



## launched New online campus

The Colorado State University System recently opened CSU-Global Campus to serve the state's growing number of nontraditional students. The new online, career-relevant program will increase access to education for students who could not otherwise travel to a campus to complete a bachelor's or master's degree. An independent enterprise with its own faculty and staff, CSU-Global Campus will be the first of its kind in the western United States among large public research universities. Applications are being accepted for September classes. **Access <http://www.csuglobal.org> or call 1-877-345-GLOBAL for more information.**

## Bioterrorism agents

The Rocky Mountain Regional Biocontainment Laboratory at CSU is the first lab in the country to begin studying highly regulated bioterrorism agents. The new \$30 million facility on the University's Foothills Campus is the first of 13 regional and two national biocontainment laboratories in the United States to receive "select agent" approval from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Select agents include biological toxins that can pose a severe threat to public, animal, or plant health. The 38,000-square-foot lab is among the most secure in the world, featuring level 3 biocontainment security.

## appointments Online academic chief

Robert L. Jones has been appointed chief academic officer for the new CSU-Global Campus. Jones has extensive experience in academia at CSU, serving as full professor, assistant and associate dean for the professional veterinary medical curriculum, and chairman of Faculty Council. In his new role, Jones is working jointly with CSU-Fort Collins and CSU-Pueblo to set up the new courses, degree programs, academic governance, and accreditation for the global campus.

## successes Commencement with class

Colorado State University conferred more than 3,500 degrees during commencement ceremonies May 16 and 17, the largest graduating class in CSU history. An honorary Doctor of Humane Letters was

conferred on Michael Smith, chairman and chief executive officer of Freeport Liquefied Natural Gas Development. Gov. Bill Ritter, a CSU alumnus, was among the commencement speakers, addressing the College of Liberal Arts.

## Four score

CSU Athletics concluded the 2008 academic year winning four regular-season Mountain West Conference Championships in women's cross country, volleyball, men's golf, and women's outdoor track – the first in the school's athletics history.

## support Monfort excellence

The Monfort Family Foundation extended its Monfort Excellence Fund at Colorado State with a \$3.1 million gift. The fund, which began in 1999 and will continue until 2014, provides money for Monfort Scholars, Monfort Professors, Monfort Professors-in-Residence, and the Monfort Lecture Series, which has brought world leaders including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, General Normal Schwarzkopf, and naturalist Jane Goodall to Colorado State.

## Wildlife conservation endowment

CSU's Warner College of Natural Resources announced the establishment of the Charles C. Gates Boone and Crockett Chair for Wildlife Conservation, funded by a \$3 million gift from the Boone and Crockett Club. The endowment will support research in the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology and encourage collaborations to address state, national, and international issues facing wildlife populations.

## programs Supercluster mini-grants

CSU's newest Supercluster, focused on clean and renewable energy, awarded mini-grants to CSU faculty to further research of market-driven alternative energy sources. Eighteen research projects – which will address such issues as biofuels and emerging technologies; solar, wind, and energy efficiency; and cross-cutting topics – received an average of \$20,000 per grant.

## Shortgrass station

Grassland ecology grew recently with the expansion of a field station that borders thousands of acres in rural Weld County. Colorado State completed the first phase of its expansion of

the Shortgrass Steppe Field Station, a National Science Foundation Long Term Ecological Research Station site for 25 years. Scientists and students from CSU, the University of Northern Colorado, and the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service conduct internationally recognized research on such topics as grazing management, plague, and prairie dogs. Scientists from around the world visit the site located north of Nunn, Colo.

## Water funding

Gov. Bill Ritter recently signed a bill to fund water research through the Colorado Water Institute, established at CSU in 1965 to provide a critical link between water researchers and water users in Colorado. House Bill 1405 provides \$500,000 in funding for water research through 2009 to help address emerging water problems in Colorado. The Colorado Water Institute, formerly known as the Colorado Water Resources Research Institute, provides expertise through the University for evolving water concerns faced by Colorado residents.

## updates Building boom, parking woes

Visitors to campus this summer and fall will experience some parking inconveniences as the University undertakes major construction projects during a \$300 million building boom. New and renovated parking garages and buildings will add about 344,000 square feet to the campus. The plans are in addition to the \$100 million in building already completed. **Access CSU Facilities Management at <http://www.facilities.colostate.edu/>.**

## research Into the wild

Colorado State researchers are working to perfect short-term birth control methods for wild animals to manage overpopulation. Overcrowding from bison, deer, elk, and wild horses causes damage to native habitat and compromises the survival of other species, says Terry Nett, researcher at CSU's Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Lab. The drug leuprolide and the vaccine GonaCon, both administered by dart, show great promise as wildlife contraceptives in female elk, the research indicates.



## The Green and Gold University



## *outstanding recyclers* Outstanding recyclers

The Colorado Association for Recycling awarded Colorado State University with the Outstanding Government Recycling/Waste Diversion Program Award. CAFR encourages leaders in business, education, nonprofits, and government to turn waste into resources. ■

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