



Fort Collins Branch Newsletter

April 2025

FCB Class Updates

Class of 2028: These students will have the Musculoskeletal and Integumentary Systems Course through April 11. They will have spring break April 14-18. They will begin the Mind and Behavior Course on April 21.

Class of 2027: These students are continuing their clinical clerkships. They will be on campus every Wednesday for didactics. They have spring break March 31-April 4.

Class of 2026: This group of students is now in the Alpine Phase, including Acting Internships and other electives.

Class of 2025: This class had their Match Day on March 21. See matches below. They will begin Transition to Residency on April 7. TTR will run through May 16. Graduation for these students is Monday, May 19.

Match Day 2025

Fort Collins Branch Class of 2025

Jennifer Felker – U Colorado SOM-Denver, Psychiatry
Rachel Henderson – U Washington Affil Hosps, Pediatrics
KC Hummer – Oregon Health & Science Univ, Emergency Medicine
Martin Maxwell – Oregon Health & Science Univ, Psychiatry
Megan Mazzotta – Oregon Health & Science Univ, Psychiatry
Andrew Steiner – Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN, Anesthesiology
Satya Trikha – Poudre Valley Hospital-CO, Family Medicine

Northern Colorado LIC Alumni

Joshua Cooper – U Colorado SOM-Denver, Pediatrics
Brittany Marks – University of California – Los Angeles, Ophthalmology
Dylan Mechling – St Mary's Med Ctr SCL Health-CO, Family Medicine
Isabella Narvaez – Boston Univ Med Ctr-MA, Obstetrics-Gynecology
Noah Nigro – Arizona Health Science Center, Urology
Shea Shipton – Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ-MN, Anesthesiology
Ryan Tseng – U Iowa Hospitals & Clinic

Highlighted Events:

Special Edition of Ethics Grand Rounds

Join this Virtual Grand Rounds on Fri., April 11 at noon. The topic is “Warming Planet, Cooling Confidence: Challenges of Responding to Emerging Infections in a Changing World.” Details and registration here:

[CU Ethics Grand Rounds](#)

CU Anschutz Events

Access the schedule for AMC events, including Grand Rounds, Lectures, Seminars, Workshops & OSL events at <https://calendar.cuanschutz.edu/calendar/upcoming/>.

Dean Visits/Dean Lunch 5/7

Dr. Brian Dwinnell, Associate Dean of Student Life, and Dr. Maurice Scott, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, will be in-person at the FCB on Wed., May 7 for lunch with students. Save the date and look for a lunch sign up in Canvas. Dr. Scott will also be at the FCB on April 9 and will be available to meet with students.

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Match Day 2025



UC Health NoCo 5K Fun Run/Walk

Get ready for a day of fun, fresh air, and connection at the UC Health Northern Colorado “Make a Connection” inclusive 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sat., May 3 at 2 p.m. at the Chapungu Sculpture Park at Centerra in Loveland. This is your chance to get moving, have fun, and make lasting memories with your healthcare colleagues, friends, and families.

This event by the UC Health North Region Wellbeing Committee will help you:

- *Celebrate the kickoff of Mental Health Awareness Month with a fun-filled, energizing event that boosts both your physical and mental wellbeing.
- *Enjoy the beautiful outdoors, observe the unique sculpture park, and breathe in the fresh air alongside amazing people who share your passion for health and wellness.
- *Take the time to connect with friends, family, and coworkers in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Use the QR code to register and get all the details. If you have questions, contact Elizabeth.Yoder@uchealth.org or Mary.Scannell@uchealth.org.



People and Animal Companions Together (PACT) Calls for Volunteers

The newly formed nonprofit, People and Animal Companions Together (PACT), is calling for volunteers for the program. PACT is a nonprofit collaborating with CSU to serve Northern Colorado's animal and human families in need. "PACT was formed this year by CSU and University of Colorado faculty and students to help ensure all pet owners, regardless of socio-economic status, age, ability, or housing status, have access to pet care and support so that families can stay united, even during challenging times. To address this need, PACT provides return-to-owner temporary foster care and in-home animal care for individuals living with an illness, disability or socioeconomic/housing insecurity and older individuals in need so that they can continue to care for and keep their pets." PACT is currently in need of house-call services volunteers and foster volunteers. Volunteers can apply here: [PACT Volunteer Application](#). Volunteer trainings will be Sat., May 24 from 3-5:30 p.m. and Sat. May 31 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Animal Friends Alliance. (Source: [People and Animal Companions Together \(PACT\) looking for volunteers - Warner College of Natural Resources](#) by Jennifer Hitt from the CSU Warner College of Natural Resources). CUSOM@CSU student Katie Culver (MS2) has been involved in the development of this program. CUSOM@CSU students who are interested in volunteering can also reach out to her with questions. More information about PACT: [PACT Colorado](#).



One Health and Zoonoses Conference

Registration is now open for the 50th Annual One Health and Zoonoses Conference on Thurs., April 10 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Hydro Building, CSU SPUR Campus (4777 National Western Dr., Denver). A virtual Zoom option is available. A social hour will immediately follow the program. The agenda includes up-to-date zoonotic disease topics for the mixed audience of public health officials, health care providers, animal control officers, animal health officials, wildlife officials, veterinarians and vet techs. There will be a registration fee to cover conference costs. Details and the registration link are available here: [One Health and Zoonoses Conference - One Health Institute](#). **Registration deadline is April 2.** This event is sponsored by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, CSU's One Health Institute, and the Rocky Mountain and High Plains Vector borne Disease Training and Evaluation Center.



Science on Tap FoCo

Raise a glass, learn something new, and enjoy an evening of science at Science on Tap at the Wolverine Farm Public House (316 Willow Street, Fort Collins) on **Tuesday, April 29** from 6:30- 8 p.m. Visit Science on Tap FoCo's Facebook page for event information [Science on Tap FoCo | Facebook](#) or here <https://www.wolverinefarm.org/event/science-on-tap-35/>.



CUSOM@CSU Presenters at AME Education & Innovation Symposium

Here are the CUSOM at CSU educators and students presenting work at the 2025 AME (Academy of Medical Educators) Education & Innovation Symposium.

APRIL 30, IN-PERSON from 12:20 pm – 1:30 pm:

Poster presentations and lunch at CU-Anschutz, Donald Elliman Conference Center

- **Authors:** Kimiko Dunbar, Emily Albrecht, Laurie Halmo, **Nicole Kelp**, Isra'a Khan, & Ashley Zerr
Title: *Pediatrician or Parent? Experiences of navigating parenthood as a Pediatrician*
- **Authors:** Jamie Ernewein, Megan Mazzotta, Martin Maxwell, Andrew Steiner, Ellie McNutt, & Zach Throckmorton
Title: *Overview of a novel clinically focused advanced dissection elective for fourth-year medical students.*

MAY 1, VIRTUAL, Oral presentations:

- 10:00 a.m.: **Authors:** Sudeshna Das, Yao Ge, Ibrahim Rand, Yuting Guo, Modele Ogunniyi, Abeed Sarker, & **Marta Rowh (presenter)**
Title: *AI-driven Demographic Bias Detection in Cardiovascular Medical Education*
- 11:00 a.m.: **Authors:** **Anuja Riles (presenter)**, Andrew Hull, David J. Ecker, & Tai Lockspeiser
Title: *The curious student: An evaluation of triggers of curiosity in preclinical undergraduate medical education.*

For full schedule, details, and virtual links, visit [Education Symposium 2025](#).



FoCoMX – Fort Collins Music Experience

The Fort Collins Music Experience (FoCoMX) is scheduled for April 18 and 19, and tickets are on sale now. FoCoMX is a “weekend celebrating the Northern Colorado music scene.” The festival features the performances of 400+ local bands in 35+ music venues, restaurants, and breweries/cideries in downtown Fort Collins over the course of two nights. Attendees can gain entry to all performances with the purchase of a ticket/wristband. For event details and ticket/wristband information, visit <https://focomx.focoma.org/>. The Fort

Collins Music Association (FoCoMA) and Odell Brewing Co. are event sponsors. FoCoMA is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to supporting Northern Colorado musicians at all stages of their careers by providing performance opportunities, offering connections to health and wellness resources, and building engaged audiences for local music.

CSU Earth Month Events

Wed., April 9 @ 5 p.m. – **Notes from the Underground: A Discussion About the Skin of The Planet Earth.** A part of Ram Talks, this happy hour event is at the Fort Collins Welcome Center in Old Town Square (Building 7, Suite 100). Presenter will be Gene Kelly, Professor and Deputy Director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station.

Thurs., April 10 @ 1 p.m. – **Sustainability Hidden in Plain Site Tour.** Join this green walking tour of campus. Meet at the north end of the Oval at 1 p.m.

Tues., April 15 from 10 a.m. to Noon – **Ride and Drive Expo.** Join CSU Transportation on University Avenue, just east of Meridian, to check out a variety of EVs and test ride some e-bikes and e-scooters.

Wed., April 16 5:30 p.m. – **Women and Minoritized Genders Forest Congress Celebration.** This event in the Michael Smith Natural Resources Building 140 is open to all members of the community to celebrate minoritized gender identities who connect to the environment, forest, and natural places.



Tues., April 22 – **Earth Day Festival.** Join the Ram community from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for its annual Earth Day celebration on the Lory Student Center West Lawn. CSU will celebrate Earth Day with an amazing line-up of CSU departments, student organizations, and Fort Collins sustainability -related organizations.

Wed., April 23 – **Bike/Scoot/Skate to Breakfast.** Stop by the southwest corner of Pitkin St. and the Newton Sculpture intersection for breakfast. Sponsored by Transportation Services.

Fri., April 25 – **Celebrate Arbor Day with the Colorado State Forest Service.** The CSU Spur campus will be celebrating at 2 p.m.

Sun., April 27 – **CSUnity: A National Volunteer Monday Community Tradition.** This program is celebrating its 28th year as a long-time CSU tradition and integral community engagement event. Join SLiCE (Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement), Rams, and fellow community members on this day of service during National Volunteer Month to “branch out & cultivate connections, collectively care for our neighbors, and contribute to community-wide spring clean-up projects.” On Sun., April 27 from 12-4 p.m., approximately 1,500 CSU volunteers will complete hundreds of service projects in Fort Collins. For details and registration, visit <https://lsc.colostate.edu/slice/community-engagement/csunity/>.

For details, updates, and additional events, visit [Earth Month - Green @ CSU](#).

NoCo Half Marathon and 10K

The Northern Colorado Half Marathon and 10K is Sun., April 27 starting in Boyd Lake State Park. Choose from the half marathon (13.1 miles) or 10 K (6.2 miles) for your run/walk on smooth paved walkways with about three-quarters of a mile being off-road. Highlights include lake and wildlife views and fun post-race festivities. Registration is required. All participants in the run/walk will get an event shirt, race bib, finisher medal, free event photos, post-race food and drinks, a chance to podium, professional chip timing, and a lakefront run experience. [NoCo Half Marathon & 10K - Visit Loveland, CO](#)



Paid Research Opportunity for Students

Project Coordinator at University of Denver, Anna Khoda, has reached out to the FCB to see if students might want to participate in a research study. The study at CU Anschutz's Center for Advancing Professional Excellence (CAPE) is examining how providers interact with patients expressing pain.

Study Details:

* **Eligibility:** Medical residents, 3rd- and 4th-year medical students, Nurse Practitioner (NP) students, and Physician Assistant (PA) students who have completed clinical rotations at CU Anschutz or Rocky Vista University.

* **Duration:** Approximately one hour

* **Compensation:** \$50 gift card (e.g., Amazon or Target)

* **Group Participation:** Up to two participants can sign up for the same session, but each will conduct their exam individually.

Interested students can sign up here: [Sign-Up Genius](#). If you have questions, please reach out to Anna Khoda at anna.khoda@du.edu.

Translational Thursdays Series

Translational Thursdays Talk Series is a partnership between the Translational Medicine Institute and CSU STRATA. The series brings the entire campus community together to discuss ideas, inspire young investigators, and hear interesting career stories. Students, staff, and faculty interested in the translation of healthcare research are welcome every Thursday for these events.



Thurs., April 3 – **CSU STRATA Event, “Drink It In.”** This is a monthly conversation focused on intellectual property trends, challenges, and strategies. The topic is TBD. The event will be from 3:30-5 p.m. in the TMI Grand Event Hall.

Thurs., April 10 – **Research Seminar** presented by Dennis Discher, PhD, University of Pennsylvania. This talk in the TMI Third Floor will be from 3:45-4:45 p.m. with networking beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 17 – **Research Seminar: The Dog Aging Project: Translational Discovery with 50,000 Companion Dogs**, presented by Kate E. Creevy, DVM, MS, DACVIM (SAIM), Texas A&M University. This talk in the TMI Third Floor will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. with networking following the talk.

Thurs., May 1 – **CSU STRATA Event, “Drink It In.”** This is a monthly conversation focused on intellectual property trends, challenges, and strategies. The topic is TBD. The event will be from 3:30-5 p.m. in the TMI Grand Event Hall.

For details and to register, visit <https://vetmedbiosci.colostate.edu/tmi/translationalthursdays/>.

Campus Activities



CSU Home Athletics

Sat., April 5, **Softball vs. San Diego State**, 1 p.m., Fort Collins

Sun., April 6, **Softball vs. San Diego State**, Noon, Fort Collins

Fri., April 11, **Women's Tennis vs. Air Force**, 3:30 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex

Sat., April 12, **CSU Volleyball Rams Spring Invitational**, 11 a.m., Moby Arena

Sat., April 19, **Volleyball vs. Colorado**, Time TBD, Moby Arena

Fri., April 25, **Softball vs. Fresno State**, 6 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., April 26, **Softball vs. Fresno State**, Time TBD, Fort Collins

Sun., April 27, **Softball vs. Fresno State**, Noon, Fort Collins

Sat., May 3, **CSU Track and Field**, Doug Max Invitational, Fort Collins

For more information, visit <https://csurams.com/>.



CU Home Athletics

Fri., April 4 & Sat., April 5, **Track, Jerry Quiller Classic**, Potts Field, Boulder

Fri., April 11, **Tennis vs. Arizona**, 6 p.m., Meadows Club, Boulder

Sat., April 12, **Lacrosse vs. Florida**, 11 a.m., Boulder

Sun., April 13, **Tennis vs. Arizona State**, 2 p.m., Meadows Club, Boulder

Sun., April 20, **Lacrosse vs. UC Davis**, Noon, Boulder

Thurs., May 1 and Sat., May 3, **Big 12 Lacrosse Tournament**, Prentup Field, Boulder

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://cubuffs.com/>.

Music & Theatre at CSU

Fri., April 4 @ 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 @ 2 p.m., **The Pirates of Penzance**, Presented by the Ralph Opera Program, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA

Mon., April 7 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Mauricio Nader, Piano**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Tues., April 8 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Madeleine Jansen, Violin**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Thurs., April 10 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Jazz Combos Concert Part 1**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Fri., April 11 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Ron Francois & Mauricio Nader**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Sun. April 13 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Classical Convergence Series: Imani winds and Boston Brass**, 7:30 p.m., The Lincoln Center, Fort Collins

Mon., April 14 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Forest Greenough, Bass, and Sphere Ensemble**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Thurs., April 17 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Nicholas Gledhill, Horn**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Thurs., April 17 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Jazz Combos Concert Part 2**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Wed., April 23 @ 7:30 p.m. – **All Choral Showcase: Unclouded Day**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA

Fri., April 25 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Wind Symphony Concert: The Road is Life**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA

Sun., April 27 @ 3 p.m. – **University Symphony Orchestra Concert: Coming Home**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA

Mon., April 28 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Faculty Chamber Music**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Thurs., May 1 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Symphonic Band Concert**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA

For more information and tickets, visit <https://theatre.colostate.edu/> or

<https://music.colostate.edu/events/>.

Other CSU Events and Lectures

Thurs., April 3 from 4-6 p.m. – **MTI Speaker Series: “From ‘I Like’ to ‘I Am’: How Affect and Experience Shape Identity and Learning”** with guest speaker James Paul Gee. This presentation will be in the Lory Student Center Ballroom and Lounge. Find event details here: <https://tilt.colostate.edu/events/mti-speaker-series-gee/>.

Sun., April 6 from 6-9 p.m. – **CSU Annual Drag Show**. Enjoy performances by local drag queens from Northern Colorado and the Denver Metro area, as well as student performers from the House of Ovis. This event is in the Lory Student Center A Ballroom. [CSU Drag Show 2025 - Pride Resource Center](#)

Fri., April 18 – **I Love CSU Day**. Enjoy this fun-filled celebration of all that connects the Green and Gold community. Wear green, share on social why you love CSU, come to the Lory Student Center plaza for treats, trivia, games and the Spirit CAM, join CSU happy hour at OCB Wine Project, and enjoy discounts and specials throughout the community. [I Love CSU Day | Alumni Association](#)

Mon., April 21 at 4 p.m. – **Distinguished Lecture Series: Jennifer C. Nash on “Picturing Loss.”** Dr. Nash is the Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies at Duke University. This event is in the Lory Student Center 386. <https://rges.colostate.edu/events/nash-lecture-series25/>



Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Clapp Named Senior Member of National Academy of Inventors

Congratulations to Dr. Clapp for being named a Senior Member of the National Academy of Inventors. NAI Senior Members are “active faculty, scientists, and administrators with success in patents, licensing, and commercialization and have produced technologies that have brought or aspire to bring, real impact on the welfare of society. They are rising stars who foster a spirit of innovation within their communities and institutions while educating and mentoring the next generation of inventors.”

(Source: [About the Senior Members Program - NAI](#)). The CSU CVMBS noted in a LinkedIn post that “This well-deserved honor recognizes his incredible contributions such as his ground-breaking VR educational tool.” For details, visit

[Faculty selected as 2025 senior members of the National Academy of Inventors](#)

About Dr. Clapp

Dr. Tod Clapp grew up in Colorado, then attended Colorado State University where he earned a BS in Biology, MS in Anatomy, and PhD in Neuroscience. At CSU, Dr. Clapp is the director of the professional master's degree program in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Director of the Human Anatomy program. He has been teaching anatomy and neuroanatomy for over 15 years and is passionate about helping students to develop their critical thinking skills. His lab is currently focused on the development and use of virtual reality for data visualization.

Colorado Medical Society Well-Being Resource

The Colorado Medical Society (CMS) with the Colorado Physician Health Program offers this program, Doc2Doc



Wellbeing Consulting, for any Colorado physician or medical student. The program includes three free, one-hour, confidential, peer well-being consultation sessions. Physicians or medical students can call the 24/7 line, **(720) 810-9131**, which is answered by a Masters-Level Licensed Clinician, to discuss any concern including burnout, stress or situational issues. If more support is necessary, your peer wellbeing consultant will assist you in finding additional help. For details, visit <https://www.cms.org/doc2doc>

In the News

[‘Becoming Part of a Legacy’: CU Med Students Discover Their Next Chapter at Match Day Celebration](#) by Tayler Shaw, CU Anschutz

[CU First to Offer New Deep Brain Stimulation Treatment for Parkinson’s Disease Patients](#) by Kara Mason, CU Anschutz

[Do Stem Cell ‘Memories’ Trigger Autoimmune Disease Flare-Ups?](#) By Carrie Behounek, CU Anschutz

[Why Are Colorectal Cancer Patients Getting Younger?](#) By Chris Casey, CU Anschutz

[Emergency Medicine Faculty Member Helping NASA to Solve the Problems of Medical Care in Space](#) by Greg Glasgow, CU Anschutz

[Awards Ceremony Celebrates Research Excellence](#) by Toulia Wellbrook, CU Anschutz

[Meet a few of CSU’s leading female researchers](#) by the CSU Communications Team

[Coy, Palmer, Allison: Three intriguing women who shaped CSU history](#) by Coleman Cornelius, CSU Source

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