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RECOGNITION
CSU EARNS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The University recently earned the 2018 Innovation & Economic Prosperity Talent award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities for exemplary initiatives in education and workforce development.

The national award helps promote community engagement and economic development efforts led by public universities, and three CSU programs were recognized as part of the honor:

- Campus Connections, a mentoring program that pairs CSU students with at-risk youth and families in Larimer County. The program is tied to local schools, human service agencies, and the court system; it has engaged 2,700 CSU students and has served 2,250 young people.

- The Family Leadership Training Institute, run by CSU Extension, is a civics education program that equips family leaders with nonpartisan knowledge needed to spark improvements in schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

- The Center for Public Deliberation enhances local democracy through improved public communication, collaborative decision-making, and community problem-solving.

CSU psychology major Colin Harris, left, mentored a local 15-year-old through Campus Connections, a nationally recognized engagement program.
LEADERSHIP

NEW WEBSITE DETAILS PROCESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System has launched a search for CSU’s next president, and the process is detailed on a new website: presidentialsearch.colostate.edu. Among other elements, the site offers an opportunity for feedback from University constituents.

The governing board has established a 16-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee, which will help develop a candidate profile, job description, and leadership statement for use in the search; the committee will work with Parker Executive Search, a premier national search firm.

In weeks ahead, the advisory committee and Parker Executive Search will advertise the position, research and interview candidates, and later will provide recommendations to the Board of Governors, which will make the final hiring decision.

The presidential search follows a recent announcement by Dr. Tony Frank and the Board of Governors that Frank will begin serving exclusively as chancellor starting July 1, 2019, after five years as both System chancellor and University president. He is in his 11th year as CSU president.

RESEARCH

ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR JOINS GIANTS IN THE FIELD

A CSU anthropology professor who has focused on human recovery from Hurricane Katrina was honored last month with an award given to the most influential scientists in the field.

Katherine Browne, a professor in the Department of Anthropology and Geography, accepted the Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology. The award is named for the father of modern anthropology; previous winners include Margaret Mead, the anthropologist credited with changing the study of human cultures.

In recent years, Browne has studied the human impact of Hurricane Katrina, which in 2005 devastated parts of the Gulf Coast, triggering catastrophic flooding in New Orleans. She traced the effects on an extended family of more than 150 people, producing a documentary film and a book titled “Standing in the Need: Culture, Comfort, and Coming Home after Katrina.”

TRANSFORMATION

MODERN BUILDING BOOM FRAMES CAMPUS SUCCESS

Over the past decade, Colorado State has been building for success – with a total investment of $1.5 billion in new and improved facilities and infrastructure.

Major projects, many resulting from donor generosity, are depicted on a new website: building.colostate.edu.

As the site illustrates, the physical transformation of campus has added more than 4 million square feet in facilities dedicated to teaching, research, and engagement, amounting to the largest construction boom in more than 50 years.

RESEARCH

TEMPERATURES HELP EXPLAIN TROPICAL BIODIVERSITY AND SPECIES VULNERABILITY

Limited seasonal temperature variations in tropical mountains have led to a plethora of species that are highly adapted to their narrow niches, according to a study co-authored by Colorado State scientists in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Yet the conditions that make tropical mountains among the most biodiverse ecosystems on Earth also make the species that live there more vulnerable to rapid climate changes, the study finds.