



SUCCESSSES

University commits to 100 percent wind energy

Colorado State University will convert its entire Fort Collins campus energy use to 100 percent wind power with a wind farm in Northern Colorado that will generate more power than the University consumes. The CSU Green Power Project, which will be completed within eight years, will serve as an outdoor laboratory for campus researchers in areas ranging from clean energy technology development to related environmental impact studies. The Colorado State University Research Foundation recently finalized a deal with Wind Holding LLC to develop the facility on the University's 11,000-acre Maxwell Ranch near the Wyoming border. http://agnews.colostate.edu/index.asp?page=news_item_display&news_item_id=558506397

Bighorn leadership program joins University

The Bighorn Leadership Development Program, developed by the former Bighorn Center for Public Policy, is joining CSU's Colorado Institute of Public Policy. The centrist think tank known for advocating legislation including fiscal reform, health care, and consumer issues served as one of the key organizers for the statewide Colorado 100 meetings that helped local leaders better understand Colorado's fiscal challenges. The leadership program identifies potential leaders and provides them with the training and tools to govern effectively. www.cipp.colostate.edu.

APPOINTMENTS

New basketball coach named

Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk in March named Tim Miles as CSU's new men's basketball coach. Miles has 12 years experience as head coach at three institutions, a career record of 212-132, and an 84-48 record in conference games that includes three conference championships and three national tournament appearances. Miles comes from North Dakota State where his 2006-07 team finished 20-8, one of only two NCAA Division I independent programs to win at least 20 games. http://ramhighlights.colostate.edu/index.asp?url=miles_release

New vice president appointed for Finance and Administration

Bob Rizzuto, a longtime senior administrator in Colorado's higher-education system, joined CSU in April as the new vice president for Finance and Administration. Rizzuto, who most recently served as interim president of Pikes Peak Community College, will serve on the President's Cabinet and as a member of the Cabinet Finance Subcommittee. http://newsinfo.colostate.edu/index.asp?url=news_item_display&news_item_id=568027324

Dean selected for Warner College of Natural Resources

CSU's world-renowned Warner College of Natural Resources has named Joseph T. O'Leary as its new dean. He will start his new job in May. O'Leary comes to CSU from Texas A&M University. http://newsinfo.colostate.edu/index.asp?page=news_item_display&news_item_id=399577470

RESEARCH

Diamondback moth disarms plants

A newly discovered variety of the invasive diamondback moth, found in the foothills west of Fort Collins, has developed a tolerance to selenium, say CSU researchers. The discovery provides important knowledge of how selenium, a trace element essential at low levels to human health and an important anti-carcinogen, can influence an ecosystem through its toxicity. Researchers also identified potential ecological ramifications of the cultivation of selenium-enriched crop plants. http://newsinfo.colostate.edu/index.asp?url=news_item_display&news_item_id=132016272

Climate change will affect plant diversity of grasslands

Some U.S. grasslands will become more diverse but less productive as changes occur in precipitation patterns related to global warming, according to a long-term grassland rainfall study conducted by CSU researchers. Anything that reduces the total biomass produced by these grasslands would be an economic disadvantage for ranchers, say the researchers. The scientists

will also study how the grasses are affected by grazing cattle and invasive non-native species. http://newsinfo.colostate.edu/index.asp?url=news_item_display&news_item_id=926420491

RANKINGS

College of Business tops rankings

Business Week magazine listed CSU's College of Business as one of the nation's top undergraduate business programs, ranking the college No. 63 overall and No. 30 among all public schools. In October, *The Princeton Review* named Colorado State's M.B.A. program one of the best in the nation and the best administered. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the college 83rd among the best programs in the nation in 2006. *Kiplinger* magazine named the M.B.A. program as one of the top "big name" programs in the country that offers the degree at a distance.

Veterinary Medicine program places second in nation

CSU's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences was ranked second in the nation in the coveted *U.S. News and World Report* annual selection of America's best university graduate schools. Admission into the CSU program is extremely competitive with admission limited to 134 students selected out of more than 1,600 annual applications. The college is a leader in the advancement of small animal medicine in the fields of cardiology, oncology, orthopedics, pain management, and scientifically sound alternative medicine.

Career and Technical Education ranks in national survey

Colorado State's Career and Technical Education program was selected eighth in the country in the national ranking of graduate programs in *U.S. News and World Report*, released in March. Master's level specializations include counseling and career development, organizational performance and change, adult education and training, and educational leadership. Doctoral-level specializations include educational leadership, community college leadership, and organization performance and change.

