



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Celebrating Our Ram Community

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Dear CSU Community,

Congratulations on a successful academic year! This spring culminated with honoring 5,349 CSU graduates at a spectacular University-wide Commencement at Canvas Stadium and at 37 meaningful recognition events across campus. Graduates were inspired by commencement speaker and CSU alumnus Eugene Daniels, president of the White House Correspondents' Association, Senior Washington Correspondent for MSNBC, and co-host of The Weekend. Thanks to everyone who worked to make commencement so special. As we celebrate new beginnings for CSU's Class of 2025, let's also reflect on what we've accomplished together—the photos below highlight just a few of my favorite moments.

This year, as students, faculty, and staff, we made measurable progress toward our top priority: student success. We saw higher graduation rates and improvements in retention. Our faculty continued to earn recognition for excellence in teaching and scholarship, with over 50 faculty receiving prestigious national and international recognition this year. Their dedicated efforts enhanced undergraduate engagement in research, artistry, and community engagement; advanced impactful research; and increased the national reputation of programs across our University.

This year's state budget shortfalls and a shifting federal landscape brought ongoing challenges and uncertainties. Our institution, students, faculty, and staff are being affected in profound ways, and I am immensely grateful to everyone who is working to analyze and respond to these circumstances. We will continue to work together to navigate the difficulties we will face in the coming months.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to our system of shared governance—your voices in meetings, councils, committees, and the Incident Management Team have helped shape our direction. Special thanks to the faculty and staff working to enhance our systems and processes.

Your efforts have driven progress on major initiatives including the Strategic Roadmap, budget model redesign, the new HR Workday system, and the Cybersecurity Alignment Initiative.

As our systems modernize, our campus continues to evolve, too. Planning and construction is underway on major projects that will shape the future of CSU: the Veterinary Health and Education Complex, the ATLAS laser facility, revitalization of the Clark Building, and the Don and Susie Law Engineering Future Technologies Building—all designed to expand opportunities for future generations of Rams.

We're also proud of the momentum in CSU Athletics. As we prepare for our transition to the Pac-12, our teams continue to shine, propelled by record game attendance and more community support than ever before. CSU is building a championship culture, with conference championships won by women's volleyball, men's indoor and outdoor track and field, and men's basketball, and football competing in the Arizona Bowl. We are so proud of all our students' engagement, whether in D1 sports, club teams, or in hundreds of student organizations.

CSU continued to model democracy in action this year through active student government, our second annual Democracy Summit, academic programs, and guest speakers with a wide range of viewpoints. Our University is becoming recognized as a leader in this space and will continue to advance toward becoming the national model for the modern land-grant university.

This collective success is a direct reflection of you—our remarkable CSU community. As summer begins, I hope you find time to slow down, reconnect with loved ones, and recharge. Summer at CSU will have its own energy. I'll see many of you at Canvas Stadium enjoying the Professional Bull Riders competitions and concerts featuring country artists Tim McGraw and Jon Pardi; at the Lagoon concerts with Colorado-based bands; across campus welcoming visiting and incoming students; and around the state during CSU's annual state tour. This fall, we'll celebrate our 155th year of excellence. I'm already looking forward to welcoming everyone back!

With gratitude,

Amy Parsons
President, Colorado State University



Congratulations Class of 2025



CSU's three-day Democracy Summit in March featured [NCAA President Charlie Baker and other national leaders.](#)



CSU Alumni Association hosted the 2025 Best Teacher Awards.



CSU earned distinction as a national leader in advancing first-generation student success.



Associated Students of CSU and CSU Snowriders brought RailJam to campus for another year of shredding on the LSC lawn.



Two CSU graduate programs, Occupational Therapy and Veterinary Medicine, were ranked among the top three in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.



We celebrated some of CSU's most remarkable students, including Presidential Ambassadors and Blake, Boettcher, Daniels, Monfort, Puksta, Reisher, and Scott Scholars.



International Programs and the Indian Students Association host the 2025 Color Run at Colorado State University. March 29, 2025



The Veterinary Health and Education Complex, the ATLAS laser facility, the Law Engineering Future Technologies Building, and the Clark Building revitalization will transform campus.



Ram fans brought the energy to [CSU Day at the National Western Stock Show.](#)



The 2025 MLK Jr. Day celebration brought the theme of “Justice Everywhere, Mission Possible” to life.



CSU Army ROTC was named the region’s best medium program by the U.S. Army.



CSU's Men's Outdoor Track and Field won the 2025 Mountain West championship.



Men's Basketball won its second-ever Mountain West Tournament title.



Fans came out in force to cheer on the [Rams at the Snoop Dogg Arizona Bowl.](#)



[Performances at the University Center for the Arts](#) were among the host of spring events that displayed scholarship and artistry.



Outstanding students, faculty, alumni, public servants, community members, and high-profile leaders were featured on [“The Next 150 with CSU President Amy Parsons” podcast.](#)

COLLEGES:

Agricultural Sciences

Business

Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering

Health and Human Sciences

Liberal Arts

Warner College of Natural Resources

Natural Sciences

Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS:

Graduate School

International Programs

Online Degrees and Courses

School of Materials Science and Engineering

School of Music, Theatre and Dance

School of Biomedical and Chemical Engineering

School of Education

School of Global Environmental Sustainability

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