Fort Collins Branch Newsletter
March 2024

FCB Class Updates

Class of 2027: These students will complete the Nervous System Course on March 8.

Class of 2026: These students are continuing their clinical clerkships. This class has a Shelf Exam on March 13.

Class of 2025: This class is currently in the Alpine phase, including Acting Internships and other electives, for the rest of their curriculum.

CSUnity: A National Volunteer Month
CAMunity Tradition
CSUnity is celebrating its 27th 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 21 from 12-4 p.m., approximately 1,500 CSU volunteers will complete hundreds of service projects in Fort Collins. Register by March 27. For details and registration, visit https://lsc.colostate.edu/slice/community-engagement/csunity/.

FCB Preview Days (Class of 2028)
The FCB will be hosting prospective students for admissions Preview Days on Thursday, March 7 and Thursday, April 4, starting at 2:30 p.m. Current FCB students are invited to meet these prospective students during their session in the VR lab from 5-5:30 p.m. on those days. Available faculty will be meeting with the visiting prospective students from 4-5 p.m. in the Flip classrooms. Email Kara (kara.thompson@cuanschutz.edu) if you have questions about these FCB Preview Days.

Highlighted Events:

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

FCB Office Days for Dean Scott (aka Dean Scotty)
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 14, April 17, and May 16. To make an appointment or to confirm his open office hours, students can email him at maurice.scott@cuanschutz.edu.

Seed Swap and Giveaway
If you’re looking to start a garden this spring, check out this event by Home Grown Food at Old Town Library on Sat., March 2 from 10 a.m.-Noon. Share, trade or pick up free seeds, seed-starting soil and pots (bring a bag for soil). For details, visit https://www.homegrownfoodcolorado.org/seed-swap/.
Health and Society Opportunity

Dr. Rachel Feldman has a project that is a good Health and Society opportunity for a first-year medical student. Crossroads Safehouse is in the process of revamping and validating their resource sheet that they use for clients at the med unit. The student(s) would be partnering with a social worker at FMC on this work, and there could be opportunities to connect more with Crossroads if this is an area of interest to the participating student(s). Dr. Feldman expects this to be a short project that would not be particularly time consuming. Email Dr. Feldman at rachel.l.feldman@kp.org if interested.

CSU International Symposium

The CSU Office of International Programs will hold their 5th Annual International Symposium on April 2-3 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. This year, the symposium is aligned with CSU’s Thematic Year of Democracy and Civic Engagement. Sessions include a wide range of international topics, including climate and environmental justice, technology, politics, and education. For complete details, visit https://international.colostate.edu/symposium/.

9th Annual ACT Human Rights Film Festival

The CSU ACT Human Rights Film Festival brings the best and most recent human rights cinema to northern Colorado. The film festival kick-off party will be Tues., March 19 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 is April 3-7 with in-person and virtual options available. Opening Night Film and Reception will be Wed., April 3 from 5-8 p.m. at the Lory Student Center Theatre. 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/.

Student & Faculty Research

Are you engaged in research or scholarship at the CUSOM at CSU via a conference presentation or poster, publication, or grant award? Please help us keep track of student and faculty work! In particular, we’d like to showcase student research on the website. Students and faculty can log scholarly contributions via this link at any time: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/60ad3e42628a49b1b8613b1bb7f400ff. Ellen Aster (astere@colostate.edu) and Valerie Lewis (Valerie.Lewis@colostate.edu) are happy to answer questions or provide more information. Thank you!
**FoCoMX – Fort Collins Music Experience**

The Fort Collins Music Experience (FoCoMX) is scheduled for April 28 and 29, and tickets are on sale now. FoCoMX is a “weekend celebrating the Northern Colorado music scene.” The festival features the performances of local bands in multiple 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 wristband. For event details and ticket/wristband information, visit [https://focomx.focoma.org/](https://focomx.focoma.org/). The Fort Collins Music Association’s (FoCoMA) runs and sponsors FoCoMX. 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.

**CMDA Conference**

The Colorado Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, PALTC, (formerly the Colorado Medical Director’s Association, CMDA) is hosting its 29th Annual Conference on Friday, April 19. The conference, *PALTC 2024: Communication and Compassionate Care in Colorado* will host a phenomenal group of national experts to share the highest standards of medical care with their community. The event will run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Denver PPA Event Center at 2105 Decatur Street. Medical providers, medical directors, surveyors, directors of nursing, administrators will gain valuable knowledge impacting the daily care in PALTC settings. The program agenda and online registration are available at [www.CMDA.us](http://www.CMDA.us).

**FoCo and Denver Restaurant Weeks**

**Great Plates of Fort Collins** will run from March 1-14. 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. For details and the restaurant guide, visit [Great Plates of Downtown™ | Dine | Downtown Fort Collins, CO](https://greatplates.com/)

**Denver Restaurant Week** by Visit Denver runs from March 1-10. 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). To-go and in-person options are available. For details, please visit [https://denverrestaurantweek.com/](https://denverrestaurantweek.com/).
2024 Women in Science Symposium

The Women in Science Network is expanding their Women in Science Symposium this year to include two days of events on Wed, March 6 and Thur., March 7 at the Lory Student Center at CSU. On March 6, the sessions, which run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will focus on bringing diverse voices and perspectives to discuss “How are we going to tackle cancer?...As it impacts us all.” On March 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., local 3rd and 7th graders will interact with STEAM booths developed and hosted by diverse science and art programs across CSU and Northern Colorado. Registration for the symposium is open through Feb. 29. For details please visit https://womeninscienceci.colostate.edu/wiss-2024/.

Women’s History Month

“Women’s History Month is a celebration of women’s contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.” Resource: https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/womens-history-month. Additional information and national virtual event details are available at https://womenshistorymonth.gov/. Sources were provided by Marcela Henao-Tamayo, M.D., Ph.D., Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for CUSOM @ CSU.

CSU Lectures, Seminars, and Other Events

Sat., March 2 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Family Day at the Gregory Allicar Museum of Art. This free open house will include art activities designed for ages 5-12, as well as fun for the whole family. https://artmuseum.colostate.edu/events/family-day-6/.

Monday, March 4 from 10-11 a.m. – Gender and Democracy: What is the link? This event in Lory Student Center 322 features a panel discussion of various dimensions of the relationship between democracy and gender. Both faculty and student perspectives are included. Event sponsor is the CSU College of Liberal Arts. Event contact is Gamze Cavdar at Gamze.Cavdar@colostate.edu.

Tues, March 5 from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – CHHS Research Day. The College of Health and Human Sciences Research Day is a celebration of research and creative scholarship in this program. This event will be in the Lory Student Center Ballroom and will include a poster show, lunch and keynote, lightning talks, and awards. For details or to register, visit CHHS Research Day - College of Health and Human Sciences (colostate.edu).
Tues., March 5 from 4-5 p.m. – **Democracy Dialogues: A Conversation with Ayesha Rascoe.** This event at the Lory Student Center Theatre is free and open to the public with a livestream option. Rascoe is the host of Weekend Edition Sunday and Saturday episodes of Up First. She has also been a White House Correspondent. She will discuss the threat to democracy around the globe. Event host is the CSU Office of International Programs. [ayesha rascoe - International Programs (colostate.edu)].

Tues, March 19 from 4-5:30 p.m. – **Divided Democracy: Polarization, Hate Speech, and the Future of America.** This event in the Lory Student Center Theater will feature visiting scholars Robert Talisse, Alton Jones Professor of Philosophy at Vanderbilt University, and Seana Shiffrin, UCLA Professor of Philosophy and Pete Kameron, Professor of Law and Social Justice, to discuss the promises and challenges of U.S. democracy. For details, visit [https://philosophy.colostate.edu/events/bodaken-philosophy-symposium-2/](https://philosophy.colostate.edu/events/bodaken-philosophy-symposium-2/).

Thurs., March 21 from 4-7 p.m. – **Revival Railjam.** CSU Snowriders, Phi Kappa Theta, and ASCSU (Associated Students of CSU) will be hosting a Revival Railjam on the Lory Student Center West Lawn. The Railjam last happened on campus in 2009. Things to expect: over 10 tons of snow, student skiing and snowboarding competitions, vendor giveaways, food trucks, music and more. Event contact is: meron.siyoum@colostate.edu.

Sat., March 23 from 9-11 a.m. – **2024 International Color Run/Walk.** 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. [https://international.colostate.edu/iec/5k-run/](https://international.colostate.edu/iec/5k-run/)

Mon., March 25 from 12-1 p.m. – **CSU President Parsons hosts a Conversation on the First Amendment and Higher Education.** This panel discussion will be in the Lory Student Center Never No Summer Room. President Parsons will moderate a conversation with CSU panelists on free speech on campus. Registration for this event is encouraged, [https://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_brRvqHZTvhwOKFw](https://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_brRvqHZTvhwOKFw).
City of FoCo Outdoor Winter Rec

Enjoy these winter outdoor activities organized by the City of Fort Collins:

Sat., March 2 at 9 a.m. – **Winter Walk at Bobcat Ridge.** Join the volunteer naturalist to search for signs of wildlife that call this region their home.

Fri., March 8 at 2 p.m. – **Winter Walk: Sights and Sounds of Pineridge.** Meet at Maxwell Natural Area to discover woodland, wetland, and prairie habitats and the varied plants and animals that can be found there.

Sat., March 16 at 9 a.m. – **Winter Walk: Critters in the Cold.** Meet at Coyote Ridge and discover where Colorado wildlife hides from the cold and snow.

Sat., March 16 at 8 p.m. – **Skygazing.** Meet at Fossil Creek Reservoir. Volunteers from the Northern Colorado Astronomical Society will provide telescopes and share their knowledge about the stars, planets, galaxies and more.

Registration is suggested for these events. Find details at [Event Calendar - City of Fort Collins (fcgov.com)](

AHEC and CSU Spur Housing

FCB students have several options for housing while doing electives and active internships in the Denver Metro Area. In addition to the housing offered through the Colorado Area Health Education Center, CSU offers SPUR housing in the Denver area. The FCB team is working to finalize the SPUR partnership and process and will send out information to students when that option is available.

To apply for AHEC Housing: start by completing 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

Campus Activities

**CSU Home Athletics**

Fri., March 1, **Softball vs. Iowa State**, 12 p.m. and 3 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 2, **Softball vs. Iowa State**, 11 a.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 2, **Women’s Tennis vs. Grand Canyon**, 12:30 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex

Sat., March 2, **Men’s Basketball vs. Wyoming**, 2 p.m., Moby Arena

Sat., March 2, **Softball vs. Manhattan College**, 4 p.m., Fort Collins

Sun., March 3, **Softball vs. Manhattan College**, 11 a.m., Fort Collins

Tues., March 5, **Women’s Basketball vs. Boise State**, 6:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Fri., March 8, **Softball vs. Maine**, 2 p.m., Fort Collins

Fri., March 8, **Softball vs. Drake**, 4:30 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 9, **Softball vs. Maine**, 2 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 9, **Softball vs. Idaho State**, 4:30 p.m., Fort Collins

Sun., March 10, **Softball vs. Drake**, 12:30 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 23, **Women’s Tennis vs. Utah State**, 12:30 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex

Sat., March 23, **Softball vs. Nevada**, 1 p.m., Fort Collins
Sun., March 24, **Women’s Tennis vs. Boise State**, 12 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex
Sun., March 24, **Softball vs. Nevada**, 12 p.m., Fort Collins
Fri., March 29 and Sat., March 30, **Track, Jack Christiansen Invitational**, All Day, Fort Collins
For details, ticket information, and a complete schedule of events, visit [https://csurams.com/](https://csurams.com/).

**CU Home Athletics**
Sat., March 2, **Women’s Basketball vs. Washington State**, 1 p.m., Boulder
Sun., March 3, **Men’s Basketball vs. Stanford**, 7 p.m., Boulder
Fri., March 8, **Tennis vs. Oregon**, 11 a.m., Boulder
Fri, March 15 and Sat., March 16, **Track Invitational @ Boulder**
Fri., March 15, **Lacrosse vs. Stanford**, 3 p.m., Boulder
Sat., March 30, **Lacrosse vs. San Diego State**, 12 p.m., Boulder
For details, ticket information and a complete schedule of events, please visit [https://cubuffs.com/](https://cubuffs.com/)

**Music and Theatre at CSU**
Sat., March 2 @ 5 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Chloe Swindler**, Trumpet, Organ Concert Hall, UCA
Mon., March 4 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Romina Monsanto**, Cello, Organ Recital Hall, UCA
Tues., March 5 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Spring Choral Showcase: We Are the Music Makers**, Griffin Concert Hall, USA
Wed., March 6 @ 7:30 p.m. – **ON THE BRINK Reading Series**. This reading series is aimed at amplifying marginalized voices and exposing students to a diverse array of BIPOC, queer, and women artists from around the nation and the world. Join these events at the Second Floor Large Acting Lab at the UCA. For details, visit [https://theatre.colostate.edu/events/on-the-brink-reading-series-2024-02-04/](https://theatre.colostate.edu/events/on-the-brink-reading-series-2024-02-04/).
Wed., March 6 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Concert Series: John Lindsey (Tenor)**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA
Thurs., March 7 @ 7:30 p.m. – **University Symphony Orchestra Concert**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA
Thurs., March 21 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Concert Series (CSU Faculty Recital)**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA
Sun., March 24 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Fortress Brass Quintet**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA
Mon., March 25 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Ysmael Reyes (Flute)**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

**Featured Theater Event: Fairview by Jackie Sibblies Drury**. This play directed by CSU’s Dr. Ray Black will have performances on March 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 at the Studio Theater in the UCA. This 2019 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama is a candid examination of race in contemporary American society. For more information about the play, director Dr. Ray Black, and performance times, visit [Fairview by Jackie Sibblies Drury - Theatre (colostate.edu)](https://theatre.colostate.edu/).
For more information, visit [https://theatre.colostate.edu/](https://theatre.colostate.edu/) or [https://music.colostate.edu/events/](https://music.colostate.edu/events/).

**In the News**
“Colorado State University is a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Scholars” by Joe Giordana
[https://source.colostate.edu/fulbright-scholars-top-producer-2024/](https://source.colostate.edu/fulbright-scholars-top-producer-2024/)

“New bill would provide $50 million in funding to CSU’s Veterinary Health Education Complex” by Allison Sylte
[https://source.colostate.edu/vhec-funding-bill/](https://source.colostate.edu/vhec-funding-bill/)

“CSU air pollution expert empowers people to reduce their personal risk in new report” by Rhea Maze
[CSU air pollution expert empowers people to reduce their personal risk in new report (colostate.edu)](http://www.colostate.edu)
“Aging and brain health: waist circumference may provide insights into brain health, which may affect chances for dementia, CSU researcher find” by Mark Gokavi
https://source.colostate.edu/aging-and-brain-health/

“Cheers to ten years – connecting public health professionals with Food Source Information” by SOURCE contributor https://chhs.source.colostate.edu/cheers-to-ten-years-connecting-public-health-professionals-with-food-source-information/

“Blocking Key Protein May Halt Alzheimer’s Progression” by David Kelley Blocking Key Protein May Halt Alzheimer’s Progression (cuanschutz.edu)

“New Center for Health Equity Executive Director Brings Passion to Mission” by guest contributor New Center for Health Equity Executive Director Brings Passion to Mission (cuanschutz.edu)

“Quantum Leap: CU Anschutz Set to Pioneer Advancements in Medicine” by Debra Melani Quantum Leap: CU Anschutz Set to Pioneer Advancements in Medicine

“Researchers Say Media Focus on Vaccine Hesitancy Distorts Reality” by David Kelley Researchers Say Media Focus on Vaccine Hesitancy Distorts Reality (cuanschutz.edu)

“Alzheimer’s Study Finds Potential Immune System Link, Mostly in Women” by Debra Melani Alzheimer’s Study Finds Potential Immune System Link, Mostly in Women (cuanschutz.edu)

“College celebrates 25th Research Day with record participation” by Kristen Browning-Blas https://cvmbs.source.colostate.edu/college-celebrates-25th-research-day-with-record-participation/

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**FCB Admin Spotlight**

**Kelli Harris**
Longmont/Boulder LIC Coordinator
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Kelli was born and raised on the western slope of Colorado. She attended Western State College in Gunnison (now called Western Colorado University), where she received her bachelor’s degree in Psychology. After graduation, Kelli moved to Greeley where she started her career in the medical field working and managing various medical clinics. She and her husband Brad have been married for 32 years. They have 3 children, Layne, Hannah and Cy. She also has three beautiful granddaughters, Avareigh, Evalynn and Olyvia. She loves being in the mountains riding their UTV, hunting and fishing. Her favorite past time is her family as well as playing and watching ice hockey. She’s an avid Avalanche fan! Kelli joined the Fort Collins Branch in January of 2024. Her tasks include working with Longmont LIC students, helping with their schedules, Oasis evaluations, and setting up TBL for their learning seminars.
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