

## launched CSU's economic impact

A new report analyzes the impact of Colorado State University on the state's economy. *Created to Serve* documents the economic impact of spending by CSU students and employees, the economic contributions of CSU alumni statewide, the innovations from CSU spin-off businesses that add jobs and revenue to the state's economy, and the impact on productivity for Colorado industries and businesses. CSU and its 87,000-plus Colorado-based alumni account for more than \$4.1 billion in household income – earnings that generate more than \$130.8 million in state income tax revenue and \$50.2 million in sales tax revenue. Recent CSU spin-offs have created 550 new jobs in Colorado. The report was produced by CSU economists Martin Shields and Harvey Cutler, with financial assistance from the Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation. Access the report at <http://www.president.colostate.edu/>.

## Workforce ed

Colorado State University this month began offering professional development courses at Centerra in Loveland to better meet the workforce-training needs of Northern Colorado employers. The new, workforce-focused continuing education center was developed with the support of business leaders at Centerra, a 3,300-acre master-planned community at Interstate 25 and Highway 34, providing CSU's Division of Continuing Education an additional, accessible location from which to deliver educational services. Non-credit courses are offered for working professionals in leadership development, teamwork, job skills, work-process improvement, and work-life balance. CSU Continuing Education also offers online and on-campus courses, undergraduate and graduate degree programs, certificate programs, and industry-specific training throughout the state. Access <http://www.learn.colostate.edu/> for more information.

## Research Innovation Center

The new, 72,000-square-foot, \$53 million Research Innovation Center at Colorado State University – the latest addition to the Infectious Disease Research Center on CSU's Foothills Research Campus – will enable scientists, students, and businesses to develop new products to diagnose and treat infectious diseases. The center, which is expected to be completed in April 2010, will advance the work of start-up companies and support the research and technology transfer of CSU's Infectious

Disease Supercluster, a first-of-its-kind enterprise to speed the transition of life-saving research from the academic world into the global marketplace. MicroRx, the Supercluster's business enterprise, will help bring those research discoveries to market.

## programs Accreditation earned

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges has approved the accreditation of degree programs at the Colorado State University-Global Campus – the first research-university based, online program in the Western United States offering bachelor's and master's degrees. The official accreditation, which came only four months after the new online campus launched in September, provides assurance that educational standards, requirements, and criteria are met and will continue to be met by the institution. CSU-Global Campus provides educational opportunities for working adults and other non-traditional students who otherwise would not attend a traditional campus. Prospective students can apply at [www.csuglobal.org](http://www.csuglobal.org) or by calling (800) 920-6723.

## Distance M.B.A. partners

CSU's College of Business received approval to offer its distance M.B.A. program to students enrolled in Graduate School USDA – a well-established U.S. Department of Agriculture adult continuing education program that annually serves 200,000 learners. Students pursuing the Graduate School USDA Certificate in Financial Management now can more easily transfer select coursework for academic credit to Colorado State's M.B.A. Federal Financial Management Program. The academic partnership encourages public-sector employees across the United States to develop organizational, business, and leadership skills through distance education. Graduate School USDA strives to make government more efficient and effective through the education of its employees.

## appointments Interim provost

Rick Miranda, dean of CSU's College of Natural Resources and longtime mathematics professor, was named Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, effective Jan. 1. Interim President Tony Frank acknowledged Miranda's leadership and willingness to serve as academic chief during a time of transition at the University. "Rick has proven himself a

thoughtful, collaborative academic leader with a great respect for the process of academic governance and a strong, personal commitment to students and the land-grant mission," says Frank.

## SUCCESSES Community engaged

Colorado State has been named as a Carnegie Community Engagement University by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The designation recognizes collaboration between a university and larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources. CSU is one of 119 organizations that received the designation in 2008. "As we build on the achievements of CSU Extension, the Colorado Water Institute, and other longstanding outreach partners, we have a better understanding of the ways in which CSU actively pursues and benefits from community engagement," says Lou Swanson, CSU vice provost for outreach and strategic partnerships.

## Commencement brass

Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter returned to Colorado State University, his alma mater (political science, '78), to deliver remarks at the Warner College of Natural Resources commencement, where his son, August Ritter, graduated with a degree in Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism. CSU conferred degrees and recognized 1,483 undergraduates and 340 graduate students in Fall 2008 commencement ceremonies and ROTC commissioning on Dec. 19 and 20. Fourteen students graduated summa cum laude, 36 graduated magna cum laude, and 70 graduated cum laude. Commencement ceremonies were webcast live this year.

## New Mexico Bowl win

The CSU football team finished with its first winning record since 2003 and registered its first bowl victory since 2001 when the Rams beat Fresno State 40-35 in the New Mexico Bowl on Dec. 20. Running back Gartrell Johnson set the all-time NCAA record for most yards from scrimmage in Football Bowl Subdivision history and secured the second-most all-purpose yards in bowl history, as his career-high 285 yards and two touchdown runs helped the Rams power past the Bulldogs.



## The Green University



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Colorado State employees and students “out green” the national average when it comes to commuting, according to the University’s first commuter survey, published in December. More than half of all CSU faculty, staff, and students commute to campus using alternative forms of transportation. Of the more than 8,500 survey participants, 56 percent reportedly carpooled, biked, walked, or bused to campus, and 42 percent drove single-occupant vehicles. Nationally, 76 percent commute by single-occupant vehicle. The University survey was conducted by CSU’s Department of Facilities Management and documents travel-to-work activity in spring, summer, and fall 2008.

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