

launched New doctoral program

Colorado State University is offering a new doctoral program in applied developmental science that will prepare professionals to address issues of school success, social development, and preventing violence, addictions, and risky behaviors. The program, offered through the College of Applied Human Sciences in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, is one of only 14 such programs in the country. The 76 credit-hour program prepares students for careers in research or educational programming in universities, school districts, state health organizations, and private industry. Contact (970) 491-7382 or Karen.Barrett@colostate.edu for more information.

Museum opening

CSU celebrated a textured slice of history April 9 with the opening of the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising at the University Center for the Arts. The inaugural exhibition displayed clothing from Central Asia, embroidered garments from China and Japan, 19th-century American quilts and fashionable clothing, and textiles from around the world. The grand opening honors the Avenir Foundation's gift of \$1.25 million, which helps support the museum's collection of 12,000 artifacts. Museum hours are Monday through Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., 491-1983.

support & successes HP upgrade

Hewlett-Packard has donated workstations and a server worth more than \$620,000 to CSU's Computer Science building. The new building houses three labs for students, including a Linux Lab outfitted with HP xw6600 Workstation computers and 24-inch LCD displays. "Before the HP donation we used a hodge-podge of machines. Now our students are working on the same powerful workstations used by the best of the best professionals in the most computer-demanding professions," says Darrell Whitley, chairman of the Computer Sciences Department. HP has donated more than \$20 million to Colorado State over the past 20 years.

Marching on

The Colorado State University marching band was among five bands honored for contributions of excellence and creativity to the marching profession

at the College Band Directors National Association in Austin, Texas. This is the first national recognition the CSU marching band has received in the history of the program, says Steven Moore, CSU director of bands. Hundreds of university band programs were eligible for the recognition, including bands from such notable conferences as the SEC, Big 10, and ACC. The University of Arizona, University of California-Los Angeles, Texas Christian University, and Western Carolina University were also recognized.

Best teacher awards

The Colorado State University Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Connection announced the recipients of the 2009 Best Teacher Awards: Brian Butki, Department of Health and Exercise Science; Chung-Fu Chang, Department of Music, Theater, and Dance; Michael Eckhoff, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Forest, Rangeland, and Watershed Stewardship; Tracy Richards, Department of Psychology; Alan Von Herrmann, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Mathematics; Toni Zimmerman, Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

appointments Community outreach director

Long-time CSU football coach and community leader Sonny Lubick is the new director of community leadership outreach for the College of Business, effective April 1. The College of Business is developing a leadership program to strengthen connections with K-12, business, and alumni audiences, says CSU Business Dean Ajay Menon. Lubick will represent the business program within schools and the community, offer leadership guidance and mentoring, and promote the value of higher education throughout the state. Lubick's salary is funded through a gift from the Fort Collins-based Bohemian Foundation.

Interdisciplinary research

Don Estep, professor of mathematics and statistics, was selected as CSU's Interdisciplinary Research Scholar, which acknowledges national and international prominence in conducting research across disciplines. Estep – director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Statistics and co-director of the Program for Interdisciplinary Mathematics, Ecology, and Statistics – computes solutions of new mathematical equations important to the country's energy problems and quantifies errors in predictions made from mathematical models.

programs & initiatives Land degradation

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and Colorado State University are leading an initiative in the worldwide struggle against land degradation, an issue that affects 30 million Americans and 1 billion people worldwide. United Nations officials, CSU, and scientists from more than 20 universities met in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 26 to discuss the damage caused by soil erosion, salinization, and overgrazing. The global cost of land degradation is \$40 billion – which doesn't include such hidden environmental and human costs as the loss of biodiversity, the need for increased fertilization, and poor health and malnutrition.

NASA keynoter

NASA astronaut Sally Ride was the keynote speaker April 14 at the Colorado Global Climate Conference for high school students, sponsored by the Colorado State University Center for Multiscale Modeling of Atmospheric Processes, or CMMAP. Ride, a former NASA astronaut and the first American woman in space, is the president and CEO of Sally Ride Science and a professor emeritus at the University of California, San Diego. The conference, held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, is the third sponsored by CMMAP – a \$19 million, National Science Foundation Science and Technology Center.

research Government online

Colorado ranks sixth nationally in the number of government records available online and free to the public, say CSU journalism students who contributed to a national survey of openness in government. The students found that 15 of 20 records were available through free online access in Colorado. Texas led the nation with 20 of the surveyed records available free and online, while Mississippi came in last with four. In Colorado, access was found in personal financial disclosure reports for state officials, internal and external audit reports, teacher certifications, political campaign contributions, child care center inspection reports, and department of transportation projects. Access survey results at www.sunshineweek.org.



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