JOHN STRAAYER’S LEGISLATIVE politics practicum has provided more than 1,000 students with hands-on learning experience within the inner workings of Colorado’s government. After 37 years, Straayer retired. This fall, the Straayer Center for Public Service Leadership will begin to train future public leaders with expanded teaching, research, service, and outreach initiatives dedicated to public service leadership. Visit https://polisci.colostate.edu/straayer-center/
RICHARDSON DESIGN CENTER GIVES NEW SPACE TO INNOVATORS

“Design touches everybody, whether they recognize it or not,” said CSU alumna Nancy Richardson at the groundbreaking this fall for CSU’s Richardson Design Center. Nancy and her husband, Curt, the founders of OtterBox and Blue Ocean Enterprises, donated $8.1 million to the project. The Richardson Design Center involves faculty from five CSU colleges, resulting in creative intersections across campus, the community, and the world to inspire, impact, and innovate. The 45,000-square-foot building west of the Gifford Building is expected to open in January 2019.

CSU NUTRITION TEAM’S EATING SMART
• BEING ACTIVE APP JUST TAP AWAY

A NEW SMARTPHONE APP for Eating Smart • Being Active, the acclaimed curriculum developed a decade ago by a team led by Extension specialist and CSU Professor Susan Baker of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, targets low-income families and is widely used by nutrition education programs in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and Guam. Recipes and budget-friendly shopping lists are among the tools. Learn more at www.eatingsmartbeingactive.colostate.edu.

RESEARCH SPENDING TOPS $338 MILLION; RECORD 66 PATENTS ISSUED IN ’17

COLORADO STATE GENERATED $338.4 MILLION in research expenditures – a boost of nearly 2 percent – and CSU researchers were awarded a record 66 patents in the 2017 fiscal year. This is the 10th consecutive year research expenditures at the University have topped $300 million an increase of $16 million over the previous year. Research expenditures include money from federal, private, state, and local organizations.

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ADVENTURE TOURISM

U.S. ADVENTURE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION is an $887 billion-a-year industry, with a workforce of 7.6 million people. To help better prepare people to work in the industry and improve the skills of those already employed, Colorado State University has launched an Online Graduate Certificate in Adventure Tourism. The new certificate program, a first of its kind in the nation, will provide students and budding entrepreneurs with the skills required to successfully develop and manage land-, water-, and air-based adventures. The certificate program will accept students in Spring 2018. Visit http://col.st/JAUnA to learn more.

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