



SUCCESSSES

Transit Center earns LEED Gold Certification

The Colorado State University Transit Center has received a LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program. The Transit Center incorporates such sustainable strategies as light-colored reflective roofing and increased R-values. The project used 10 percent recycled materials, nearly 15 percent regional materials, and low or no-VOC adhesive, paints, and carpets.

New book covers Colorado State's history

A second volume of CSU's history is available in a new book, *Democracy's University: A History of Colorado State University, 1970-2003*. Author James Hansen, CSU emeritus professor of history, picks up where his first volume left off with an incisive and meticulously researched narrative. Books are \$27 and available at the University Resource Center, (970) 491-6198, Resource.Center@ucm.colostate.edu, or the Lory Student Center Bookstore.

APPOINTMENTS

Chief operating officer chosen for new cancer Supercluster

CSU has announced Dr. Terry Opgenorth as the chief operating officer for NeoTRES, the business arm of the new cancer and research Supercluster that will speed the transition of life-saving cancer research from the academic world to the global marketplace. He will also serve as the chief operating officer of MicroRx. Opgenorth joins the University after 20 years with Abbott Laboratories' Global Pharmaceutical Research and Development, where he served as divisional vice president of drug discovery overseeing antiviral research, metabolic disease research, and target-lead discovery research.

Director named for Corporate and Foundation Relations

Tim McCune, a member of the Denver World Trade Center board of directors since 1994, has been named CSU's director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. McCune will work to enhance and expand CSU's foundation and corporate partnerships. McCune, who is also on the Rocky Mountain District Export Council,

an advisory board to the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, has a long history at CSU, most recently as associate director of development in the College of Business.

New director to lead entrepreneurship center

The CSU College of Business has appointed Henry Nowak director of the Center for Entrepreneurship. Nowak most recently served as director of the Technology Commercialization Office for Utah State University. The Center for Entrepreneurship focuses on providing students with hands-on learning experiences in entrepreneurial enterprises.

Veterinary Teaching Hospital hires director

Dr. Daniel Dwight Smeak has been named the director of the James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Smeak joins the University from The Ohio State University where he was professor and prior chief of small animal surgery. Smeak has extensive experience in teaching, including instruction in emergency and intensive care, surgery, and surgical anatomy.

New Extension director takes office

Colorado State University Extension welcomes Deborah Young as its new director. Young comes to CSU from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, where she served as associate director since 1997. Colorado State Extension provides local communities with University research, information, education, and youth programs through 59 Extension offices throughout the state. Extension 4-H and youth programs reach more than 100,000 young Coloradans annually.

PARTNERSHIPS

University, city rally around athletics

Area businesses are donning green and gold with the launch of "Game Day Fort Collins" – a university-city effort that has united the Northern Colorado community around CSU athletics. A new game-day Web link provides one-stop shopping for tickets, lodging, restaurants, and weekend activities in the area. Community pep rallies and the CSU pep band march in Fort Collins' Old Town on Friday evenings before home football games. And "Ram Town," a new, family-friendly, interactive area at Hughes Stadium, opens three hours

before kickoff and includes a play space for young Ram fans, food vendors, and corporate and individual tailgating sites. For more information, access <http://csurams.com> and link to "Game Day Fort Collins."

School Is Cool meets increasing needs

Colorado State expanded its annual School Is Cool drive this year to provide school supplies and backpacks to high school students in the Poudre School District. The drive was created 16 years ago by CSU employees, who each year contribute their own time and money to ensure area school children have the supplies they need to be successful in the classroom. School counselors request the supplies and discreetly distribute them to students. Since 1992, School Is Cool has helped more than 14,500 children.

RESEARCH

Salvaged utility poles recycled into bridge systems

Colorado State engineers are using salvaged utility poles from road expansion projects to create bridges, replacing conventional and costly reinforced concrete slabs with a composite design of layered wood and concrete. "The idea came to me when I saw them removing the poles as I passed by each day on the way to the Engineering Research Center," said engineering Professor Richard Gutkowski, referring to utility poles displaced from a road-widening project in Fort Collins. The project has generated worldwide interest. Researchers in New Zealand, Germany, Italy, and Sweden are now studying composite bridge designs.

New wheat variety will benefit Colorado farmers

A new high-yield, stress-tolerant variety of hard red winter wheat seed has the potential to be the standard for irrigated wheat growers in Colorado. The Colorado State University Agricultural Experiment Station has released the "Bill Brown," a new seed variety that has demonstrated high yields in Colorado and shown excellent defense from both leaf and stripe rust diseases. Named as a tribute to longtime Colorado State professor and Extension plant pathologist, Dr. William M. Brown, the Bill Brown has shown exceptional yield under both non-irrigated and irrigated conditions, high test weights, and good milling and baking qualities.



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