

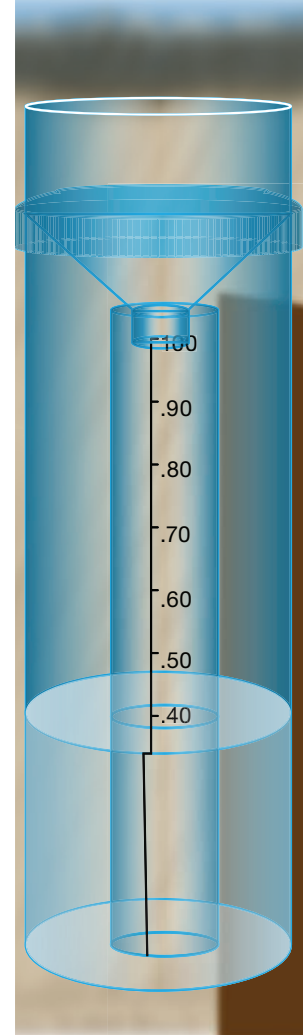


CSU, Rwanda partner in smart, sustainable development

CSU researchers have joined an official research partnership to support Rwanda's transformation from an agrarian economy to one buoyed by strategic deployment of science and technology infrastructure. Their aim: the design and installation of "minigrids," functional solar-powered systems that can generate and deliver electricity reliably to a village community of 100 to 200 households. The partnership's overarching goal is to provide science-based, sustainable pathways for enhancing people's livelihoods.

College of Business ranked among best for veterans

CSU's College of Business is ranked among the top business schools for veterans by *Military Times*. The college ranks No. 29, the highest in Colorado, in the new Best for Vets: Business Schools 2016 ranking. *Military Times* evaluated 180 schools, looking at university culture, student support, academic outcomes and quality, academic policies, and financial aid. CSU President Tony Frank has made supporting student-veterans a top CSU priority.



Moby's 50!

Fifty years ago, Moby Gym – its official name was Auditorium-Gymnasium, but was dubbed "Moby" after students noticed the building's unique design resembled a whale – opened its doors for the first time. The updated facility continues to be a cornerstone of the Rams fan experience.



\$20 million gift makes research institute a reality

An anonymous racehorse breeder has donated \$20 million to Colorado State University to build a state-of-the-art regenerative medicine research facility, fulfilling a \$65 million matching challenge from lead donors and fellow horse aficionados, John and Leslie Malone. The CSU Institute for Biologic Translational Therapies will tap the body's healing powers for innovative treatments that improve animal and human health. Groundbreaking will occur later this year.

Calling citizen weather scientists!

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), a CSU-based volunteer precipitation monitoring network, is recruiting volunteers in all 50 states to measure and report precipitation from their backyards, schools, or work. Born in 1998 following major flooding in Fort Collins, CoCoRaHS is a citizen science network that has grown to more than 20,000 active participants. **To join:** [www.cocorahs.org/ Application.aspx](http://www.cocorahs.org/Application.aspx).



Fighting to preserve unknown animal species

CSU's Joel Berger, one of the world's pre-eminent field biologists and the Barbara Cox Anthony University Chair in Wildlife Conservation in the Warner College of Natural Resources, has been nominated for the Indianapolis Prize, an award for researchers whose achievements will likely lead to long-term sustainability. Berger's research focuses on species in North America, Mongolia, the Arctic, and Namibia.

Photo courtesy of the Indianapolis Prize

A legacy of access, excellence for all

The First Generation Award program, which combines financial aid, academic support, social engagement, and continuous encouragement to students who are the first in their families to attend college, celebrated its 32nd anniversary. In 1984, Colorado State University became the first university in the country to offer a scholarship designed specifically for first-generation students, and the program has since become a national model. Current and past members of the CSU Board of Governors attended the celebration to honor the students and longtime program leaders Paul Thayer and Barb Musslewhite, who are both retiring this year.



Pablo Salas (State Board of Agriculture member, 1981-88, board president, 1986), Paul Thayer (CSU associate vice president for student success), John Stencil (State Board of Agriculture member, 1977-81), Dick Robinson, at the podium (State Board of Agriculture member, 1984-91, board president, 1987-90), former CSU President Albert C. Yates, and Eugene "Gene" Petrone (State Board of Agriculture member, secretary, executive director, and treasurer, 1980-87) shared how the program was created in 1984 and talked about its great importance, then and now.