

## awards & honors

### Best B-schools

*BusinessWeek* magazine recently ranked CSU's College of Business as one of the top undergraduate business programs in the country. The magazine surveyed more than 85,000 graduating seniors on such topics as the quality of teaching and overall student satisfaction and asked 600 corporate recruiters to evaluate the best graduates, curricula, and career services. Colorado State moved up to 67th on the list – 30th among public schools. The college is ranked 14th among all colleges and universities in the West and Southwest. The University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business was ranked No. 89.

### Community service honor roll

Colorado State University received the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll "with distinction" by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The federal award acknowledges CSU's efforts to promote and engage students in community service and service learning. CSU's office of Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement, or SLICE, and the Office of Service-Learning in The Institute for Learning and Teaching, known as TILT, helped establish Colorado State as a community service-focused institution.

### Window-cleaning robot

A team of CSU mechanical engineering students placed third in a national design competition to create a robot that assists people with mobility issues, particularly those who use wheelchairs. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Student Design Competition, held in Boston, challenged teams to build a robot that would wash a residential double-hung sash window without human intervention. The CSU team – senior Ross Bulkley, junior Hannah Hudson, and sophomores Matt Stallard and Jim Bettinghouse – placed third in the WINROBO competition, behind Michigan State University and Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

## appointments

### Cenergy CEO

Tim Reeser has been named the chief operating officer of Cenergy, the business arm of the CSU Clean Energy Supercluster. Launched in March 2008, the Supercluster was created to rapidly move CSU clean-energy innovations to the global marketplace. Reeser's history of entrepreneurship in

Colorado began as a CSU student when he worked on the Natural Gas Vehicle Challenge and Hybrid Electric Vehicle Project in the University's Engines and Energy Conversion Laboratory. Reeser has since co-founded Engineering Computer Consultants and Lightning Hybrids and served as a partner at the technology consulting and software firm 3t Systems.

## launched

### Executive coaching

Colorado State University has contracted with Resnik Partners, a talent management consulting firm, to provide executive coaching for students in its Denver Executive M.B.A. program. Students now will receive personal, professional coaching to develop world-class leadership skills, says Dave Larsen, executive director of CSU's Denver program. "This is going to be a huge benefit to CSU," says Helen Resnik, CEO of Resnik Partners. "It's a forward-thinking addition that sets CSU's Executive M.B.A. program apart." Resnik Partners Inc. is a founding member of Career Partners International, one of the world's largest providers of talent management solutions with more than 200 offices worldwide. Learn more about CSU's Executive M.B.A. program at <http://www.biz.colostate.edu/denverExecutive/>.

### Professional development

CSU's Division of Continuing Education in February kicked off its new professional development series at Centerra in Loveland, Colo. The noncredit workshops and seminars in leadership, teamwork, and work-life balance help participants develop job skills to advance careers, become more effective at work, and transition to new jobs. Sessions are taught by leading professionals and are offered days, evenings, and weekends. The Loveland Learning Center is located off I-25 and HWY 34. For more information or to register for classes, call (970) 491-5288 or (877) 491-4336 or visit <http://www.learn.colostate.edu/northerncolorado>.

## research

### Earthquake shakes

CSU scientists will shake things up this summer in an unprecedented research experiment in Japan, when they will test the largest building ever on an earthquake shake table. CSU and its research partners will subject a seven-story, 40-by-60-foot condominium tower to simulated earthquakes of varying intensity on Japan's Earthquake-Defense shake table. Researchers will simulate 70-year earthquakes and more powerful quakes expected every 500 to 2,500 years, with magnitudes ranging

from 6.7 to 7.3. The series of seismic tests are scheduled for June and July and are the culmination of a four-year, \$1.4 million National Science Foundation grant.

### Ag emissions

A new ecosystem model developed at CSU more accurately estimates agricultural nitrous oxide emissions – a potent greenhouse gas that damages the Earth's protective ozone layer. Standard measuring methods often underestimate nitrous oxide, or N<sub>2</sub>O, but the new DAYCENT model more effectively evaluates emissions at the farm, regional, and global levels, says William Parton, senior research scientist at CSU's Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory. "Agriculture is responsible for the majority of human-generated N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, and without accurate estimates, we are unable to rigorously assess the environmental impacts of biofuel and other cropping systems," Parton says. DAYCENT is now part of an EPA-funded project to determine the environmental impact of biofuel cropping systems across the United States.

### Correction:

*Rick Miranda, CSU's new Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, was formerly the dean of CSU's College of Natural Sciences, not Natural Resources, as reported in the February issue. We apologize for the error.*

## updates

### CSU System chancellor

The Colorado State University System Board of Governors recently voted to separate the positions of CSU System chancellor and president of the Fort Collins campus and to proceed with a national search for the chancellor position. The chancellor role was left vacant when the Board appointed Tony Frank to serve as interim president of the CSU Fort Collins campus after the November resignation of Larry Penley. Over several months, the Board held a series of open stakeholder forums in Pueblo, Sterling, Denver, and Fort Collins and video conferences in Alamosa, Durango, and Grand Junction to solicit input about the qualities preferred in a new chancellor. For updates, visit <http://csusystem.edu/chancellorsearch/>.



## The Green University



### *Green firsts* Did you know?

- Colorado State was one of the first universities in the country to offer green power as an option to the students living on campus.
- The first American academic program in engineering was launched at Colorado State in 1886, laying the groundwork for the University's modern College of Engineering, which leads many of CSU's groundbreaking green research activities.
- Colorado State established the nation's first emissions-control program, a reflection of CSU's long-term involvement in clean and sustainable energy alternatives.

E-mail [csumatters@colostate.edu](mailto:csumatters@colostate.edu) or call (970) 491-6621 for a free subscription.

CSU *matters*

Office of the President  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523-0100



NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523  
Permit Number 19