



## SUCCESSSES

### Productivity plus

Six academic departments at Colorado State have been named among the top 10 most productive in their disciplines in the national 2006-2007 Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index. The index ranked 7,400 programs in 172 disciplines at 375 institutions, representing 217,254 faculty members. CSU's top departments: Atmospheric Science (No. 2), Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (No. 3), Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management (No. 5), Biology (No. 5), Forest, Rangeland and Watershed Stewardship (No. 6), Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology (No. 8).

### More than horseplay

Colorado State University has received \$3 million from multiple champion quarter-horse breeder and racer Abigail K. Kawananaoka of Hawaii to establish a University chair in equine orthopedics for the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. The College's Orthopaedic Research Center, where the chair will reside, is known worldwide for its research and clinical work to prevent joint problems in racehorses and cutting horses and for its orthopedic injuries research. Kawananaoka horses have won the All American Futurity and the Los Alamitos Million, the two biggest quarter horse races in the United States.

### Good volley

The CSU women's volleyball program made its 13th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance in December, the most NCAA post-season appearances ever by a sport program in CSU history. CSU is one of only eight schools in the country with 19 or more NCAA appearances. The Rams entered the tournament ranked in the Top 20 and seeded No. 14 and finished the season with a 23-8 record after falling in the second round of the tournament. Coach Tom Hilbert was named Mountain West Conference Co-Coach of the Year and four team members were named to the All-Conference team, more than any other Mountain West Conference school.

## AWARDS

### Fulbright faculty

Two Colorado State professors have been awarded Fulbright Scholar grants to lecture and conduct research abroad. Mica Glantz, associate professor

of anthropology, will teach at Auezov Technical University in South Kazakhstan, Shymkent, and research Paleolithic sites in the foothills of the Karatau Mountains. Brian Bledsoe, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, will host seminars and study stream ecology in Chile at the Universidad de Concepcion. Out of the 800 Fulbrights awarded nationally in 2007, CSU received five. Only six institutions in the U.S. received more Fulbright awards last year, and CSU outpaced all other schools in Colorado. Established in 1946, the Fulbright Scholar Program works to build mutual understanding between the United States and the world.

### Cloud alert

Colorado State University's Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere has earned a top award from NASA for its ongoing data processing work on the CloudSat satellite orbiting Earth. The CSU-conceived CloudSat is the world's only cloud-profiling radar in orbit. NASA recently extended the CloudSat mission through 2011 and approved enhanced scientific experiments above and beyond the original proposal – the only Earth science mission currently granted that permission by NASA. NASA honored CIRA with a Public Service Group Achievement Award for processing data critical to getting CloudSat's information to the international science community.

### Top scientist

David Thompson, a CSU atmospheric science professor, has won the American Meteorological Society's prestigious Meisinger Award, which honors a young, promising atmospheric scientist for outstanding research achievement in the observation, theory, and modeling of atmospheric motions. In 2006, the University honored Thompson with the Monfort Professor Award, and *Popular Science* named Thompson as one of the "brilliant 10" young scientists to watch. In 2005, *Time* magazine named Thompson one of the leading innovators in the science community.

## PROGRAMS

### Tour treasures

RamTracks, Colorado State's new premier tour series, showcases the University's academic, cultural, and institutional programs. Tour participants visit with CSU faculty and students, learn about exciting research and programs, and get a behind-the-scenes look at campus labs,

classrooms, and facilities. "Changing Climates: The Human Costs," "CSU Booklovers: Prologue to Epilogue," and "Game-Day Highlights at Hughes Stadium" are a few of the offerings. The free tours typically run 2½ hours and are open to the public. See tour options and register online at [www.ramtracks.colostate.edu](http://www.ramtracks.colostate.edu), or call Stacy Dotson at (970) 491-3858.

### Double duty

A new CSU undergraduate program is blending biology and math. The Flexible and Extendable Scientific Undergraduate Experience, or FEScUE, will engage undergraduate students and faculty in both disciplines by providing scholarships and summer stipends to support undergraduate research. The program, funded by a \$900,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, will prepare students for interdisciplinary science careers.

## APPOINTMENTS

### Conservation leader

Colorado State University has named Robin Reid director of the new Center for Collaborative Conservation at the Warner College of Natural Resources. Reid will provide leadership to the newly created center, which will offer both a local and international focus on the conservation and sustainability of natural resources. Reid was a principal ecosystem scientist and global project leader at the International Livestock Research Institute in Nairobi, Kenya, where she led research, education, and outreach on conservation and development issues in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the western United States. She began her new post Jan. 1.

## RESEARCH

### Stroke of genius

Colorado State scientists are working to restore arm movement in stroke survivors. Researchers with CSU's NeuroRehabilitation Research Laboratory and the Center for Biomedical Research in Music will deliver transcranial magnetic stimulation to the damaged brain hemispheres of study participants followed by rigorous therapy to redevelop movement in stroke-affected arms. The study is funded by a \$380,604 grant from the National Institutes of Health. Stroke is the third leading cause of death and disability in the United States.



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