



## Fort Collins Branch Newsletter

March 2025

### FCB Class Updates

**Class of 2028:** These students will have the Nervous Systems course from through March 14. They will begin the Musculoskeletal and Integumentary Systems Course on March 17, and this will run through April 11.

**Class of 2027:** These students are continuing their clinical clerkships. They will be on campus every Wednesday for didactics.

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

**Class of 2025:** This class is currently in the Alpine phase, including Acting Internships and other electives, for the rest of their curriculum. Match Day for these students is Friday, March 21. Check for livestream link and details at [Match Day 2025](#).

### FCB Match Zoom Watch Party

Join us for a [Match Zoom Watch Party](#) at the CSU Health and Medical Center, Flip A and B, on Friday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with envelopes opening at 10 a.m. Refreshments provided.

### CSU International Symposium

The CSU Office of International Programs will hold their International Symposium on March 10-12 at the Lory Student Center and virtually. This event highlights the ways that CSU students, faculty, staff and partners add global dimensions to their teaching and learning, research, scholarship and community engagement. Sessions include a wide range of international topics, including education, One Health, technology, social and environmental issues, culture, and politics. **The Keynote Address will be from Ambassador David Hale on “The Middle East at a Crossroads: Diplomacy in a Changing World” on Mon., March 10 from 4-5 p.m.** in LSC Ballroom D (livestream available). For complete details, visit <https://international.colostate.edu/symposium/>.



### Highlighted Events:

#### Financial Aid Information for Students

Access the financial aid session presented by the Office of Student Life here:

[Financial Aid Session MD 2025](#) Pass code: BU3xQy!L

Some of the topics covered include loan options, loan repayment, taxes, etc.

#### Dean Visits

Dr. Maurice Scott, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, will be in-person at the FCB on the following days and will be available to meet with students: March 5, April 9, and May 6. To make an appointment or to confirm office hours, students can email him at

[maurice.scott@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:maurice.scott@cuanschutz.edu).

#### FCB Preview Days

The FCB will be hosting prospective students for admissions Preview Days on Thursday, March 20 and Thursday, April 3, starting at 2:30 p.m. Current FCB students are invited to meet these prospective students in the VR lab demo from 5-5:45 p.m. on those days.

## One Health and Zoonoses Conference

Registration is now open for the 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CSUnity: A National Volunteer Month CAMunity Tradition

CSUnity is celebrating its 28th year as a long-time CSU tradition and integral community engagement program this April. 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. Register in March; registration deadline is not yet available. For details and registration, visit <https://lsc.colostate.edu/slice/community-engagement/csunity/>.



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual ACT Human Rights Film Festival

The CSU ACT Human Rights Film Festival, which runs from **April 2-6**, brings the best and most recent human rights cinema to northern Colorado. The film festival kick-off party will **be Tues.,**

**March 11 from 7-9 p.m.** at Odell Brewing Company. Come for film trailers, snacks, beer, trivia and ticket giveaways. The kick-off party is free but please RSVP.

The ACT Human Rights Film Festival has in-person and virtual options available, with various films at the Lory Student Center and the Lyric Cinema. The festival in partnership with the Communications Studies Department screens artistically excellent films from around the world and fosters conversations about social justice and human rights. To view the file lineup and to purchase film festival passes, visit

<https://actfilmfest.colostate.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.



Thur., March 6 – **“How a craniofacial implant start-up failed in its initial form and how it led to considerable later success—the value of entrepreneurial ventures even when they ‘fail’”** presented by Steve Simske, PhD, Professor of Systems Engineering. This talk in the TMI Grand Event Hall will be from 3:30-4:45 p.m. with networking beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Thurs., March 13 – **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/>.



## 2025 CSU International 5K Color Run

The International Enrollment Center invites you to participate in the International 5K Color Run on **Sat., March 29 at 10 a.m.**, starting outside of Laurel Hall at CSU.

Get ready to get colorful, as this year’s race will be held in partnership with CSU’s Indian Students Association to coincide with the annual Hindu celebration of Holi, which honors Colors, Love and Spring. All proceeds will benefit the international enrollment scholarship funds to help students achieve their goal of studying at CSU. Participants will

receive a race t-shirt, race-friendly snacks and beverages, and color packets to add to the festivities. The event will begin at the CSU Oval with the race start time at 10 a.m. For details on fees and registration, visit <https://international.colostate.edu/iec/5k-run/>.

## 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, March 25** 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/>.



## FoCo and Denver Restaurant Weeks

**Great Plates of Fort Collins** has begun and will run through March 14. It not only is a celebration of Fort Collins' dining community but it is also a fundraiser for the Food Bank for Larimer County. Over 45 restaurants are participating and will offer menu specials priced at \$25, \$35, \$45, or \$15 and under. The restaurant guide for Great Plates will be available Feb. 14. For details, visit [Great Plates of Downtown™ | Dine | Downtown Fort Collins, CO](#).



**Denver Restaurant Week** by Visit Denver runs from March 7-16. Get the opportunity to try a variety of Denver's dining establishments from casual to fine dining. The event will offer four price points for multi-course meals at restaurants throughout the city (\$25, \$35, \$45, and \$55). For details, please visit <https://denverrestaurantweek.com/>.

## Medical Resources for FCB Students

CU SOM @ CSU Students have access to all services at the CSU Health Network. Students can utilize the CSU Health Network to schedule primary care, immunizations, mental health services, and more using their personal insurance.

- CSU Health Network (medical appointments, immunizations, lab, etc.) appointments can be scheduled here: <https://health.colostate.edu/make-an-appointment/>
- CSU Health Network Counseling Services are deeply committed to creating a welcoming, supportive space in which you can truly be seen and valued in your entirety. For those whose experiences of marginalization and oppression add extra layers to your distress, you and all your identities are welcome here.
  - Go to <https://health.colostate.edu/mhwb-resources/>- Make A Counseling Appointment. Video will explain how to enter Counseling Services. Initial assessment has to be completed during drop-in hours. CSU Counseling Services offer both in-person and online counseling resources.
  - Students can also call 970-491-6053 to speak to a crisis counselor.
  - SilverCloud Health provides self-guided online programs based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

### Don't forget! CU Student Health & Mental Health resources are still available:

- Student & Resident Mental Health Center: Students can call 303-724-4716 to make an appointment.
- Telus – free, confidential, 24/7 access to mental health counseling and wellness resources for CU Anschutz students. Students can talk, text, or video chat using the Telus app.



## 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>

## Campus Activities



### CSU Home Athletics

Sat., March 1, **Softball vs. Tennessee State**, Noon and 3 p.m., Fort Collis

Sat., March 1, **Men's Basketball vs. Utah State**, 2 p.m., Moby Arena

Sat., March 1, **Women's Basketball vs. Wyoming**, 5 p.m., Moby Arena

Tues., March 4, **Men's Basketball vs. San Jose State**, 7 p.m., Moby Arena

Fri., March 7, **Softball vs. Weber State**, Noon and 3 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 8, **Softball vs. Weber State**, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fort Collins

Fri., March 14, **Women's Tennis vs. Nevada**, 11 a.m. (outdoors) and 3 p.m. (indoors), CSU Tennis Complex

Fri., March 14, **Softball vs. UNLV**, 4 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 15, **Softball vs. UNLV**, 1 p.m., Fort Collins

Sun., March 16, **Women's Tennis vs. New Mexico**, 11 a.m. (outdoors) and 1 p.m. (indoors), CSU Tennis Complex

Sun., March 16, **Softball vs. UNLV**, Noon, Fort Collins

Thur., March 27, **Softball vs. Utah State**, 4 p.m., Fort Collins

Fri., March 28, **Women's Tennis vs. UNLV**, 1 p.m. (outdoors) and 3:30 p.m. (indoors), CSU Tennis Complex

Fri., March 28, **Softball vs. Utah State**, 4 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 29, **Softball vs. Utah State**, Noon, Fort Collins

Sun., March 30, **Women's Tennis vs. San Diego State**, 11 a.m. (outdoors) and 1 p.m. (indoors), CSU Tennis Complex

Sun., March 30, **Softball vs. Montana**, 11 a.m., Fort Collins

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

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

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



### CU Home Athletics

Sun., March 2, **Tennis vs. Kansas**, 2 p.m., Boulder

Sat., March 8, **Lacrosse vs. Michigan**, 1 p.m., Boulder

Sat., March 8, **Men's Basketball vs. TCU**, 2 p.m., CU Events Center

Tues., March 11, **Lacrosse vs. Marquette**, 1 p.m., Boulder

Sat., March 15, **Lacrosse vs. Iona**, Noon, Boulder

Thur., March 20, **Lacrosse vs. Stony Brook**, 5 p.m., Boulder

Fri., March 21, **Tennis vs. UCF**, 6 p.m., Meadows Club, Boulder

Sun., March 23, **Tennis vs. Houston**, 2 p.m., Meadows Club, Boulder

Sat., March 29, **Tennis vs. Texas Tech**, 4 p.m., Meadows Club, Boulder

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

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

## Music & Theatre at CSU

Sun., March 2 @ 4 p.m. – **Concert Orchestra Concert: Postcards from the British Isles**, Organ Recital Hall  
Mon., March 3 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: John Lindsey, Tenor**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
Tues., March 4 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Symphonic Band Concert**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA  
Thur., March 6 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Jazz Ensembles Concert: Featuring guest artist Michael Dease, Trombone**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA  
Fri., March 7 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Concert Band Concert: Echoes from Afar**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA  
Fri., March 7 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Rawlins Piano Trio**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
March 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14 – **Peter and the Starcatcher** adapted by Rick Elice, Directed by Wesley Longacre. The School of Music, Theatre, and Dance Presents this Tony-winning play. For details and tickets, visit [Peter and the Starcatcher adapted by Rick Elice - Theatre](#)  
Tues., March 11 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Spring Choral Showcase: Love and Longing**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA  
Tues., March 11 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Julyan-Short-Nez Trio**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
Wed., March 12 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Jackie Schwandt, Viola and Aimee Fincher, Piano**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
Tues., March 25 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Megan Lanz, Flute and Cayla Bellamy, Bassoon**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
We., March 26 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Classical Convergence Series: Icarus Quartet**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
Thur., March 27 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Cantare Brass Quintet**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
Mon., March 31 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Ysmael Reyes, Flute, and Jooyeon Chang, Piano**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
Tues., April 1 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Susanne Hou, Violin**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA  
Fri., April 3 @ 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

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

## Other CSU Events and Lectures

Wed., March 5 from 4-6 p.m. – **Exhibition Opening Reception for Knowing Her: Women’s Work and Leadership at CSU, 1925-2025**, Morgan Library. <https://lib.colostate.edu/>

Fri., March 7 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. – **Health and Exercise Science Seminar: Thinking Outside the Brain: Neuromuscular Changes as Indicators of AD**, A Teams Seminar. Details and online link: <https://calendar.colostate.edu/chhs/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D180998750>

Tues., March 25 from 12-1 p.m. (online via MS Teams) – **Paws and Petals: Creating a Pet-Safe Landscape**, MS Teams Webinar. The presenters include a CSU Extension horticulture specialist and a CVMBS department head. Register here: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Wed., March 26 from 5-6:30 p.m. – **Ram Talks: “Artificial Collaborative Intelligence: How AI Can Help Humans Be Better Teammates.”** Join this event at the Fort Collins Welcome Center, Old Town Square, Building 7, Suite 100. See details here: <https://visit.colostate.edu/ram-talks/>

## Housing for Students Completing Denver Metro Area Electives & Acting Internships

FCB students have several options for housing while doing electives and active internships in the Denver Metro Area. Here are the options offered by the Colorado Area Health Education Center (application process and information below).

### Housing Application COAHEC (Colorado Area Health Education Center)

#### **Option #1 – COAHEC Arranged Housing**

AHEC regional housing coordinator will provide housing as close to the rotation as possible. Majority of arranged housing occurs in host homes. Host homes are completely vetted and inspected.



**Host homes provide:** 24/7 access to the home; private bedroom with lock; private or shared bathroom; kitchen access; available parking; non-smoking environment; working smoke and carbon dioxide detectors; and a fire escape plan.

#### *How to apply:*

**Step 1:** Complete the following form **60 days** ahead of your rotation. The FCB Admin Team will submit the request to AHEC and provide confirmation of the rotation.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fb02b143056a408c925976ecb681927a>

**Step 2:** You will receive the information directly from AHEC about your housing request. Follow the personalized link to request or decline the housing.

#### **Option #2 – COAHEC Student Found Housing**

The student is responsible for securing housing and payment for their housing during their rotation and must submit for reimbursement at the end of their rotation. Note, students must request student-found housing before the start of their rotation. Lodging with your immediate family (parents and siblings) is not eligible for reimbursement.

#### *How to apply:*

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<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fb02b143056a408c925976ecb681927a>

**Step 2:** You will receive the information directly from AHEC about your housing request.

#### **For more information visit:**

[Clinical Training | Colorado AHEC Program Office \(cuanschutz.edu\)](#)

[PowerPoint Presentation \(cuanschutz.edu\)](#)

\*Does not apply to out of state rotations.

## **In the News**

[State of the School: Sampson Salutes Successes and Maps 'Top 10 in 10 Years'](#) by Kara Mason, CU Anschutz

[How Medical Treatments Devised for War Can Quickly Be Implemented in U.S. Hospitals to Save Lives](#) by Vik Bebartha, MD and Adit Ginde, MD, CU Anschutz

[Health Data: Too Much of a Good Thing?](#) By Greg Glasgow, CU Anschutz

[Research Conducted at the CCTSI Continues to Advance 'Miracle Drug' for Kids With Cystic Fibrosis](#) by Wendy Meyer, CU Anschutz

[A Heart Doctor Reimagines How We Care for People With Arrhythmias](#) by Carie Behounek, CU Anschutz

[Commission Recommends New Approaches to Defining Obesity](#) by Carie Behounek, CU Anschutz

[CU Researcher Studying Effects of GLP-1 Drugs on Alcohol Addiction](#) by Greg Glasgow, CU Anschutz

[What Are the Impacts of Alcohol on Health?](#) By Chris Casey, CU Anschutz

[Research Day 2025: A celebration of innovation and collaboration](#) by Rachel Yager, CVMBS Source

[How did early humans walk, and what can it tell us about how our bodies move today?](#) By Rhea Maze, CVMBS Source

[CSU board approves veterinary professional associates curriculum](#) by CSU MarComm Staff

[Empowering Women and Girls in Science: Celebrating achievements and bridging the gender gap on International Day of Women and Girls in Science - College of Health and Human Sciences](#) by CSU SOURCE Contributor



## Faculty Spotlight

### Jeffrey Wilusz, PhD

Jeff Wilusz is a Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology at Colorado State University. He was born and raised in the great state of New Jersey. He attended Rutgers University for his BS, Duke University for his PhD, and Princeton for postdoctoral training. He has a special interest in RNA molecular biology and virology. He is passionate about the microbial things that surround us - from ascaris to Zika virus - and wants each and every student to fully achieve what they are capable of achieving.

When not rooting for the Rockies, Broncos or Duke University sports teams, his research interests focus on the interface between viruses and the RNA biology of the infected cell. He is an elected fellow of the AAAS, Honorary Lifetime Member of the American Society for Virology, and Editor-in-Chief of the RNA review journal WIREs-RNA. He tries to keep fit by being walked by his 120 lb. German Shepherd.

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Note: CSU has Spring Break from March 17-21.

