



## Fort Collins Branch Newsletter

June 2023

### FCB Class Updates

**Class of 2027:** The Fort Collins Branch is preparing to welcome this class in July. These students will have FCB Orientation on **Thursday, July 20**, from 1-5 p.m., followed by a **Welcome Reception for all students, faculty, staff, and preceptors that evening from 5-6:30 p.m. Please join us!** The Class of 2027 will have AMC orientation on Friday, July 21. First course will be July 24-28; they'll be at FCB on Monday, July 24; Wednesday, July 26, and Thursday, July 27; and AMC on Tuesday, July 25. Their white coat ceremony is Friday, July 28 at 9 a.m. at AMC.

**Class of 2026:** This group of students attended their first orientation to the clerkship and their LIC year on May 11 during Compass Week 4. They began the Endocrine and Metabolic Systems course on May 15, and this course runs through June 9. They will have the Reproductive Systems and Life Cycle Course from June 12 to July 14.

**Class of 2025:** This group of students will continue their clinical clerkships in June and have their Surgery Shelf on June 7.

### CSU Day at the Rockies game

Join the CSU community to see the Colorado Rockies vs. the Oakland Athletics at Coors Field for a CSU-themed day on Sunday, July 30 at 1:10 p.m. Special ticket packages are available, to include a CSU Rams-themed Rockies hat, a discounted seat, and photo opportunities with Spirit



CAM and CSU cheerleaders. Wear your best Rams gear to the game. For details and ticket options visit <https://source.colostate.edu/pack-the-park-csu-friends-welcome-to-attend-july-30-rams-at-the-rockies/> or <https://www.mlb.com/rockies/tickets/specials/themes/colorado-state-university>.

### Highlighted Events:

#### Colorado Festivals

June marks the start of Colorado's busy summer festival season. From Telluride's Bluegrass Festival to the Greeley Stampede, you can fill your summer weekends here in Colorado. <https://www.colorado.com/articles/11-quintessential-summer-festivals-colorado>

#### NoCo Hailstorm Soccer

Watch USL Soccer team, Northern Colorado Hailstorm FC this summer at the new Future Legends Complex in Windsor. For the schedule and tickets, visit <https://www.hailstormfc.com/>.

#### Yoga in the CSU Gardens

Join these yoga sessions at the CSU Annual Flower Trial Gardens on Thur., June 1 and June 29 at 5:30 p.m. Donation suggested to benefit the Gregory Allcar Museum of Art. Registration required at <https://artmuseum.colostate.edu/events/yoga-in-the-gardens-4/>



## Translational Talks

**Summer Translational Talks Research Celebrations will be June 29 and July 27.** Translational Talks is hosting the first ever Summer

Translational Talks Research Celebrations inviting undergraduate and graduate student researchers to share their work. Six researchers will be featured at each of the summer's Translational Talks, and the

winning poster or talk of each session will receive a Translational Talks Achievement Award of \$500. The abstract submission deadline is June 25 to be considered for the July 27 session (the submission deadline for the June 29 talk has already passed).

Translational Talks begin at 4 p.m. in the Translational Medicine Institute Grand Events Hall (TMI 330) at 2350 Gillette Drive. After the Talk, attendees are invited to attend a networking reception at 5 p.m. Contact Dr. Heather Pidcoke at [h.pidcoke@colostate.edu](mailto:h.pidcoke@colostate.edu) with questions or visit <https://calendar.colostate.edu/vpr/>.

## Lagoon Concert Series at CSU

Get ready for the sounds of summer with this beloved concert series under the trees at The Lagoon on Colorado State University's main campus. The series will include seven nights of free music on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting June 14. Bring a picnic or grab something from a food truck. For details, visit <https://lagoonseries.com/>.



## FoCo Food Truck Rally

The FoCo Food Truck Rally events for the summer season will be at City Park every Tuesday through September 19 from 5:30 p.m. to dusk, featuring food trucks and free live music. Visit <http://www.focofoodtruckrally.com/> for further event information and music lineup (presented by The Mishawaka Amphitheatre).



### Be Kind FoCo Events

This Fort Collins community philanthropy project will be hosting a Be Kind FoCo Kindness Fest and Expo on Sat., June 3 from 11a.m.-2 p.m. in Old Town Square. This is their fifth annual Kindness Expo. It's a family friendly celebration of

kindness in the community, featuring an expo of local nonprofits, grassroots kindness projects, first responders with their vehicles, music, games, kindness activities, supply drives, prizes, swag and ways to get to know the community through kindness. Following this Festival, this organization will celebrate **Be Kind FoCo Week from June 3-10**. This is a citywide celebration of kindness and philanthropy in the community. For more information, visit <https://www.bekindfoco.org/>.

### NoCo Pride Events and Guide

The NoCo Safe Space Pride March is **Thur., June 1 at 5 p.m. in Old Town Square** (gather at 4:45 p.m.). This year's march will be led by NoCo Safe Space partners Queer.In.Color and Splash Youth. **NoCo Pride Festival will be Sat., July 15 in Civic Center Park** in Fort Collins. For a full list of events, visit the NoCo Safe Space Pride Guide at <https://nocosafespace.com/pride-guide/>. For information from the CSU Pride Resource Center, please visit <https://prideresourcecenter.colostate.edu/>.

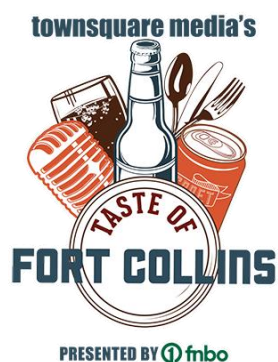


### Bohemian Nights Thursday Night Live

Bohemian Nights Thursday Night Live is a series of FREE summer concerts in Old Town Fort Collins each Thursday starting in early June and running every Thursday through early August. The concerts are from 7-9 p.m. in Old Town Square. For details and the concert lineup, please visit <https://bohemiannights.org/index.php>.

### CSU Lectures and Seminars

Tues., June 20 – **Twilight Garden Series: Gardening with Water in Mind @The Gardens on Spring Creek**. Are you a hobby gardener? Learn about Underused Early Season Perennials, Plant Select, and Irrigation Troubleshooting at this event that runs from 6-8 p.m. at The Gardens on Spring Creek. For details on tickets, visit <https://gosc.ticketapp.org/portal/pid/2/product/62/event/328ceb0f-7eff-4682-8176-464b506b2d14>



## Taste of Fort Collins

The Taste of Fort Collins is June 10-11 at Washington Park and features more than two dozen food booths of eateries in Fort Collins and Northern Colorado, local bands, and two national headlining entertainers to include The All-American Rejects on Sat., June 10 and Lil Jon on Sunday, June 11. Day and weekend passes are available for sale. This event typically sells out, so visit <https://tasteoffortcollins.com/home/> for tickets and festival details.

## Music and the Arts at CSU

Sun., June 11, **2023 Organ Week Concert: Joel Bacon**, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal

Mon., June 12, **2023 Organ Week Concert: Ken Cowan**, 7:30 p.m., CSU Organ Recital Hall

Tues., June 13, **2023 Organ Week Concert: Todd Wilson**, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church

Thur., June 15, **2023 Organ Week Concert: Camp Recital**, 6 p.m., CSU

For details, please visit <https://music.colostate.edu/events/>. For ticket information, please visit <https://csuartstickets.universitytickets.com/>

## In the News

**CSU Magazine: "At CSU, even the labs are going green"** by Joshua Zaffos. <https://magazine.colostate.edu/at-csu-even-the-labs-are-going-green/>

**"U.S. News and World Report ranks CSU the nation's No. 2 vet school"** by Anne Manning. <https://cvmb.source.colostate.edu/u-s-news-world-report-ranks-csu-the-nations-no-2-vet-school/>

**"Flipping the script on LGBTQ+ research: Alex C. Lange receives grant for Spencer Foundation to study how queer and trans students thrive"** by Ben Leonard. <https://chhs.source.colostate.edu/flipping-the-script-on-lgbtq-research/>

**"Visualized coma recovery gauge aims to help families of patients advocate, CSU researcher reports"** by Mark Gokavi <https://chhs.source.colostate.edu/visualized-coma-recovery-gauge-aims-to-help-families-of-patients-advocate-csu-researcher-reports/>

**"Christa Johnson named interim vice president for research, effective July 1"** by CSU MarComm Staff <https://source.colostate.edu/christa-johnson-named-interim-vice-president-for-research-effective-july-1/>

**“CU Anschutz Takes the Reins in CAR T Cancer Therapy Research”** by Debra Melani

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/cu-anschutz-takes-the-reins-in-car-t-cancer-therapy-research>

**“Platform Promises Improvement in Athlete Performance, Early Insight Into Disease Risk”** by Chris Casey

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/platform-promises-improvement-in-athlete-performance-early-insight-into-disease-risk>

**“New Therapy First to Target Type 1 Diabetes Disease Process”** by Debra Melani

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/new-therapy-first-to-target-type-1-diabetes-disease-process>

**“Cancer Diagnosis During Medical School Offered Unique Insight into Patient Experience”** by Rachel Sauer

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/medicine/cancer-diagnosis-during-medical-school>

## CUSOM@CSU Faculty Spotlight



### **Ben Leon, MD**

Northern Colorado LIC Director, CUSOM @ CSU (beginning July 2023)  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, CUSOM  
Preceptorship Director, Plains Year  
Clinical: UHealth Internal Medicine – Snow Mesa

Dr. Leon was born and raised in Loveland, Colorado. He completed his undergraduate degree at Wake Forrest University and then attended both medical school and residency at the University of Colorado. Dr. Leon enjoys working with students and helping them integrate medical knowledge with clinical care. He is also interested in medical school curriculum development with a focus on clinical reasoning. He was recently named as the Northern Colorado LIC Director, a position which he will start in July of 2023. He is married with two children and two dogs. He enjoys traveling and spending time outdoors including hiking and paddle boarding.

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Administrative Office Hours:

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Upcoming Holidays (Administrative Offices Closed):

Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day

CSU Offices Closed on Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth)

