Record giving boosts State Your Purpose campaign

CSU surpassed $197 million in annual fundraising over the past 12 months. The 2015-16 total easily surpassed the previous record of $172.3 million, and set records for both academic ($166 million) and athletics ($31.8 million) fundraising. The $197.8 million raised is part of the $1 billion “State Your Purpose” fundraising campaign that officially launched in February, four years after the completion of the University’s first comprehensive campaign. The campaign’s goal is to invest in CSU’s never-ending pursuit of across-the-board excellence.

“Our donors have stepped up in unprecedented ways to support our $1 billion ‘State Your Purpose’ campaign – and we are proud and grateful to be celebrating another record-breaking fundraising year,” Colorado State President Tony Frank said. “We deeply appreciate all those who are choosing to invest in our faculty, academic programs, research, outreach, athletics, and, most of all, our students. This generous show of support from our donors and alumni is a great statement about the enduring importance of the excellent, accessible public higher education offered at Colorado State, and we are truly grateful.”

Psychology's Evelinn Borrayo appointed to State Board of Health

Evelinn Borrayo, professor of psychology in Colorado State's College of Natural Sciences, has been appointed by Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper to a three-year term on the State Board of Health. Borrayo is director of training of the counseling psychology doctoral program in CSU's Department of Psychology and is also a professor in community and behavioral health at the Colorado School of Public Health.

Department of Design and Merchandising program ranked in top 5 percent in nation

CSU’s Merchandising program in the Department of Design and Merchandising is considered among the top 5 percent nationally, according to the latest rankings by Fashion-Schools.org. In addition to the top ranking for the Southwest region and Colorado, Merchandising is fifth among the top fashion merchandising programs at public schools and colleges in the U.S. in national rankings for 2016. CSU’s Fashion Design program was rated second in the Southwest, eighth among public schools and colleges, and 17th nationally.

Hopping to help Colorado breweries

Colorado State University’s Horticulture Center is one of the only growing facilities in the country using the specialized Philips Horticulture LED Solutions lighting, allowing Bill Bauerle, professor of horticulture and landscape architecture at CSU, to produce and harvest hops five times a year – something unique in the United States. The availability of “wet” – or freshly picked – hops in Fort Collins, an area of the country known as the Napa Valley of craft beers, provides area brewers a chance to make wet-hop beers five times a year, whereas the harvest normally occurs only once a year.

Ram great Hammon earns two historic WNBA honors

Becky Hammon, former CSU basketball star and groundbreaking NBA coaching pioneer, was honored in a big way in June when she was named one of the WNBA’s 20 greatest players in league history. Her jersey was retired by the San Antonio Silver Stars in tribute to her stellar career.
America’s National Park System worth $92 billion

The total economic value of the National Park Service’s parks and programs is estimated to be $92 billion, according to a new study led by Colorado State University and Harvard University researchers. The study demonstrates that more than half of the total economic value of national parks is attributable to the benefits the American public receives from just knowing the National Park System is protected for current and future generations, said John Loomis, professor of agricultural and resource economics at CSU and one of the study’s authors.

Navajo student helps launch CSU veterinary program in his home community

Colorado State veterinary students in June began essential animal-care instruction for high-schoolers in the Navajo Nation, equipping teenagers with basic veterinary skills in a region that depends on livestock production while also encouraging the teens to pursue college educations. The two-pronged project is largely prompted by Navajo veterinary student Patrick Succo, 26, who grew up in Ts’ah bii Kin, or “House in the Sagebrush.” In August, the CSU veterinary program will provide weeklong surgical clinics for pets, horses, and livestock in the Monument Valley region of the Navajo Nation. This area in northern Arizona depends on agriculture and is in dire need of veterinary services.