



CSU's capitol interns fill the gold dome

Each spring, the legislative internship – a 43-year-old program that Professor John Straayer of political science has overseen since 1980 – gives a few dozen CSU students a rare firsthand glimpse into the inner workings of Colorado's government. More than 1,000 students have gone through the program, which is a six-credit practicum called POLS 486A – Legislative

Politics. Straayer, who is in his 50th year at CSU, drives vanloads of the CSU students between Denver and Fort Collins on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the January-April legislative session. He will hand the reins of the program to his faculty colleague, Robert Duffy, after this semester.



Radar gift to enhance weather research and education at CSU

Colorado State University announced a gift of a customized C-band radar that uses higher frequency and is smaller and more easily deployed than typical S-band frequency radars. It will allow scientists at CSU to enhance research, education, and the student experience in radar remote sensing and weather observations. Popular in Europe, the new radar, manufactured specifically for CSU, is a gift to the Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering from Vaisala, a global leader in environmental and industrial measurements. The new system will give CSU more options for research observations around the world.



Brett Anderson

Anderson turns to new challenges

Brett Anderson, CSU's longtime vice president for University Advancement, will transition this summer to become special assistant to CSU President Tony Frank, focused on strengthening University systems, efficiency, and accountability, and continuing to build a strong CSU presence in Denver. Anderson, who came out of retirement eight years ago to take over leadership of CSU's first major fundraising campaign, has helped build an outstanding culture of philanthropy that has led the University to record levels of private support and alumni engagement.

Tobin next Vice President for Advancement

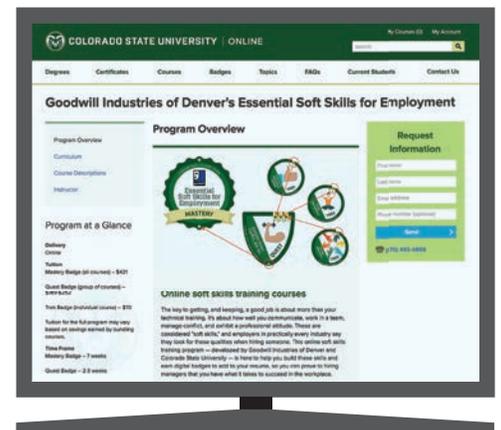
Kim Tobin, who has worked for Colorado State since 2003 and currently serves as associate vice president for Advancement and campaign director, will move into the vice president role, effective July 1. In announcing the two appointments Feb. 11 at CSU's 1870 Dinner, celebrating donors, Frank praised Anderson's extraordinary track record and noted that Tobin brings a rare combination of impeccable credentials, deep commitment to Colorado State, and already strong relationships with CSU's donors to the VP role. "Brett has taken our team further than we thought possible," Frank said. "I know Kim will continue to take CSU to new heights."



Kim Tobin

Online soft-skills training program aims to boost resumes, businesses

A new online program can help people improve their job marketability and help businesses train their workforces. The Essential Soft Skills for Employment digital badge program recently launched through a partnership between CSU and Goodwill Industries of Denver. A series of short courses on topics such as teamwork, communication, stress management, and conflict resolution allows participants in the program to earn digital badges to display on their resumes, illustrating their skill sets for employers. Learn more about the program at www.online.colostate.edu/badges/essential-soft-skills.



Temple Grandin named to the National Women's Hall of Fame

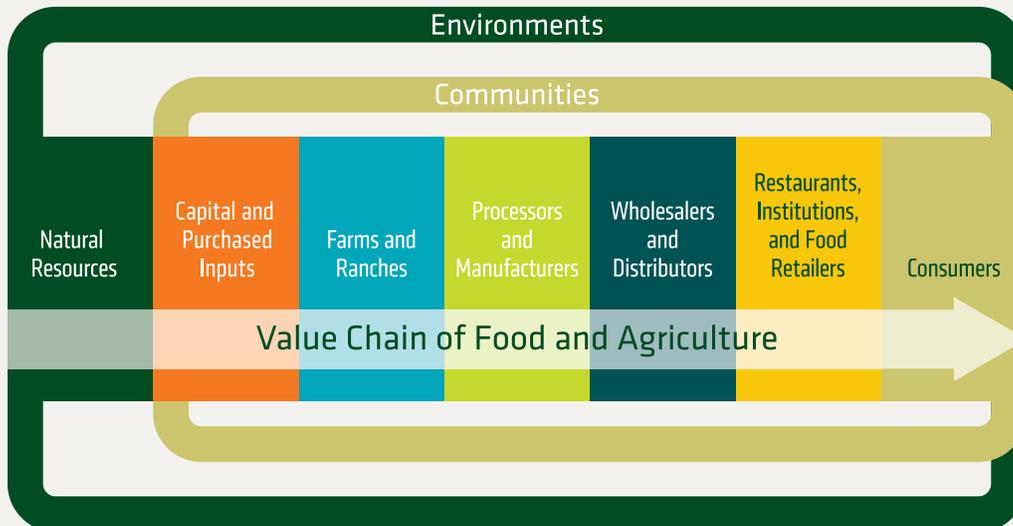
Dr. Temple Grandin, groundbreaking CSU professor of animal sciences and world-renowned autism spokesperson, has been named to the National Women's Hall of Fame. The Hall was founded in 1969 and is the nation's oldest membership organization and museum dedicated to honoring and celebrating the achievements of distinguished American women. The new inductees will be celebrated at the Hall's biennial induction ceremony in September.

“Honoring Dr. Temple Grandin in this esteemed group of women not only speaks to the power of her research and advocacy, but also her impact as a role model for young women everywhere.”

—CSU President Tony Frank



Colorado Blueprint for Food and Agriculture project architecture



Colorado Blueprint project to engage with Colorado agriculture's stakeholders

CSU has launched the Colorado Blueprint project, a statewide effort to engage with Colorado's agricultural communities about food and agricultural research. Among the goals of the project are to explore the opportunities and challenges of changing public attitudes about agriculture and food; highlight key links in Colorado's food supply chain; and enhance CSU's knowledge of state-specific research and engagement needs. For information and meeting details for specific regions of Colorado, visit <http://foodsystems.colostate.edu/research/colorado-blueprint>.