



Fort Collins Branch Newsletter

January 2023

FCB Class Updates

Class of 2026: This group of students completed the Pulmonary and Cardiovascular Systems Course on Dec. 16 and had winter break from Dec. 19-Dec. 30. They began the Renal and Urinary Systems Course on Jan. 2, 2023, and this course runs until Jan. 27. They will be off on Monday, Jan. 16 for MLK, Jr. Holiday and have Traverse 3 Week from Jan. 30-Feb. 3.

Class of 2025: These students are continuing their Clinical Clerkship rotations.

Class of 2024 (Hybrid): This group of students completed their Advanced Science Courses at FCB on Dec. 23 and have returned to the AMC cohort.

2023 Women in Science Symposium

This year's Women in Science Symposium's theme is "Inclusivity in Science: Pass It On!" With the event, The Women in Science Network celebrates its 10th anniversary. The event is on Wednesday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Canvas Stadium.

For details please email the event contact at csu_wisnetwork@mail.colostate.edu or visit <https://womeninscienceci.colostate.edu/>.



Inclusivity in Science... Pass It On!™

Highlighted Events:

Foodie Walk

On the third Friday of every month, celebrate the thriving foodie scene in Downtown Fort Collins on a self-guided tour from 5-8 p.m.

<https://downtownfortcollins.com/experience/itineraries/fort-collins-foodie-walk/>

CSU Day at Western Stock Show, Jan. 14

This day will feature roping and riding and photos with CAM the Ram, Ag Adventures, and the opening of Hydro (part of CSU Spur campus). For full details and information on CSU discounted tickets to the Stock Show, please visit <https://agsci.source.colostate.edu/jan-14-is-csu-day-at-the-national-western-stock-show/>.

Great Plates of Downtown, Save the Date

This fundraiser for the Food Bank of Larimer County, featuring restaurant specials in downtown FoCo, will run March 1-14. Look for details in the February newsletter.

MLK, Jr. Day Activities at CSU

The CSU community will mark Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day on Monday, Jan. 16 with a day of service, march and keynote address by spoken word poet JC Futrell, also known by his stage name Panama Soweto.

The theme of this year's

celebration is entitled "Violence. Oppression. Isolation. Cannot. Endure. (VOICE)." The day of service will begin at Lory Student Center at 8 a.m. The march will begin at 11 a.m. at Washington Park (301 Maple Street), and the keynote will follow the march (at 12:45 p.m.) at the Lory Student Center. For details, scan the QR code here, or visit <https://source.colostate.edu/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-day-march-and-keynote-set-for-jan-16/> or <https://lsc.colostate.edu/involvement/campus-activities/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-march-celebration/#CelebrationEventCSULoryStudentCenter>.



CSU Surplus

CSU Surplus at 201 W. Lake Avenue is the University's reuse, recycle, upcycle and resale center for everything from electronics, to lab equipment, books and furniture, and CSU gear. The inventory changes daily so feel free to stop in during regular hours (Monday-Friday from 7:30a.m. – 4 p.m.) or visit <http://cr.colostate.edu/surplus-property.html> for info on their current inventory.



Fourth Annual International Symposium

The 4th Annual International Symposium will be Feb 27-March 1, 2023, and will offer in-person sessions at the Lory Student Center. The International Symposium highlights the ways CSU undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and partners add global dimensions to their teaching and learning, research, scholarship, and community engagement. Sessions will cover a wide range of international topics, such as educational experiences, research, social and environmental issues, health, music and the arts, culture, language, and politics. Full schedule details will be available in January on the link below. Presented by the International Programs department. Sessions are free and open to the public. Registration is required. For details, please visit <https://international.colostate.edu/symposium/>

CUSOM @ CSU Embroidered Merch

The online catalog for CUSOM @ CSU merchandise through Imprints Fort Collins is now open for orders of select items. When you submit your inquiry using the catalog, Imprints Fort Collins will contact you with a final price quote including shipping cost to your address, along with an estimated ship date. If you approve, they will provide an online link to the payment processing portal for prepayment. Payment will allow them to move forward with production. Imprints Fort Collins has been seeing unprecedented volume causing them to push their current completion times further out. Normally, order completion and ship date is 10 – 15 business days after confirmation of each order placed. They anticipate that they will be able to resume normal ship times starting mid-January. Contact Valerie with questions (Valerie.Lewis@colostate.edu).

Link to CU Medicine @ CSU Apparel Catalog:

<https://www.companycasuals.com/CUMedCSU/start.jsp>

Translational Talks

“Translational research is the engine that turns the knowledge created by biomedical scientists, social scientists, engineers, physicians, veterinarians, and innovators into the important solutions for human and veterinary patients.”

Save the date for the following Translational Talks presented by the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Translational Medicine Institute:

Thursday, January 12 – Speaker: Linda Rhodes, VMD, PhD on Clinical Research From the Viewpoints of Academia, the Animal Health Industry and the Regulator.

Thursday, January 26 – Topic TBD

Thursday, February 23 – Topic TBD



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 Pidcock at h.pidcock@colostate.edu with questions.

Graduate Student Council (GSC) Events

GSC meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. (MST). The meetings this fall will be hybrid, in the ASCSU Senate Chambers (LSC 204) and on Zoom. For details, please visit <https://gsc.colostate.edu/join-the-next-gsc-meeting/>.

Campus Activities



CSU Home Athletics

Sat., Jan. 7, **Women's Basketball vs. New Mexico**, 12 p.m., Moby Arena

Sat., Jan. 7, **Men's Basketball vs. Fresno State**, 2:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Tues., Jan. 10, **Men's Basketball vs. Air Force**, 7 p.m., Moby Arena

Mon., Jan. 16, **Women's Basketball vs. San Diego State**, 6:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Wed., Jan. 18, **Men's Basketball vs. San Diego State**, 8:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Thur., Jan. 19, **Women's Basketball vs. Nevada**, 6:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Sat., Jan. 21, **Women's Basketball vs. UNLV**, 1 p.m., Moby Arena

Tues., Jan. 31, **Men's Basketball vs. UNLV**, 7 p.m., Moby Arena

Thurs., Feb. 2, **Women's Basketball vs. Utah State**, 11 a.m., Moby Arena

Sat., Feb. 4, **Women's Basketball vs. Wyoming**, 1 p.m., Moby Arena

Saturday, Feb. 4, **Men's Basketball vs. Utah State**, 6 p.m., Moby Arena

Sun., Feb. 5, **Women's Tennis**, 1 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex

For details, ticket information, and a complete schedule of events, visit <https://csurams.com/>



CU Home Athletics

Thur., Jan. 5, **Men's Basketball vs. Oregon**, 7 p.m., Boulder

Fri., Jan. 6, **Women's Basketball vs. Utah**, 7 p.m., Boulder

Sat., Jan. 7, **Men's Basketball vs. Oregon State**, 7:30 p.m., Boulder

Fri., Jan. 13, **Track and Field**, Potts Invitational (Indoor), All Day, Boulder

Fri., Jan. 13, **Women's Basketball vs. Arizona**, 7 p.m., Boulder

Sat., Jan. 14, **Track and Field**, Potts Invitational (Indoor), All Day, Boulder

Sun., Jan. 15, **Women's Basketball vs. Arizona**, 12 p.m., Boulder

Thurs., Jan. 19, **Men's Basketball vs. Washington**, 7 p.m., Boulder

Sun., Jan. 22, **Men's Basketball vs. Washington State**, 4 p.m., Boulder

Fri., Jan. 27, **Track and Field**, Colorado Invitational, All Day, Boulder

Fri., Jan. 27, **Women's Basketball vs. UCLA**, 7 p.m., Boulder

Sat., Jan. 28, **Track and Field**, Colorado Invitational, All Day, Boulder

Sun., Jan. 29, **Women's Basketball vs. USC**, 12 p.m., Boulder

For details, ticket information, and a complete schedule of events, visit <https://cubuffs.com/calendar>



Music and the Arts at CSU

Mon., Jan 23, **Guest Artist Concert: Jana Starline, Clarinet**, 7:30 p.m., Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Mon., Jan. 30, **Virtuoso Series Concert: John McGuire (Horn)**, 7:30 p.m., Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Thurs., Feb. 3 and Fri., Feb. 4, **Body/Speak**, 7:30 p.m., University Dance Theater. Body/Speak features guests from colleges and universities across the region who join CSU faculty and students for an evening of diverse dance.

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

Your Chance to Nominate Faculty

Would you like to recognize a CUSOM at CSU educator who has demonstrated teaching excellence?

To nominate someone for a CUSOM at CSU Teaching Excellence Award, please submit this short form: <https://forms.gle/1nauecUoWoJVAvfp9>.

Please contact Ellen Aster (astere@colostate.edu) for questions or more information.

24th Annual CVMBS Research Day

The 24th Annual CVMBS Research Day will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at the Lory Student Center. The annual symposium showcases cutting-edge student research and innovative research approaches. All members of the CVMBS community are encouraged to participate in this free event. For details or to connect to the submission portal, please visit <https://vetmedbiosci.colostate.edu/research/research-day/>.

In the News

“Gravity ‘kind of a bummer,’ but astronaut Lindgren back in Earth shape with help from fellow Ram Anderson” by Mark Gokavi

<https://source.colostate.edu/gravity-kind-of-a-bummer-but-astronaut-lindgren-back-in-earth-shape-with-help-from-fellow-ram-anderson/>

“Amy Parsons named 16th President of Colorado State University” by CSU MarComm Staff

<https://source.colostate.edu/amy-parsons-named-16th-president-of-colorado-state-university/>

“CSU lasers likely to be key to fusion power future” by Gary Polakovic

<https://source.colostate.edu/csu-lasers-likely-to-be-key-to-fusion-power-future/>

“Olfactory Viral Inflammation Associated with Accelerated Onset of Alzheimer’s Disease” by David Kelly

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/olfactory-viral-inflammation-associated-with-accelerated-onset-of-alzheimers-disease>

“CDC Study Backs Bivalent Booster Effectiveness. So Why is Uptake so Low?” By Debra Melani

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/cdc-study-backs-bivalent-booster-effectiveness.-so-why-is-uptake-so-low>

“Researchers Shed Light on a Rare Genetic Disease in Children” by Wendy Meyer

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/cctsi/researchers-shed-light-on-a-rare-genetic-disease-in-children>

“Largest Study of its Kind Reveals Adjuvant Chemotherapy Improves Overall Survival for Pancreatic Cancer Patients” by Julia Milzer

<https://news.cuanschutz.edu/cancer-center/largest-study-of-its-kind-reveals-adjuvant-chemotherapy-improves-overall-survival-for-pancreatic-cancer-patients>

CUSOM Employee of the Month Nominations in 2022



Maia Brown
Plains Coordinator, Fort Collins Branch

From August 2022: Although Maia is located at the Fort Collins branch of the SOM, that does not stop her from supporting the main campus at a moment’s notice. She completes her own duties as a coordinator and finds the time to aide in interviews, training/onboarding of new employees, and any miscellaneous questions other team members may have. Her impressive work ethic makes her quick to respond, troubleshoot issues, and face problems head on. She deserves to be recognized for her commitment to excellence.



Jennifer Smith
Program Director, Fort Collins Branch

From September 2022: We are a Branch Campus (Fort Collins Branch Campus) and are finishing our first year as CU SOM Ft. Collins Branch. Jennifer has worked very hard to not only hire the correct staff for the roles they are filling, but she is one of the most people centered individuals I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Our branch has went through many growing pains and new lessons learned and Jennifer has been a strong support for everyone throughout the process. Jennifer is always leading by example, coming into work with a positive and encouraging attitude, and no matter how busy she is, she is willing to drop it all to help a staff member, student, or colleague. As the Director, she is continually seeking ways to build a strong team and implement strategies to benefit our branch. As a branch campus, I feel it is important to

recognize the hard work and dedication of our staff members, because building a branch is tough. It requires long hours, flexibility, and stamina. Jennifer has displayed all of those and more while being a steadfast leader. I hope you will consider my nomination and consider recognizing the Director of our Branch Campus, Jennifer Smith

Multiple Nominations in November 2022:

Nomination #1: Jenn Smith is the Progr.am Director for the new medical school branch campus in Fort Collins: CUSOM at CSU. She has been the point person for launching a new curriculum in a community that has not had a medical school campus previously. The work that has gone into building the organizational structure through relationships is nothing short of monumental. In her role she has been recognized as outstanding, and so she has been asked to also help evaluate and continuously improve processes at the Anschutz campus, so has been driving to Denver twice per week to contribute an even higher level of UME.

On a personal level, Jenn has been my administrative "partner" for this project (I am the asst dean), and I am very aware that we could not have successfully built the pieces to make a new branch run without her. As our staff and faculty teams have grown quickly, she has been the glue that has held everyone together and continues to stay ahead of potential pitfalls. The students, staff, and faculty are so very appreciative of her work. It is excellent!

Nomination #2: Jennifer Smith, or Jenn as she usually goes by, is a phenomenal supervisor. Her personality is positively electric. Not only has she continued to work hard and strive for excellence in her own position as Program Director at the Fort Collins branch (FCB) of the School of Medicine, but she has also voluntarily chosen to support the Plains year staff at the main campus Anschutz the past few weeks as hiring processes proceed in the background. Although living in Greeley, she drives down to AMC twice a week to support staff during struggling moments, continues to check in with her staff at FCB regularly, comes in to Fort Collins once a week (or more if needed) to keep things running smoothly, and still has time to ask you how your son's birthday party went over the weekend.

Her day-to-day job responsibilities involve keeping track of all years of the School of Medicine program at FCB, communicate with AMC counterparts to keep everything aligned in opportunities and curriculum,

continue aligned success with the partnership between CU and CSU, and support her FCB staff in their duties if struggles arise. When facing recent staff shortages, Jenn has chosen to travel to AMC and take charge to support the AMC staff as well. She has pushed to expedite interviews and appropriate hiring, keeping communication open between all channels, and make sure everyone is working within their bandwidth. Jenn deserves to be recognized for surpassing the expectations of not only her own job but the other positions she has tackled on as well.

Nomination #3: I would like to nominate Jennifer (Jenn) Smith. Jenn is the Program Director at the School of Medicine's Fort Collins Branch; however, she has recently stepped in as an interim manager for the School of Medicine's curriculum team at Anschutz. She did not have to do this but felt for our team due to the many organizational and staffing changes we have experienced over the past year. Jenn's home branch campus is Fort Collins, so it would have been understandable if Jenn only made herself available over email and videochat. However, she comes to AMC at least twice a week to ensure the staff have someone to turn to in person with questions and for support. Jenn is an amazing sounding board, and truly listens to her team (even those who do not directly report to her.)

Nomination #4: Jenn is an incredible program director, who not only uses her impressive skillset to manage our branch campus but also to help the Anschutz campus transition through personnel and curricular changes. She is always friendly, kind, and very good at practically identifying solutions and key initiatives amid all-too-full task lists! She listens to those she works with and trusts their institutional/experiential knowledge, using this information to streamline operations and suggest changes that fit the complex contexts we work in. Most importantly, she makes everyone feel seen and appreciated whenever she interacts with them. The days I am fortunate to spend in the office with Jenn are the best days of my week!

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Upcoming Office Closures:

Monday, January 16 (MLK, Jr. Day/Admin Offices Closed)

