



Fort Collins Branch Newsletter

May 2023

FCB Class Updates

Class of 2026: This group of students began the Mind and Behavior Course on April 17, and this course runs through May 5. They will have their COMPASS 4 week from May 8-12. This class will attend their first orientation to the clerkship and their LIC year on May 11 during Compass Week 4. They will then begin the Endocrine and Metabolic Systems course on May 15.

Class of 2025: These LIC students participated in their second Concentration Project event on April 19 at Greeley Hospital. They also met with the leaders of minority groups to discuss access and experiences and some of the healthcare barriers that occur within minority populations. They completed their OB/GYN Shelf on April 19.

Branch Happenings: On May 24, the newly designated Branch Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Maurice “Scotty” Scott, MD, will be coming to FCB to meet the students.

Dr. Kjell Lindgren, NASA Astronaut, CSU and CUSOM Alum Visits Fort Collins Branch



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Highlighted Events:

Coffee Cart at Health Center

The Lazy Dane Coffee Company will be parked on the west side of the CSU Health Network Building from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 9 and 23.

Global Sounds

by Bohemian Nights

On, Sat., May 20, Bohemian Nights is presenting Global Sounds, an event celebrating music from around the world, on two stages at Old Town Square and Linden Street. This one-day event runs from 12:15-6:30 p.m.

<https://bohemiannights.org/>

Science on Tap

Learn about local research and “in the news” science from local scientists. Science on Tap for May is scheduled for Tues., May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House. Visit the Science on Tap FB Page for future events and details.

https://www.facebook.com/SoTFoCo/?tn-str=k*F



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The CUSOM @ CSU hosted Nasa Astronaut, Dr. Kjell Lindgren, on Wed., April 12 for lunch and Q&A with Fort Collins Branch students, CSU students and FCB faculty and staff. Dr. Lindgren completed a Master of Science in cardiovascular physiology from CSU and received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Colorado.

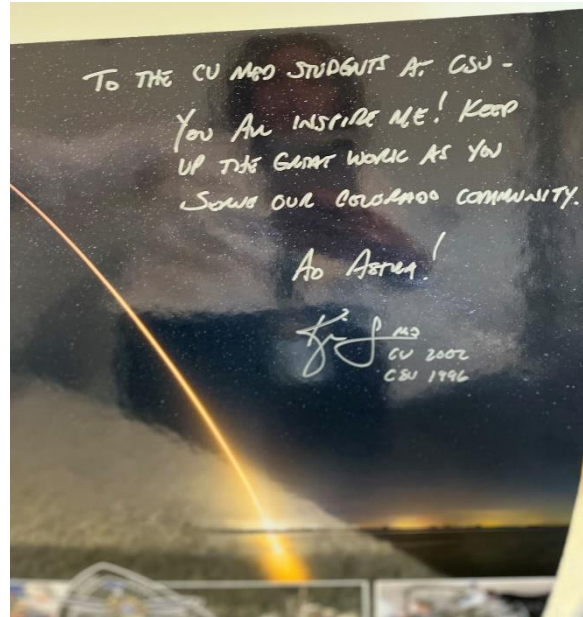
Lindgren logged 141 days in space, participated in two spacewalks, completed more than a hundred different scientific experiments, and served as commander of NASA's SpaceX Crew-4 mission to the International Space Station, which returned home on Oct. 14, 2022.*

The Fort Collins Branch had previously gifted Dr. Lindgren a CUSOM @ CSU t-shirt which he wore in space. He then gave this "space shirt" back to the branch in addition to a launch picture with a note written by him to students which read "To the CU Med Students at CSU – You all inspire me! Keep up the great work as you serve our Colorado community." The Fort Collins Branch will be framing these items for display in the branch at the CSU Health and Medical Center.

*Reference: <https://www.nasa.gov/astronauts/biographies/kjell-n-lindgren>

Article regarding the visit of Dr. Lindgren and fellow astronaut Dr. Jessica Watkins to CSU: **"Growing tomatoes in the dark void of space, and other astronaut tales"** by Anne Manning.

<https://cvmb.ssource.colostate.edu/growing-tomatoes-in-the-dark-void-of-space-and-other-astronaut-tales/>



Left: The CUSOM @ CSU "space shirt."

Above: Dr. Lindgren's message to the CUSOM @ CSU students.

CSU Lectures and Seminars

Wed., May 3 – **Lessons in Research Reproducibility: I'll Keep on Making New Mistakes.** The presenter for this lecture is Casey Greene, Ph.D., who is the founding chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. In 2014, Dr. Greene was named a Moore Investigator in Data-Driven Discover by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The presentation is from 3-4 p.m. in the Smith Natural Resources Building, room 345. A reception will be from 4-5 p.m. following the presentation. Register at <https://www.research.colostate.edu/research-reproducibility-casey-greene/>.

Wed., May 3 – **Mindful Minds: A Workshop Exploring Mental Health and Creating Awareness for Well-Being.** This workshop, which runs from noon-1:30 p.m., is designed for individuals and students interested in exploring and improving their wellbeing. Learn through interactive exercises and group discussions. Participants can stop in at any point during the workshop. The event is sponsored by Family and Consumer Sciences, the Center for Educator Preparation, the School of Education, and the College of Health and Human Sciences. The event is located in the Education Department. The event contact is Eric Taylor, eric.taylor@colostate.edu.

Fri., May 5 – **Rocky Mountain Reproductive Sciences Symposium**. This event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Lory Student Center Theater (room 201). Topics to be discussed include developmental mechanisms, fetal therapy, and the hope for improved congenital diaphragmatic hernia outcomes. Speakers include: Dr. Michael Zaretsky, Director of the Colorado Fetal Care Center at Children’s Hospital Colorado; and Dr. David McCulley, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of California San Diego. For details/registration, visit <https://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/rmrss/>

Wed., May 10 – **Responsible Conduct of Research Training Series: Mentoring and the Individual Development Plan**. This event is from 3-4 p.m. in the Nutrien Agricultural Sciences Building, room 163. “The responsible and ethical conduct of research is critical for excellence, as well as public trust. The responsible and ethical conduct of research involves not only a responsibility to generate and disseminate knowledge with rigor and integrity, but also a responsibility to: a. conduct peer review with the highest ethical standards; b. diligently protect proprietary information and intellectual property from inappropriate disclosure; and c. treat students and colleagues fairly and with respect.” The CSU Research Integrity Office is providing 1-hour RCR discussions each month. For more information, contact Kimberly Cox-York at vpr_rcr_training@mail.colostate.edu.



Translational Talks

Summer Translational Talks Research Celebrations will be May 25, 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.

Approximately 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. Abstract submission deadlines are as follows (the submission deadline for the May 25 talk has already passed):

***To be considered for the June 29 session** – Applications are due on May 28.

***To be considered for the July 27 session** – Applications are due on June 25.

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 with questions or visit <https://calendar.colostate.edu/vpr/>.

Scientific Global Talks @ The Translational Medicine Institute

Wed., May 17, 8-9 a.m., **Neural Stem Cell Grafts for Repair of Spinal Cord Injury**. The presenter is Dr. Ephron Rosenzweig. For tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neural-stem-cell-grafts-for-repair-of-spinal-cord-injury-tickets-476534877647>

In-person and virtual options available. For details on all Global Talks and an archive of past talks, visit <https://vetmedbiosci.colostate.edu/tmi/research/scientific-global-talks/>.

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, please visit <https://lagoonseries.com/>.



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>.

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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.

FoCo Food Truck Rally

Tuesday, May 16 marks the start of FoCo Food Truck Rally events for the summer season at City Park. The rallies will be every Tuesday from May 16 to 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).



Music and the Arts at CSU

Tues., May 2, **Concert Orchestra Concert: The Legacy of Leipzig**, 7:30 p.m., Griffin Concert Hall, UCA

Thur., May 4, **University Symphony Orchestra Concert with Combined Choirs**, 7:30 p.m., Griffin Concert Hall

Fri., May 5, **University Symphony Orchestra Concert with Combined Choirs**, 7:30 p.m., Griffin Concert Hall

Sun., May 7, **World Percussion Ensemble Concert**, 6-8 p.m., Griffin Concert Hall

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

In the News

“The Audit: From environmental disasters to eco-grief – CSU’s Center for Environmental Justice aims to find sustainable ground” by Stacy Nick. <https://libarts.source.colostate.edu/the-audit-from-environmental-disasters-to-eco-grief-csus-center-for-environmental-justice-aims-to-find-sustainable-ground/>

“Two CSU employees make list of top 50 women leaders in Colorado” by CSU MarComm Staff. <https://source.colostate.edu/two-csu-employees-make-list-of-top-50-women-leaders-in-colorado/>

“Celebrating 50 years of environmental public health at CSU” by Kristen Browning-Blas. <https://cvmb.s.source.colostate.edu/celebrating-50-years-of-environmental-public-health-at-csu/>

“The next step: Fling’s MS gait research making strides beyond lab to aid walking via wearable technology” by Mark Gokavi. <https://chhs.source.colostate.edu/the-next-step-flings-ms-gait-research-making-strides-beyond-lab-to-aid-walking-via-wearable-technology/>

“Morgan Library hosts National Library of Medicine traveling exhibit” by Brooke Beresford. <https://source.colostate.edu/healthcare-system-traveling-exhibit/>

“Planting the seed: DEI and social science concepts as part of core sciences curriculum” by Kristin Berthold. <https://natsci.source.colostate.edu/planting-the-seed-dei-and-social-science-concepts-as-part-of-core-science-curriculum/>

“Chocolate-covered cricket chitin, a ‘good stomach bug,’ at heart of CSU study on people with IBS” by Mark Gokavi. <https://chhs.source.colostate.edu/chocolate-covered-cricket-chitin-a-good-stomach-bug-at-heart-of-csu-study-on-people-with-ibs/>

“Challenges of Medical Care in Space” by Colleen Miracle <https://news.cuanschutz.edu/emergency-medicine/challenges-of-medical-care-in-space>

“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>

“A New Way to Conduct Research: Streamlining the Clinical Trial” by Kelsea Pieters and Megan Lane

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/a-new-way-to-conduct-research-streamlining-the-clinical-trial>

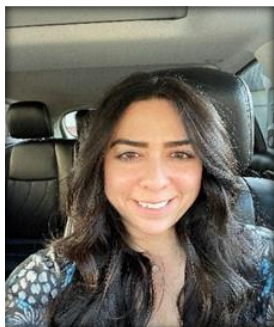
“Women Leaders Share What It Takes to Innovate in Healthcare” by Carie Behounek

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/women-leaders-share-what-it-takes-to-innovate-in-healthcare>

“Study Shows Involuntary Displacement of People Experiencing Homelessness May Cause Significant Spikes in Mortality, Overdoses and Hospitalizations” by Kelsea Pieters

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/study-shows-involuntary-displacement-of-people-experiencing-homelessness-may-cause-significant-spikes-in-mortality-overdoses-and-hospitalizations>

CUSOM FCB Staff Spotlight



Michelle Ferrin

Curriculum Coordinator for Clerkship Curriculum (Foothills)

Michelle was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She attended California Lutheran University, where she earned her B.S. in biology. She took some time off after graduating and worked in an emergency room where she met her husband. She then attended chiropractic school and earned her doctorate. She and her husband have been married for 18 years and have two teenagers, Grady and Madisyn, and a cat named Luna. Michelle and her family moved to Fort Collins six years ago, and they love it...including the snow. She also loves to travel, paddle

board, go to the mountains, hike and go to the movies. Michelle joined the CUSOM at CSU in March of 2023. She works with the Greeley, Longmont and Fort Collins LIC students, helping with their schedules, Oasis evaluations and setting up TBL's for their learning seminars.

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Upcoming Holidays (Administrative Offices Closed):

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day

