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RAMS MEET MILESTONE EARLY; THANKS A BILLION!

When “State Your Purpose: The Campaign for Colorado State University” officially launched in February 2016, it seemed so ambitious. Raise a staggering $1 billion in philanthropic gifts by 2020?

But more than 113,000 donors rose to the challenge in support of University teaching, research, and engagement – 651 days ahead of schedule. Yes, that’s nearly two years early.

As you read this, donors who care about the University and its work are blowing past the significant fund-raising milestone of $1 billion. And Colorado State leaders have two messages for the University community: Thanks a billion. Now, let’s go “Beyond a Billion.”

The earlier goal was set to vault the campus and its programs forward just in time to celebrate Colorado State’s 150th birthday in 2020. The need for that support remains strong as the University, founded in 1870, draws closer to its big birthday, President Tony Frank said.

“We started this campaign because we know Colorado State University is important to people – that the work of our faculty and the achievements of our students matter. We believed that the potential to do even more would spark the imagination of visionary donors with a sense of purpose,” Frank said.

“Still, it’s astounding that we’ve hit the billion dollar milestone almost two years before our campaign deadline,” he continued. “Thanks to everyone who has brought us here, we now have the opportunity to build an even stronger foundation for CSU success as we head into our 150th anniversary celebration in 2020. On behalf of our students and faculty, thanks to everyone whose hard work and generosity has made this possible.”
SUSTAINABILITY
NEW RANKINGS CONFIRM CSU’S PLACE AMONG GREENEST UNIVERSITIES
Colorado State’s colors are green and gold, but green gets the most attention. That’s because sustainability is a constant concern at CSU – a topic that infuses teaching, research, outreach, and campus life.

For the second year, Colorado State was ranked first for public engagement in the 2018 Sustainable Campus Index, a publication of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Sierra, the magazine of the Sierra Club, rated CSU No. 4 on its list of “Cool Schools.” In addition, The Princeton Review named CSU to its 2019 Green Honor Roll.

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