Colorado State University is proudly celebrating 150 years of educating students, conducting critical research and serving the citizens of Colorado. We were founded in 1870 on the fundamental ideals of providing broad access to education and preparing our students to thrive in an ever-changing world. We remain committed to those same ideals today. Even as our world evolves, as the demographics of our communities change, and as we transform CSU to meet new challenges, our access and inclusion imperative remains.

As President of Colorado State University, I am committed to ensuring that everyone, in Colorado and beyond, recognizes the quality of teaching, research and service at CSU. This annual InFact update presents data on how we measure progress in areas from student access and achievement to how we serve and enrich the lives of the citizens of Colorado. InFact also provides an overview of the data that demonstrate our institutional commitment to excellence. We are proud to share a host of additional research briefs, surveys and planning documents at www.ir.colostate.edu that demonstrate our unrelenting drive to improve Colorado’s land-grant institution.

Joyce McConnell
President
Students are at the core of any university’s purpose. Our growing student body reinforces our knowledge that Colorado State is not just a great place to learn and grow, but also a value to our students.

Colorado State prides itself on being a crossroads at which the state’s students converge to learn and grow. Between our in-state student body, growing non-resident interest, and overall increased diversity, our campus community is more authentic and relevant than ever, exposing students to a wide variation of backgrounds and worldviews.
Excellence begins with an engaged and capable freshman class. Year after year, Colorado State’s incoming freshmen revitalize campus with their spirit and energy. They also bring a lot of knowledge; with an average 3.69 GPA and a 25.6 composite ACT score, their baseline knowledge allows our University to reach higher as soon as they enroll.

5,204 New Freshmen

23% OF ADMITTED STUDENTS ENROLL

1186 AVERAGE COMBINED SAT

3.69 GPA

70th HS RANK

25.6 AVERAGE ACT SCORE

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### Departments with the most undergraduate PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MAJORS

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**Total Undergraduate Fields of Study:** 76
There’s something magical about the Colorado State experience: students find big university opportunities, but enjoy a small college feel. One reason is our small class sizes. Those intimate lectures and small labs yield huge results in student learning and student-faculty interaction.

**STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO & CLASS SIZE**

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**STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO** 16:1
At CSU, supporting students through graduation is our primary goal and our nationally recognized “Student Success Initiatives” were implemented to help each of our students reach their full potential.

At all stages and in all initiatives, one guiding principle has been central: Increases in student success are a function of undergraduate engagement and deep learning. To that end, CSU has strategically placed 110 Academic Success Coordinators in colleges and departments to ensure that students are provided with every tool and support necessary to graduate. The Coordinators focus especially on students’ success in their first two years, including support for a successful transition to university academic expectations, exploration and confirmation of a major, and progression toward a degree.

STUDENT SUCCESS

17 Learning Communities

85% Percent Freshman Retention

69% Percent Six Year Graduation Rate

1,231 Largest Number of Degrees Awarded Liberal Arts

79 Percent of those who graduate, do so in 4.5 years or less

40% Percent STEM Bachelor’s Degrees
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**Students Worked**

- **GRADUATES WOULD CHOOSE CSU AGAIN**: 9/10
- **OF STUDENTS participated in community service or volunteer work**: 47%
- **56% PARTICIPATED IN A COMMUNITY SERVICE OR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY**
- **53% PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERNSHIP**
- **67% PARTICIPATED IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
- **39 PERCENT on campus**
- **53 PERCENT off campus**

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CSU graduates are getting the most out of their degrees. Not only have 85 percent secured their first-destination plans within six months of earning their degree, 82 percent of respondents indicated their future plans were related to their major. They work all over the country and internationally, and they use their degrees to get their jobs.

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR EARNINGS

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170 unique institutions for further education
1,700 unique organizations hiring

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY FOR RECENT CSU GRADUATES

85 percent of CSU graduates secured their first-destination plans by the following December.
Fulfilling our land-grant mission to serve the people of Colorado and the world is our ever-guiding principle; making sure that every state resident who’s qualified has a chance to earn a college degree is a huge part of that mission. We’re offering opportunities to all residents: 25 percent of our undergraduate student population self-identifies as a racial or ethnic minority, and one in four is a first-generation student.

In the 2018-19 academic year, 22 percent of our undergraduates received Pell Grants and 18 percent benefited from the CSU Tuition Assistance Grant, an institutional initiative that helps ensure income isn’t a barrier to higher education for eligible Colorado residents.
Keeping a college education affordable is just as important as making it accessible. At CSU, we have made a concerted effort to limit tuition increases despite shrinking state support.

While CSU’s tuition remains the lowest among the state’s R1 research universities, we have created programs to offset the cost of a college education. The CSU Tuition Assistance Grant was designed to help students in homes with an adjusted gross income of less than $110,000, and 80 percent of our incoming students receive some sort of financial aid.

CSU has always been committed to attracting the brightest students to its campus and that means we provide opportunities to every qualified student, regardless of their family’s economic circumstances. Nearly 1 in 5 students receive benefit from the landmark CSU Tuition Assistance Grant. Colorado State connects its students to Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, and hundreds of institutional scholarships. Students who are Pell Grant eligible may receive grant funds to cover 100% of their share of base tuition.

$123 Million
Total Grant Aid Received by Undergraduates

$5,307
average federal loan

4,688
number of undergraduates receiving CSU TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT

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GLOBALIZATION

CSU is on the rise and the world is taking note. Our rapidly globalizing student body tells the whole story.

CSU’s continued enrollment growth thrives on international interest. With 2,026 international students representing more than 100 countries, our campus continues to adopt an international worldview. When international students arrive, they’re not alone; they are mentored and taught by international faculty from around the globe. As a result, students find an inclusive and open atmosphere at Colorado State.

Domestic CSU students are discovering a global outlook, too. In 2018-19, through our Education Abroad program, 1,558 CSU students studied in 77 countries. Other students participate in one of our 17 foreign university partnerships or practice at CSU’s Todos Santos Center in Mexico. Once they graduate, CSU alumni are leaders in the nation in Peace Corps volunteerism.

Even while at home in Fort Collins, opportunities for cultural exploration are growing with the establishment of a Confucius Institute focusing on water and environmental sustainability on a global scale.
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CSU Ventures, a business unit of the CSU Research Foundation, is dedicated to the business of technology transfer and commercialization. Its goal is to accelerate the transfer of cutting edge research into meaningful products and services that can enrich people’s lives locally, nationally and globally.

$3.82 Million in licensing revenue

52 Licenses

47 Patents Issued

127 Invention disclosures

CSU is one of the world’s top research universities and a recognized leader in cancer research, atmospheric science, animal science, climate change, forest and wildlife management, engineering, and water management.

$347 Million sponsor awards in FY19

29% Increase in sponsored award dollars over the last five years

36% Increase in proposal dollars over the last five years

RESEARCH

in licensing revenue

RESEARCH
Colorado State University’s State Your Purpose fundraising campaign has been a record-breaking success. Because of generous support from donors, including more than 130,000 individuals and 5,000 organizations, we reached our unprecedented $1 billion goal nearly two years ahead of schedule — impacting our students, faculty, research, and facilities in ways like never before.

There is more to do to ensure CSU’s land-grant mission thrives during its next 150 years. But for now, we celebrate you and thank you for supporting CSU.

Learn more about the impact of giving at giving.colostate.edu
CSU’s main campus is in Fort Collins but its influence extends to every corner of the state. CSU Extension was established in 1908 and has offices which are easily accessible to all 64 counties. Extension offices apply research to local issues such as cutting-edge agricultural production, water quality and conservation, nutrition and food safety, 4-H youth development, gardening, and community economic development. The Office of Engagement connects communities around shared solutions through education, research, and leadership through its five departments including CSU Online, CSU Extension, and the Colorado Water Center.

- **4,100** 2019 online students
- **7** off campus and one on-campus Ag Experiment Stations
- **64** Colorado Counties are provided services by CSU Extension
- **19** area & field offices of the Colorado State Forest Service
Fort Collins, which has been home to CSU since the University’s inception in 1870, is a vibrant, friendly city of 168,000 tucked against the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Northern Colorado. The city boasts a lively arts and cultural scene, shopping in historic Old Town, a strong economy, and is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. With more than 285 miles of bike paths and trails, easy access to the scenic Poudre River and majestic Rocky Mountain National Park, and within easy driving distance of Colorado’s iconic ski areas, it is a year-round paradise. Boasting a mild climate, thriving high-tech industry, and some of the best microbreweries in the world, it’s no wonder Fort Collins annually ranks among the most livable small cities in the United States.