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## *President Amy Parsons*

### **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Dear CSU Community,

As the semester comes to a close, I've been reflecting on what an extraordinary year this has been for Colorado State University — a year defined by momentum, resilience, and thousands of moments of achievement, connection, and Ram pride.

Last weekend, our campus was filled with a record-setting number of graduates, joined by 40,000 family members and supporters during an array of commencement ceremonies. This year, 8,460 graduates earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees across the Fall 2025 and Spring and Summer 2026 terms. Our University-wide Commencement speaker, alumnus Hunter Powell — CSU track star and U.S. Olympic bobsledder — challenged graduates to adapt, persevere, and pursue bold goals. It was a fitting message for a graduating class that has already demonstrated so much determination and heart. Thank you to everyone who helped make commencement such a memorable and meaningful celebration. The photos below capture proud graduation moments along with many other favorite memories from this semester.

Student success remains our highest priority, and this year we saw remarkable progress. CSU achieved record student retention rates, including the largest single-year increase in university history. We also made gains in graduation rates and welcomed one of the most academically talented and diverse incoming classes ever — a powerful reminder that students continue to choose CSU because of the excellence, opportunity, and community they find here.

Our faculty, staff, and academic programs earned top national and international honors, including a No. 1 national ranking in occupational therapy, a No. 3 national ranking in veterinary medicine, and a No. 2 national ranking in

sustainability. CSU was also recognized as a top producer of Fulbright Scholars and Peace Corps Volunteers, reflecting our enduring commitment to global engagement and service.

These accomplishments reflect not only the talent and drive of our students, but also the extraordinary dedication of the faculty and staff who support them every day. What makes CSU special is not only our excellence, but the way we pursue it together. I am deeply grateful for the collaboration, mentorship, creativity, and care that define this community.

This year also required us to navigate real challenges and difficult decisions. Across the university, colleagues stepped forward with creativity, honesty, and a shared commitment to CSU's future. Through shared governance and campuswide collaboration, we continued important work to modernize our systems, launch Workday, advance budget redesign, strengthen cybersecurity, and expand CSU Online. Through it all, we worked to keep our mission — and our people — at the center of every decision.

The future of CSU is rising all around us. The Veterinary Hospital and Education Complex is nearly complete, further cementing CSU's place as a global leader in veterinary medicine and research. Next year, the ATLAS laser facility will open as one of the world's most powerful research centers. The Clark Building is being reimaged, with Clark Hall opening this fall and Ann Gill Hall soon after. And the Don and Susie Law Engineering Future Technologies Building remains on track for a Fall 2028 opening. These projects will create extraordinary opportunities for discovery, innovation, and student success, and we are grateful to our generous donors and to our state legislature for helping make them possible.

Ram fans also have plenty to celebrate as we prepare to officially join the Pac-12 Conference on July 1 and begin an exciting new era for CSU Athletics. Our women's basketball and men's indoor and outdoor track teams captured Mountain West Championships, while men's basketball hosted a National Invitation Tournament game at Moby for the first time. We set attendance records in volleyball and women's and men's basketball, and last season's homecoming football game drew the largest crowd in Canvas Stadium history. Before long, we'll have the chance to top that mark as we kick off football season this fall as proud members of the Pac-12.

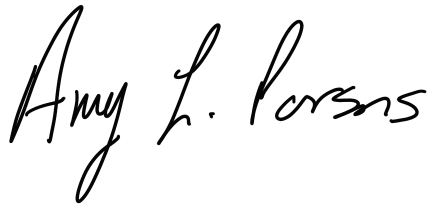
As the academic year comes to a close, I hope you find time this summer to recharge and enjoy time with family, friends, and loved ones. Summer at CSU also promises much to look forward to. The Lagoon Concert Series returns June 10, filling Wednesday evenings with live music from Colorado bands. Canvas Stadium will host Professional Bull Riders Bulls and Beats July 10–12, featuring world-class competition, a new Collegiate All-Star Rodeo, and three nights of live music from Brad Paisley, Bailey Zimmerman, and Miranda Lambert.

At a time when higher education — and the world around us — continues to evolve rapidly, I remain deeply optimistic about CSU's future. Every day, I see this university living out the promise of a modern land-grant institution: expanding opportunity, advancing discovery, strengthening communities, and preparing leaders for the future.

Thank you for all you do to make Colorado State University such a remarkable

place. I look forward to welcoming the Class of 2030 with you this fall.

With gratitude,



Amy Parsons  
President, Colorado State University



Congratulations to CSU's [Class of 2026!](#)



For the first time, CSU's [doctoral program in occupational therapy](#) was ranked No. 1 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.



CSU continues long-standing excellence in [veterinary medicine](#), with our doctoral program in veterinary medicine remaining at No. 3 nationally. This spring, the work of researchers in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences was featured on [60 Minutes](#) and seen by 8 million viewers.



Six faculty members were named as new [University Distinguished Professors](#): Joel Bacon, Francesca Cotrufo, Steven Dow, Charles Henry, Anireddy Reddy, and Melinda Smith. This is the highest academic honor bestowed on tenured faculty at CSU.



[Rams Rise](#) day of giving inspired extraordinary generosity with more than 2,000 donors coming together to raise over \$1.8M in support of CSU and our students.



Rams showed up in full force at this year's [National Western Stock Show](#). CSU's [Spur](#) campus in Denver was part of the NWSS footprint this year. Tens of thousands of visitors enjoyed CSU's Ag Adventure exhibit and the CSU Seed Stock team showcased their expertise.



Semifinalists for the inaugural [Colorado Democracy Prize](#) were announced at CSU's third annual Democracy Summit this spring.



Selected student and alumni artwork is showcased in Magnolia House throughout the coming year as part of CSU's new [President's Art Prize](#).



CSU women's basketball team defeated Air Force to claim the [Mountain West Championship](#) title and earn a well-deserved return to the NCAA March Madness.



CSU men's track and field claimed its third straight [Mountain West Indoor Conference](#) title this year and last weekend, men's outdoor track and field won the [Mountain West Outdoor Championship](#). Coach Bedard was named MW Coach of the Year for the 22nd time.



A new sculpture, [That Which Holds Us Together](#), by alumnus and internationally recognized artist Pard Morrison, was unveiled outside of the University Center for the Arts.



For the 70th year, CSU's [World Unity Fair](#) welcomed thousands of community members of all ages for a vibrant celebration of global cultures. More than 70 countries were represented at this year's event.



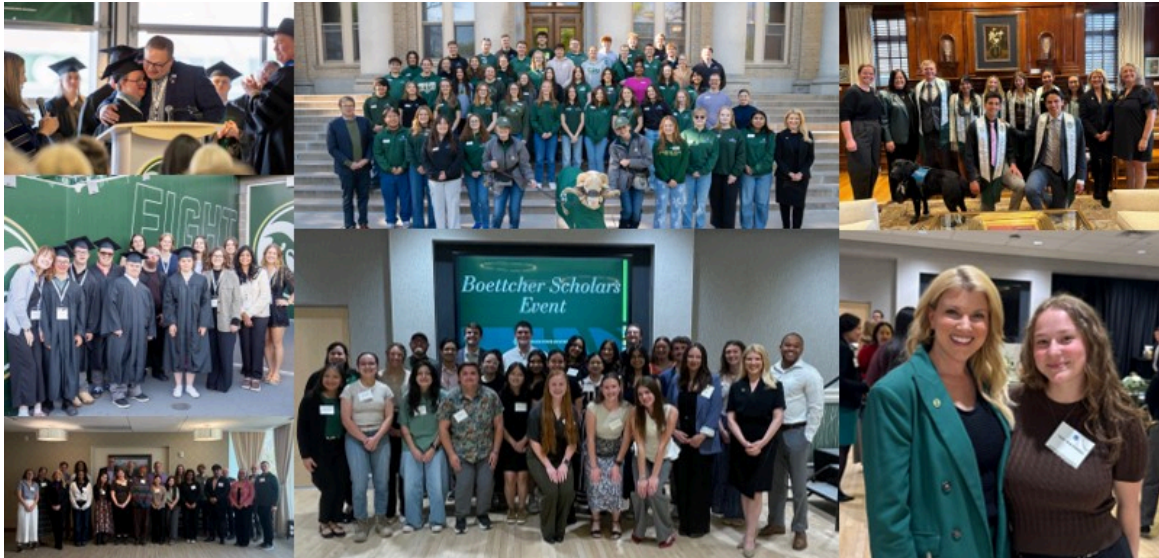
CSU [Air Force ROTC](#) was named the region's best for the seventh time.



A full slate of spring performances at the [University Center for the Arts](#) reflected the creativity and excellence that define CSU.



CSU leadership visited Southeastern Colorado to meet with community members, CSU alumni, public officials, and CSU Extension faculty and staff.



This spring, we celebrated some of CSU's most exceptional students, from our Presidential Ambassadors to Blake, Boettcher, Daniels, Monfort, Puksta, Reisher, and Scott scholars, as well as our first cohort of Rams Scholars—here are several of these group photos.



[PBR Bulls and Beats](#) comes to Canvas Stadium July 10-12 for three days of rodeo action and live country music. Hope to see you there!



Excitement continues building as CSU prepares for its Pac-12 transition July 1st, and we can't wait for the energy around fall athletics.



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