CSU among the top for quality, affordability

CSU is the most affordable research university in Colorado and boasts a high graduation rate, according to the U.S. Department of Education’s latest College Scorecard. CSU is also Colorado’s only research university to decrease in average net price in recent years. CSU’s graduates have a low loan default rate of only 4.8 percent, while the national average is 14.7 percent – reflecting the University’s ongoing efforts to keep a CSU education affordable and accessible.

Training military veterinarians to care for military animals

CSU graduated four new military veterinarians in May; the highest number to enter the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps from any university in the country this spring. CSU has six more students now in vet school bound for the Corps, a network of veterinary medical experts posted in dozens of countries and in all branches of the U.S. military.

Documenting New Mexico’s WWII confinement camps

New Mexico, like many other states in the American West, was the site of U.S. government Japanese-American confinement sites. Sarah Payne, assistant professor of history at CSU, will oversee a two-year project called “Confinement in the Land of Enchantment” to raise awareness about the camps. “It’s a good reminder for all of us to think about what it really means to be an American citizen,” Payne says.

Hammon makes history

Becky Hammon, a six-time WNBA All-Star named one of the WNBA’s Top 15 Players of All Time, announced her professional retirement in July. She will serve as an assistant coach for the San Antonio Spurs’ 2014-2015 season. Hammon will be the first full-time female assistant coach in NBA history. The 37-year-old spent four years at CSU from 1995 to 1999 during which she was a three-time All-American and the 1999 Naismith Award winner. In her senior season, she led the Rams to a Sweet Sixteen appearance in the 1999 NCAA Women’s Tournament. Hammon’s jersey was retired to the Moby Arena rafters in 2005.

Hot yoga burns how many calories?

Health and exercise science researchers at CSU have produced some of the first scientific evidence on the fitness effects of Bikram yoga, a type of “hot yoga.” Study participants burned on average 460 calories for men and 330 for women over a 90-minute session, roughly equivalent to walking briskly for the same amount of time. The study is the first to quantify the number of calories burned while practicing Bikram yoga.
CSU helps NASA measure CO₂

CSU scientists were involved in the July launch of a $467 million NASA satellite that will provide researchers with the clearest picture to date of the amount of carbon dioxide accumulating in the atmosphere and in natural “sinks,” such as plants and oceans. CSU’s atmospheric researchers helped develop the sophisticated algorithms that will crunch data collected by NASA’s Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 satellite.

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