor of soil and crop sciences. "If you can get some type of practical experience that complements the subject that you're studying, so much the better. But the complementarity between actual hands-on experience and what you would learn in the classroom I think is really powerful."

Additionally, summer session is a key opportunity for students to explore different fields of study or progress more quickly toward their degree. Any students who have recently changed or declared a major can utilize summer courses to catch up on major requirements and work toward the graduation timeline they wish to pursue.

"Sophomore year I added a minor of ASL," said Carli Collopy, a health and exercise science major with an American Sign Language minor. "Because I added the minor, I decided that I needed to take summer classes because I wanted to graduate in four years and walk with my friends and be able to graduate and celebrate with them."

New offerings

This year, students interested in a leadership minor through the President's Leadership Program can take their first two classes over the summer and online. The two classes, which culminate in four credits and a leadership certificate, will take place May 13 through June 9 and June 10 through July 7, respectively.

Also new this summer are Honors seminars open to all students, regardless of whether

they are in the Honors Program. These courses combine lessons with high-level discussion and local cultural outings.

"I really want Honors to serve the larger CSU campus in a range of ways, so opening up Honors summer classes more broadly is one way that we can do this," Honors Director Shawn Bingham said. "Additionally, this will give students who did not know about Honors or who did not consider Honors when they entered CSU an opportunity to see what the Honors experience is all about. We are looking forward to more collaborations across campus like this one."

Affordability and access

Several grants and forms of assistance are available for summer session students, in addition to the non-resident undergraduate base tuition reduction of 30% for summer session.

The CSU Tuition Assistance Grant varies based on demonstrated financial need, availability of funding and enrollment status, so early registration for summer session is highly encouraged. Students eligible for the Federal Direct Pell Grant may receive dedicated summer Pell funds if they enroll in six or more credits, and those enrolled in less than six summer credits may use any remaining funds from the fall or spring semesters.

Students may also enroll in the CSU flexible payment plan, which has an enrollment deadline of May 27 for the 2024 summer session. The payment plan allows for the summer session bill to be split into two payments or rolled into an annual payment plan.

Students living in Fort Collins for summer session can live on campus in Parmelee Hall, paying only for the weeks they stay. There are also a myriad of summer resources for housing and transportation through CSU's Off-Campus Life, opportunities for campus employment through Handshake, and additional resources listed on the CSU Summer website.

CSU Summer's Courses at a Glance web page allows students to browse courses, filtering by delivery type, subject, term and AUCC category. Registration is through RAMweb, and advising codes are not needed for summer session registration.

ON CAMPUS AT CSU

THE OF The Best BEST



Best of CSU is a Rocky Mountain Student Media publication featuring the results of an annual survey highlighting the best places to eat, drink, play and shop in Fort Collins. Here is a sneak peek focusing on winners of on-campus categories.

Best Study Spot — MORGAN LIBRARY

Between its in-house coffee shop (which won Best Coffee!), abundant study rooms ready to be reserved and extensive research help, we're not surprised that Morgan Library has won this impressive distinction.

Best College — COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

With 81 majors, minors and programs, along with a star-studded faculty of Best Teacher Award winners and University Distinguished Professors, it's easy to see why the College of Liberal Arts is seen as our campus' best.

Best Lunch — SPOONS & PANDA EXPRESS (TIED)

At Spoons, their mission is simple: to provide everyone with delicious and nutritious meals at prices that won't break the bank. Panda Express has consistently been a top choice among CSU Students for a satisfying and delivious lunchtime experience.

Best Coffee — MORGAN'S GRIND

Morgan's Grind stands out for its convenience and atmosphere. Whether you crave an iced chai or a vanilla latte, they've got everything you need to navigate your day.

Best Dining Hall — THE FOUNDRY

As CSU's newest and most spacious dining hall, the Foundry stands out as a food-hall-inspired hub featuring eight distinct micro-restaurants, each boasting a unique international or cultural theme.



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Earth Day 2024: Your guide to community events

By Annie Weiler

There's no better place to celebrate Earth Day than Fort Collins, a city consistently recognized as one of the greenest in the United States by Expedia, an Energy Star top city and home to Colorado State University, one of the most sustainable universities in the country. Here's how you can join the Earth Day celebrations in Fort Collins this year.

EARTH DAY FORT COLLINS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 11 A.M.-5 P.M. | CIVIC CENTER PARK

Attend Sustainable Living Association's 14th annual Earth Day Fort Collins, which strives to inspire community members to honor the Earth every day and offers a range of activities for the whole family, such as informational booths, kids activities, crafts, live music, speakers, food trucks, a farmers market and a beer garden.

CSU EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
LORY STUDENT CENTER WEST LAWN

This festival celebrates all sustainability initiatives, groups, organizations, departments, colleges and more at Colorado State University and the Fort Collins community. Take your time to peruse the booths, read groundbreaking research, play Earth Day games and relax with fellow Earth lovers.

SHOWING OF THE LORAX

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 6 P.M.-8 P.M. | THE LYRIC

Join Compost Queen, a local environmentalist organization, to watch *The Lorax* and hear a special Earth Day message. Bring a friend and learn about conservation and the importance of protecting our environment.

SPECIAL EARTH DAY POP-UP: ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLY SWAP

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
BLUE MOOSE ART GALLERY

Co-hosted by acclaimed fiber artist Elizabeth Morissette, this swap encourages bringing in supplies like fabric, corks, wire, beads and playing cards to keep everyday articles out of landfills. Teachers, homeschoolers and Sunday school instructors are invited to get art supplies for kids. Leftover materials will benefit children's art classes at local organizations.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION OF ECOTOURISM

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 11 A.M.-5 P.M.
GLOBAL VILLAGE MUSEUM OF ARTS AND CULTURE

Attendees will engage with museum members, handouts, videos and students from CSU's Warner College of Natural Resources to learn more about ecotourism, which is responsible travel that conserves the environment and sustains local well-being.



CSU moving to exciting new commencement format in 2025

Editor's note: The following message was sent to the Colorado State University on March 25.

Dear CSU Community,

Today we are happy to share that Colorado State University will move to an exciting new commencement format starting in May 2025 at Canvas Stadium. With this new tradition beginning in Spring 2025, CSU's graduating class will be able to celebrate their achievements all together during one university-wide ceremony each year. In addition to this university-wide commencement ceremony, Departments will host recognition events where each student's name will be read and families can gather with the faculty and staff who have taught the students and helped them every step of the way.

For Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 commencement, we will retain the individual College-based ceremonies that CSU has historically hosted. These will be the final College-based ceremonies CSU will host before transitioning to the new university-wide format. In order to allow students and families adequate planning time and maximum flexibility, students graduating in Fall of 2024 may choose to participate either in their College's Fall 2024 commencement ceremony or in the new all-university ceremony in Spring of 2025.

With the new format starting in Spring of 2025, CSU will no longer host both fall and spring commencement events. Instead, the University will invite all graduating students and families to come together each spring. Graduates will participate in one large celebration featuring a prominent commencement speaker, as well as in the smaller events where Departments will acknowledge each student individually. This will unify our whole Ram community and will also allow us to celebrate each student in a more intimate setting.

This shift aligns with other leading universities and brings opportunities for memorable traditions and broad campus engagement. The new format responds to feedback from students, faculty, and staff, and comes after a thorough review of the best ceremonies from around the country.

Whether you are a student or family member, or a member of our faculty or staff, there will be a lot of planning ahead and more information to come. Here are the most important details to share now:

Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 commencements will be unchanged.

Our first university-wide commencement will take place Friday, May 16, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Canvas Stadium.

Starting with the first university-wide commencement in Spring 2025, Departments will host individual recognition events where student names will be read and diploma covers issued.

Summer 2024 graduates are invited to participate in Spring 2024, Fall 2024, or Spring 2025 commencement.

Fall 2024 graduates are invited to participate in Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 commencement.

Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 graduates should plan to participate in the Spring 2025 ceremony.

Fall 2025 graduates are invited to participate in Spring 2025 or Spring 2026 commencement.

As planning moves ahead, details will be available on the Spring 2025 Commencement webpage. There will be many opportunities to ask questions and engage so that everyone knows what to expect and how they can participate in making this first university-wide commencement a great Ram experience.

Go Rams!

Amy Parsons
President

Marion Underwood
Provost and Executive Vice President



Vanpool subsidy program offers commute option for employees living outside of Fort Collins

Colorado State University employees can participate in a new vanpool subsidy program offering up to \$100/month for six months to new VanGo vanpool riders. The grant-funded subsidy is made possible through a partnership with the City of Fort Collins and the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, which operates VanGo.

Vanpool is an ideal commute option for employees with longer commutes who would like to share drive time and costs with fellow employees.

"The new \$100 per month vanpool subsidy program is a great opportunity for CSU employees commuting to our Fort Collins campuses to try a vanpool for little to no cost for six months," said Nate Vander Broek, active transportation professional at CSU's Parking and Transportation Services. "Vanpools offer many advantages over driving a personal vehicle. For example, vanpoolers save on fuel, maintenance, repairs, car insurance and parking permits."

In addition to the financial advantages of vanpooling, many participants also enjoy the camaraderie of their commute partners. According to Shane Armstrong, operations and fleet manager of VanGo: "One of the many benefits of vanpooling is the social aspect. Our vanpoolers have been known to socialize with



each other outside their vanpools, aid their fellow vanpoolers in times of need, celebrate employment milestones together, and have reported that they get home less stressed from the day as they've had the opportunity to decompress the workday with their van-mates, thereby making their home-time not consumed by their workday."

Ideal candidates for this program should live 15 miles or more from their work location at CSU's Main, South or Foothills Campus and can commit to using the vanpool service full-time (three or more times per week).

A webinar will be held on Thursday, April 25, from noon to 1 p.m. for CSU community members who want to learn more. The registration link for that webinar and future sessions is available at pts.colostate.edu/vanpool-general.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of this subsidy by joining a vanpool can set up an account at vangovanpools.org and should email vango@nfrmpo.org to inquire about the most recent matching opportunities within CSU. For any additional questions about vanpooling or other commute options, contact Vander Broek at nathanvanderbroek@colostate.edu or (970)491-6737.



CSU economics professor keeps the beat in his spare time

By Jeff Dodge



By day, he's one of the world's most renowned environmental economists. By night, he's a drummer in a band that plays rock, blues and rockabilly.

Edward Barbier, a University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Economics, started playing drums when he was 12 years old.

"My dad was a jazz musician in his spare time," he said. "And he started having me sit in and play drums. Everywhere I've gone, I've found musicians to play with."

When he was at the University of York in the United Kingdom in the 1990s, Barbier found musicians to play with. Then, after being hired by the University of Wyoming in 2000, he helped form a band called Mumbletypeg, a game that he and the lead guitarist played as kids, even though they grew up on opposite sides of the country.

Name changes

When he was hired by CSU in 2017, the band changed its name to Mumble the Peg. After losing a couple of band members, the group was renamed Square Peg several years ago. In addition to Barbier, the band consists of lead guitarist/lead singer Rich Arbour and bass player/lead singer Jerry Gallegos.

The group performed at Mishawaka last summer, and the musicians play at Fort Collins venues as well as the Trading Post and Bear Bottom in Centennial, Wyoming. Barbier estimated they play about 20 gigs a year.

"We prefer to play in the late afternoon or early evening, because we're getting old," he said with a laugh.

Musical economists

Barbier has also incorporated his hobby into his day job. When he traveled around the world for conferences, he befriended other economists who were musicians. They'd perform at conference events under the name "Dr. Keynes and the Blues Equations," a nod to John Maynard Keynes, one of the most influential economists of the 20th century.

Barbier also sings backup vocals and has played the harmonica since he was a kid. When he encountered bands that already had a drummer, sometimes he'd join them on harmonica.

Being musical runs in the family: His son James, who attends Syracuse University, is a pianist, and his daughter, Becky, who attended CSU, plays the guitar.

"We like to get together and just jam," Barbier said. "Music has always been a nice outlet and release. It may even make me a more productive economist. It's a very different atmosphere, requiring concentration and teamwork. It's great fun, and I'm just lucky to be able to play with friends and family."

Square Peg will be playing the Bear Bottom in Centennial, Wyoming, from 2-6 p.m. May 26 and May 27; 2-6 p.m. on June 15; and 1-5 p.m. on July 4.

Milestone: Carole Makela celebrates 55 years at CSU

By Annie Weiler

In 1968, Colorado State University welcomed Carole Makela, a family and consumer sciences and education scholar, to its faculty.

Over her decades-long tenure at CSU, Makela has watched the campus and faculty transform, with 13 interim and permanent university presidents, a quadrupled Fort Collins population, and extensive renovations and new construction across most of the main campus.

This month marks the professor's 55th year at Colorado State University, during which she has focused on graduate student research, family sciences and consumer behavior, impacting thousands of students throughout her nearly six decades of teaching in the School of Education.

Inspiring women of Northern Colorado

Makela's dedication to empowering girls and women didn't stop after she received the Soroptimist International of Fort Collins Making a Difference for Women Award in 2015. Most recently, she was recognized in the Inspiring Women of Northern Colorado exhibit for her significant contributions to Fort Collins, CSU and the feminist movement.

Campus-wide influence

Since the late 1970s, Makela has contributed to various Faculty Council committees at CSU, holding roles such as chair of the University Curriculum Committee, Board of Governors representative and member of the Faculty Governance Committee; Committee on Scholarship, Graduate Education and Research; Faculty Benefits Committee; and Faculty Improvement Committee. She received the Faculty Council Harry Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award in 2016 for her service.

Research in family and consumer sciences

Since the 1970s, Makela has taught at least 10 courses and authored approximately 50 distinctive articles covering consumer issues, public school communities and curriculum development. Her work in the field extends to serving as the president of the Colorado Affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2020, where she was praised for her scholarship, creativity and innovative methodology.



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CSU launches Presidential Executive in Residence program, naming MLB announcer and alumna Jenny Cavnar as first appointee

By Tiana Kennedy

A new Presidential Executive in Residence program at Colorado State University will engage top professionals in advisory roles for the university and provide direct connections for students, faculty and the community at large.

The effort, announced by CSU President Amy Parsons on Feb. 22, named award-winning Major League Baseball Broadcaster Jenny Cavnar as the first Presidential Executive in Residence for CSU. Her role is effective immediately.

“The Presidential Executive in Residence program brings in experts who have reached the pinnacle of their fields,” Parsons said. “The program is designed to inspire our students and infuse excellence across the university. As an influential figure who is deeply invested in sharing her expertise, there is no one better than Jenny Cavnar to launch this initiative. I can’t wait to see the ways this incredible CSU alumna will mentor our students and collaborate with the university community to elevate our work at Colorado State.”

Cavnar is entering her 18th season in MLB broadcasting and has been a trailblazer for women in the industry. Just last week, Cavnar marked a milestone of being named the first female primary play-by-play voice in Major League Baseball history when the Oakland Athletics announced her as its play-by-play announcer. She previously served 12 years as backup play-by-play announcer, pregame and postgame host and reporter for regional TV coverage for the Colorado Rockies.

Cavnar is a five-time Emmy Award winner and was the first woman to win National Sports Media Association (NSMA) Colorado Sportscaster of the Year in 2021. She also made baseball history in 2018 as the first woman in 25 years to call play-by-play for a Major League Baseball game.

“I am thrilled to be named the first Presidential Executive in Residence at Colorado State University. Twenty years after graduating, I return to campus with groundbreaking experiences that I hope will inspire and guide the next generation of Rams,” said Cavnar, who graduated from CSU in 2004. “I look forward to igniting passions and helping shape tomorrow’s leaders. This is not just a position; it’s an extension of my enthusiasm for Colorado State and the experiences it provided me.”

Cavnar was the first female to provide analysis for a series of National League games in the radio booth. In addition to being the backup play-by-play broadcaster, she hosted the Rockies Pregame and Postgame Shows and served as a sideline reporter.

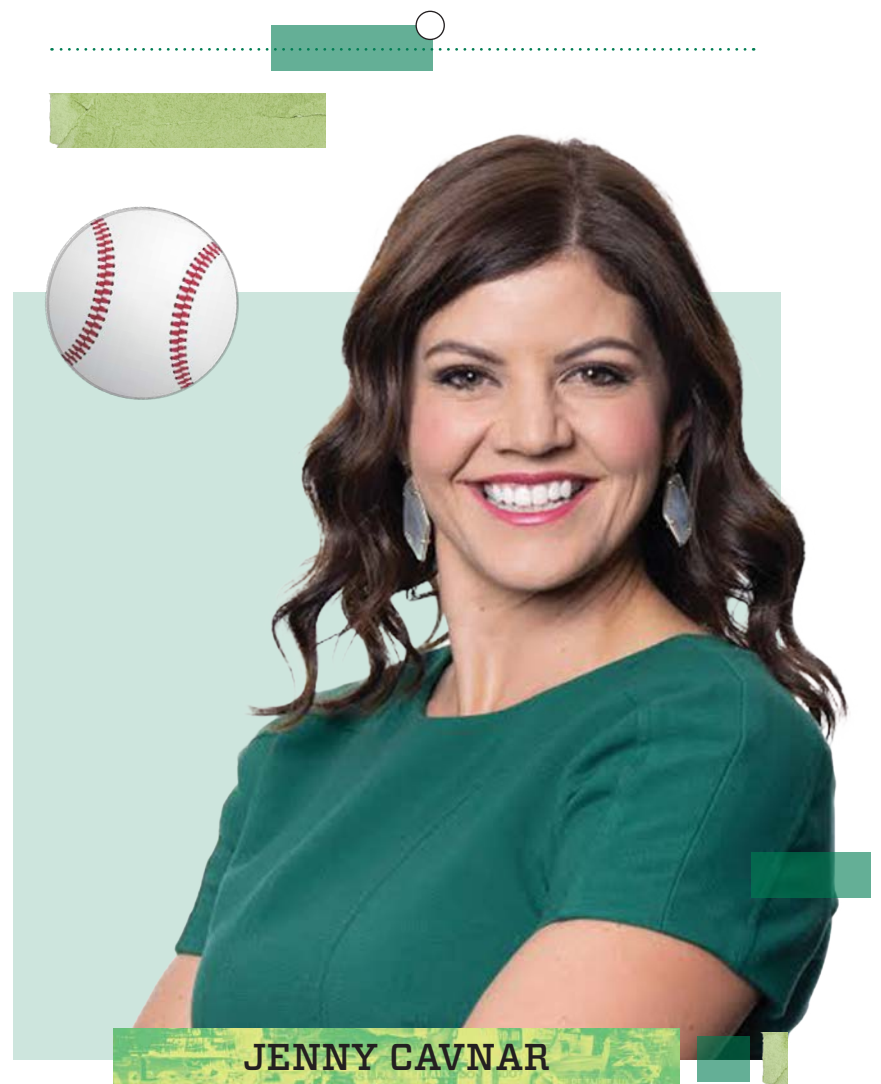
Cavnar often can be heard as a voice on MLB Network Radio on SiriusXM throughout the regular season and postseason coverage. In addition to her work in baseball, Cavnar calls men’s and women’s college basketball on FS1 and PAC 12 Networks.

At CSU, Cavnar double-majored in business and speech communications.

Beth Walker, dean of the CSU College of Business, says she’s honored that Cavnar was selected as the inaugural Presidential Executive in Residence.

“Even as an undergraduate at CSU, Jenny stood out as an extraordinary student who already had her sights set on a career in sports broadcasting,” Walker said. “We are so proud of her remarkable achievements as an MLB broadcaster, breaking barriers and inspiring so many young women to push boundaries in their own professions. By engaging with our students and sharing her professional journey, Jenny will influence and inspire the next generation of CSU students to work hard to achieve their dreams.”

The Presidential Executive in Residence program advances excellence at CSU by bringing in renowned experts who have achieved extraordinary things in a variety of fields. Appointees to the program serve for designated time periods and receive donor-funded stipends for their work with the university.



APACC celebrating 40th anniversary April 19-20

By Annie Weiler

The Asian Pacific American Cultural Center at Colorado State University is thrilled to celebrate its 40th anniversary celebration April 19-20.

For four decades, APACC has provided a safe and supportive environment for North African, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, Southwest Asian, Southeast Asian and Desi students. Its dedicated staff, volunteers and partners are committed to offering resources to help marginalized students succeed at CSU and beyond.

In 1982, CSU students established the pan-Asian Solidarity Build Coalition in response

to the tragic murder of Vincent Chin. Amidst heightened anti-Japanese sentiment in the United States, known as "Japan bashing," Chin's attackers mistook him for Japanese, leading to his death. The following year, these students advocated for a diversity office specifically focused on Asian students, leading to the APACC in November 1984. Initially known as Services for Asian American Students, the office gradually expanded its programs and services to meet the needs of the growing Asian and Pacific Islander student population.

Over the years, APACC has evolved to address changing times, student demographics and community needs, becoming an integral part of CSU's diversity offices. Today, it hosts staple events like the Water Festival, Spring Roll, Chai to Understand and Ramadan Iftar, providing students with a safe space to gather, build community and have fun.

For more information on the 40th anniversary celebration, visit apacc.colostate.edu.



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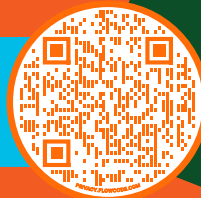


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Register for CSUnity, the university's annual day of service on April 21

By Joe Giordano

CSUnity, Colorado State University's large-scale tradition of volunteer service during the spring semester, is seeking volunteers for the big day on April 21.

Organizers are aiming to get more than 1,500 people to volunteer for the annual event to collectively complete hundreds of service projects within the Fort Collins community. Volunteers will either work with a community service provider or a local neighbor located within the city limits of Fort Collins.

Registration closes on Wednesday, March 27. To sign up, visit lsc.colostate.edu/slice/community-engagement/csunity.

Examples of volunteer projects include:

- Adding to the upkeep of external buildings and grounds.
- Cleaning decks/patios/porches/garages/sheds/outdoor furniture/first-floor gutters and/or windows/wells.
- Environmental work (trail maintenance, waterway clean up).
- Event support and customer service.
- Mowing and/or weeding a lawn or picking up leaves.
- Organizing/sorting goods.
- Prepping gardens or basic landscaping, such as trimming bushes, trees or plants.

Now in its 27th year, CSUnity coincides with National Volunteer Month in April. Organizers explained that the tradition bridges the CSU and Fort Collins communities. The event — organized by CSU's Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement (SLiCE) office — also provides an important link between students and their surrounding communities.

SLiCE Community Engagement Graduate Coordinator Katlyn Murphy explained that CSUnity offers much-needed support to fellow neighbors

and service providers, adding that the reach of the tradition goes far beyond the four hours of service.

"It deeply impacts CSU students, faculty and staff but also fellow neighbors, connecting CSU and the Fort Collins community," she said. "CSUnity offers Rams the chance to cultivate connections with their fellow volunteers, while also branching out to form connections within the community. CSUnity generates a deeper understanding and appreciation for one another."



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Democracy Summit 2024

April 8–12

The Democracy Summit will include numerous workshops, panels and signature events designed to appeal to students, faculty and staff, and community members, showcasing CSU's efforts to foster healthy democracy and helping to prepare our campus for the 2024 election (and beyond). All events are free.

Highlighted Events:

April 8: A conversation with W. Kamau Bell

April 10: Screening of *The Five States of Colorado*

April 11: Screening of *Join or Die* at Lyric Cinema

April 12: Ending keynote with Dr. Robert Putnam

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Erosion of American Democracy and the Upswing

Friday, April 12, 1 p.m.

Lory Student Center Ballroom

Democracy Summit 2024 closing keynote speaker Robert Putnam is the retired Malkin Research Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University. He is the author of 15 books, including *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, among the most cited and bestselling social science books in the last half century. Putnam's work from *Bowling Alone* is the subject of the film *Join or Die*, being screened on Thursday, April 11, at Lyric Cinema.

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Spring Dance Concert

April 12-13

University Dance Theatre

This diverse dance concert features new works by faculty and student choreographers. Be inspired by the versatility, athleticism and expressiveness of the performers.

Through the University's Commitment to Campus initiative, all CSU faculty and staff can receive one pair of free tickets each academic year to School of Music, Theatre and Dance performances at the University Center for the Arts. Tickets are available in person or by phone at the UCA Ticket Office or online. Advance reservations are recommended.

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E-Waste & Sneaker Collection and Compost Giveaway

Friday, April 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Moby Arena

CSU community members can come by and collect CSU's own compost for their gardening needs and recycle their e-waste and old sneakers.

There is a limit of two, 5-gallon buckets per person (people should bring their own buckets) and recycling e-waste is limited to two, large appliances per person. Only sneakers are acceptable (no sandals, flip flops, boots etc.).

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Annual Tree Campus Arbor Day Planting

Friday, April 19, 12-1 p.m.

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APACC 40th Anniversary Celebration

April 19 and 20

Come celebrate APACC's 40th anniversary with a weekend of fun.

Key Events:

April 19, 2-4 p.m. Open House in APACC

April 19, 4-6 p.m. Mixer at the Durrell Center

April 20, 11 a.m. 18th Annual Luau

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CSU Earth Day Festival

Monday, April 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lory Student Center West Lawn

Join a celebration of Earth Day at the LSC Sutherland Sculpture Garden.

While enjoying live music by Lady Denim, visitors may peruse the many booths to learn about sustainability on campus and how to get involved.

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Bike, Scoot & Skate to Breakfast

Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Newton's Corner

In celebration of Earth Week, roll by on bike, scooter or skateboard for free coffee and breakfast items. The Spoke will be available for bike maintenance.

RamFest Concert

Thursday, April 25, 6-9 p.m.

Moby Arena

Join the CSU community for Ramfest 2024 featuring the country music group, Midland. Opening act is Sugar Britches. Discounted tickets for CSU employees.

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Gather: Conversations to Inspire with Donna Brazile

Tuesday, April 30, 4-6 p.m.

Lory Student Center Ballroom

The fourth annual Gather: Conversations to Inspire event, presented by Women and Philanthropy, is an exploration of the Thematic Year of Democracy through the female lens. The keynote address will be presented by American political strategist, former campaign manager and current chair of the Fulbright scholars program Donna Brazile. Following the keynote, President Amy Parsons will moderate a panel of CSU leaders to discuss the role of higher education in promoting democracy.

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HDNR Nature Fair and Film Fest

Thursday, May 2, 12 p.m.

Lory Student Center Theatre and West Lawn

The Student Nature Vids Film Festival will feature numerous student-made short films before revealing the three grand prize winners. Films show at noon in the LSC Theatre.

Afterwards, the event will transition to the LSC Sunderland Garden/West Lawn for a nature-tourism industry celebration with industry tabling, prize giveaways, live music and grad program info from 1:30-3:30 pm.

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