



## Fort Collins Branch Newsletter

February 2024

### FCB Class Updates

**Class of 2027:** These students completed the Renal and Urinary Systems Course on Jan. 26. They had their Traverse 3 week from Jan. 29 through Feb. 2. They will begin the Nervous System Course on Feb. 5, and this runs through March 8.

**Class of 2026:** These students are continuing their clinical clerkships.

**Class of 2025:** These students had Alpine Base Camp from Jan. 22 through Feb. 2. After Basecamp, this class begins the Alpine phase, including Acting Internships and other electives, for the rest of their curriculum.

### Student Recognitions

Congratulations to the following FCB students who were selected to present at the CVMBS Research Day on Jan. 27.

**\*Megan Mazzotta and KC Hummer (Class of 2025) presented the poster "Building a one health differential diagnosis: a comprehensive framework for healthcare providers."** The goal of this presentation was to introduce the concept of One Health, explain its importance in the context of healthcare/medical education, and present the framework we have developed to develop a "One Health differential diagnosis." Authors: KC Hummer, Megan Mazzotta, Dr. Marta Rowh and Dr. Anuja Riles.

**\*Jen Felker and Megan Mazzotta (Class of 2025) did a podium presentation on "Improving Health Care Literacy Among Patients with MS through a Flipped Classroom Model."** In this presentation, they discussed the work of the Brain Health Center of the Rockies team to empower their patients living with MS by improving patient education by using a flipped classroom model- the first use of it in patient education to date. Authors: Jen Felker, Megan Mazzotta, Andrea Mendez Colmenares, Jules Skoda, Kathy Keefer, Augusto Miravalle (presenters: Jen Felker, Megan Mazzotta)

### Highlighted Events:

#### CU Anschutz Events

Access the schedule for AMC events, including Grand Rounds, Lectures, Seminars, Workshops, & OSL events, at <https://calendar.cuanschutz.edu/calendar/upcoming/>.

#### FCB Office Days for Dean Scott (aka Dean Scotty)

Dr. Maurice Scott, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, will be in-person at the FCB on the following days and will be available to meet with students: Feb. 21, March 14, April 17, and May 16. To make an appointment or to confirm his open office hours, students can email him at [maurice.scott@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:maurice.scott@cuanschutz.edu).

#### Live Ice Carving in Old Town

Come see live ice carving in Old Town Square on Feb. 2 and 3 from 4-7:30 p.m. The ice sculpting will be done by Struckman Sculpture Ice. Presented by the Downtown Development Authority. For details, visit [Ice Carving in Old Town Square \(visitftcollins.com\)](https://www.visitftcollins.com)

## One Health Students Visit CSU Spur/Trails Update

The FCB is continuing to pioneer the new Trek curriculum with its newest addition: Trails. This longitudinal course began with two weeks of classes in January, followed by several months of independent work, before students come together again in September. Fort Collins has two Trail options: Health Systems & Community Leadership (led by Dr. Rebecca Bade) and One Health (led by Drs. Anuja Riles and Marta Rowh). Several AMC students elected to join the unique One Health Trail, and the whole class spent a day at the CSU SPUR campus, exploring the ways animals, humans, and the environment are interdependent on one another. These students will also be visiting departments of public health in Larimer and Weld counties as well as other hands-on excursions. Not to be outdone, the Health Systems & Community Leadership Trail includes a mentorship program pairing students with prominent health leaders in our area. (article by Theodora Hannan; photos by Dr. Anuja Riles).



## Student & Faculty Research

Are you engaged in research or scholarship at the CSUOM at CSU via a conference presentation or poster, publication, or grant award? Please help us keep track of student and faculty work! In particular, we'd like to showcase student research on the website. Students and faculty can log scholarly contributions via this link at any time: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/60ad3e42628a49b1b8613b1bb7f400ff>. Ellen Aster ([astere@colostate.edu](mailto:astere@colostate.edu)) and Valerie Lewis ([Valerie.Lewis@colostate.edu](mailto:Valerie.Lewis@colostate.edu)) are happy to answer questions or provide more information. Thank you!

## Black History Month

The CSU Black/African American Cultural Center (B/AACC) is inviting the campus community to **Black History Month Kick-off on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 4 p.m.** at the Lory Student Center Theater. Learn about the activities and programs that will be going on throughout the month, as well as about this year's theme, "**Black Destiny Month: Redesigning our Future.**"

Other events include:

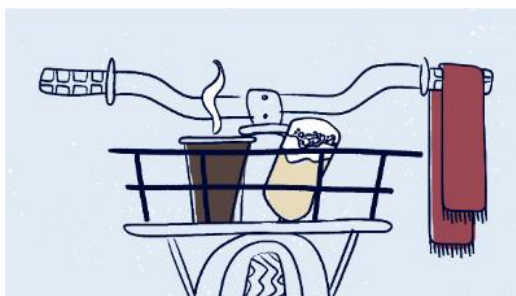
Tues., Feb. 6 – **Black History Month Surprise Film Showing**, 6 p.m. at the B/AACC office, LSC, Room 335.

Tues., Feb. 27 – **Black History Month Film: "The Cost of Inheritance"**, 6 p.m. at the Behavioral Science Building A101 (410 Pitkin).

Thurs., Feb. 29 – **Black History Month Meal** at 5 p.m. at Rams Horn Dining Hall.

Thurs., Feb. 29 – **Black History Month Closing: Open Mic Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the Michael Smith Alumni Center (701 Pitkin).

For details and a complete list of events, visit <https://baacc.colostate.edu/>.



## Winter Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day 2024

Fort Collins' Annual Winter Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day is on Friday, Feb. 9 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. CSU will have a station by the south side of the Oval with free food and coffee and interactive booths. Other stations will be available along bike routes throughout the city. Closing ceremonies will be on Olive Street between College Ave. and Mason Street. For details, visit <https://www.fcgov.com/bicycling/bike-to-work-day>

## FoCo and Denver Restaurant Weeks

**Great Plates of Fort Collins** will run from March 1-14. It not only is a celebration of Fort Collins' dining community but it is also a fundraiser for the Food Bank for Larimer County. Over 45 restaurants are participating and will offer menu specials. The restaurant guide for Great Plates will be available Feb. 14. For details, visit [Great Plates of Downtown™ | Dine | Downtown Fort Collins, CO.](#)



**Denver Restaurant Week** by Visit Denver runs from March 1-10. Get the opportunity to try a variety of Denver's dining establishments from casual to fine dining. The event will offer four price points for multi-course meals at restaurants throughout the city (\$25, \$35, \$45, and \$55). To-go and in-person options are available. For details, please visit <https://denverrestaurantweek.com/>.



## February in "Love"land

**Loveland Lights** runs from Feb. 1 through Feb. 18. Enjoy a world of pink and red lights to celebrate all-things-love. This

free musical light show runs nightly from 5-9 p.m. at Chapungu Sculpture Park (5995 Sky Pond Drive). <https://visitloveland.com/loveland-lights/>

The **Loveland Sweetheart Festival** is Saturday, Feb. 10 in downtown Loveland. This event features free fun in the Sweetheart City, including a day full of LIVE ice sculpting, fire and art demonstrations, musical and dance performances on the community stage, the Sweetheart Classic 4-Mile Race, and a concert by the electric string quartet Spinphony at the Rialto Theater at 7 p.m. For details, visit <https://visitloveland.com/sweetheartfestival/>.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, Loveland will host their **Annual Valentine's Day Group Wedding and Vow Renewal Ceremony** at Blue Arena (5290 Arena Circle, Loveland). The ceremony time is 4 p.m. on the ice at Blue Arena prior to the Eagles Hockey Game. For details, visit <https://www.valentinesdayinloveland.com/>.

## 2024 Women in Science Symposium

The Women in Science Network is expanding their Women in Science Symposium this year to include two days of events on Wed, March 6 and Thur., March 7 at the Lory Student Center at CSU. On March 6, the sessions, which run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will focus on bringing diverse voices and perspectives to discuss "How are we going to tackle cancer?...As it impacts us all." On March 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., local 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will interact with STEAM booths developed and hosted by diverse science and art programs across CSU and Northern Colorado. Registration for the symposium is open through Feb. 29. For details please visit <https://womeninscienceci.colostate.edu/wiss-2024/>.





## CSU Lectures, Seminars, and Other Educational Events

Sat., Feb. 3 from 7-8 p.m. – **Fort Collins Book Fest: Infinite West.** History is Haunting. And the West, in particular, is filled with the spirits of our ancestors, echoing with the voices of the dead. Tracing their way through the complex, intersecting paths of Indigenous dispossession, Chinese immigration, white supremacy and more, the three featured authors (Teow Lim Goh, Julie Carr, and Nina McConigley) write into the silences of American history – reckoning with the colonial legacy of the United States, exploring what it means to be an inheritor of violence, and trying to create a space where all of us can live. This event is sponsored by CSU Libraries and the CSU Department of English. The location for this event is the Art Lab at 239 Linden Street. For details, visit <https://focobookfest.org/event/infinite-west/>.

Sun., Feb. 4 from 3-4 p.m. – **Fort Collins Book Fest: Crossing the Field, Poetry and Photography.** This event at the Old Town Library will be led by author and artist Brad Vogler. Using text and photos, participants will investigate ways the elements in each find themselves interacting on and with one another. From there, event attendees will turn their attention to how they might work these observations and interactions into notes, poems, and larger projects of exploration outside of the workshop space. For details or to register, visit <https://focobookfest.org/event/crossing-the-field-poetry-and-photography/>.

Tues., Feb. 13 from 6-7 p.m. – **Fort Collins Book Fest: An Evening with Laura Pritchett.** This event at the Old Town Library will feature a discussion with Laura Pritchett on her newest book “Playing with (Wild)fire!” <https://focobookfest.org/event/an-evening-with-laura-pritchett/>

Wed., Feb. 14 from 3-5 p.m. – **CSU Climate Initiative Talks: Climate Justice and Design.** This session will explore climate justice, conservation and indigenous rights, climate action and resilience in design, and the application of native science to climate responses. This event is at Avogadro’s Number (605 S. Mason). Contact email is: [climate\\_initiative@colostate.edu](mailto:climate_initiative@colostate.edu).

Thur., Feb. 15 from 6-8 pm. – **Pharaoh 171 Artist Talk and Reception.** Hear Joe Pekara, aka Pharaoh 171 talk about his upcoming exhibition, his work in photography and the music industry, and other recent work. The event is at the University Center for the Arts – Gregory Allcar Museum of Art. For details, visit <https://artmuseum.colostate.edu/events/pharaoh-171-artist-talk-and-reception/>.

Sat., Feb. 17 from 5-9 p.m. – **World Unity Fair.** Back for its 68<sup>th</sup> year, the World Unity Fair at CSU is the best way to travel the globe in a few hours with food, music, dance and traditions from around the world. Hop from table to table as CSU students showcase elements of their countries and cultures in ways most meaningful to them. The event is in the Lory Student Center Ballroom. [68th World Unity Fair - International Programs \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/world-unity-fair/).

Thurs., Feb. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. – **Charley Friedman Artist Talk and Reception**. Listen to this artist talk about the development of Soundtracks for the Present Future. This event will be at the UCA – Gregory Allicar Museum of Art. For more information, visit [Charley Friedman Artist Talk and Reception - Gregory Allicar Museum of Art | Colorado State University \(colostate.edu\)](https://www.colostate.edu/charley-friedman-artist-talk-and-reception-gregory-allicar-museum-of-art)

Fri., Feb. 23 from 6-8 p.m. – **The Art of Flavor Cooking Workshop**. This class has a heart health focus and will teach “The Art of Flavor: Using Herbs, Acids, and Cooking Techniques to Build Flavor Beyond the Saltshaker.” There is a cost for this class, which will be in the Gifford Building (502 W. Lake). For details and to register, visit <https://fshn-colostate.nbsstore.net/the-art-of-flavor-cooking-class>.

Sat., Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – **The Little Shop of Physics**. This family event is free and open to the public at the Lory Student Center. Join CSU staff and students for over 300 hands-on science experiments and interactive presentations. <https://www.lsop.colostate.edu/open-house/>

Sat., March 2 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – **Family Day at the Gregory Allicar Museum of Art**. This free open house will include art activities designed for ages 5-12, as well as fun for the whole family. <https://artmuseum.colostate.edu/events/family-day-6/>.

## AHEC and CSU Spur Housing

FCB students have several options for housing while doing electives and active internships in the Denver Metro Area. In addition to the housing offered through the Colorado Area Health Education Center, CSU offers SPUR housing in the Denver area. The FCB team is working to finalize the SPUR partnership and process and will send out information to students when that option is available.

To apply for AHEC Housing: start by complete the following form 60 days ahead of your rotation. The FCB Admin Team will submit the request to AHEC and provide confirmation of the rotation.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fb02b143056a408c925976ecb681927a>

## Campus Activities



### CSU Home Athletics

Sat., Feb. 3, **Women’s Basketball vs. San Diego State**, 1 p.m., Moby Arena

Tues., Feb. 6, **Men’s Basketball vs. Boise State**, 7 p.m., Moby Arena

Wed., Feb. 7, **Women’s Basketball vs. Fresno State**, 6:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Fri., Feb. 9, **Men’s Basketball vs. San Jose State**, 7:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Sat., Feb. 10, **Women’s Tennis vs. Missouri**, 12:30 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex

Sat., Feb. 17, **Women’s Basketball vs. Wyoming**, 12:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Sat., Feb. 17, **Men’s Basketball vs. Utah State**, 3:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Sat., Feb. 24, **Women's Tennis vs. Northern Arizona**, 1 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex

Sun., Feb. 25, **Women's Tennis vs. Colorado**, 12 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex

Tues., Feb. 27, **Men's Basketball vs. Nevada**, 8:30 p.m., Moby Arena

Wed., Feb. 28, **Women's Basketball vs. Nevada**, 11 a.m., Moby Arena

Fri., March 1, **Softball vs. Iowa State**, 12 p.m. and 3 p.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 2, **Softball vs. Iowa State**, 11 a.m., Fort Collins

Sat., March 2, **Women's Tennis vs. Grand Canyon**, 12:30 p.m., CSU Tennis Complex

Sat., March 2, **Men's Basketball vs. Wyoming**, 2 p.m., Moby Arena

Sat., March 2, **Softball vs. Manhattan College**, 4 p.m., Fort Collins

Sun., March 3, **Softball vs. Manhattan College**, 11 a.m., Fort Collins

Tues., March 5, **Women's Basketball vs. Boise State**, 6:30 p.m., Moby Arena

For details, ticket information, and a complete schedule of events, visit <https://csurams.com/>.



### CU Home Athletics

Fri., Feb. 2, **CU Track**, All Day, Colorado Invitational, Boulder

Sat., Feb. 3, **CU Track**, All Day, Colorado Invitational, Boulder

Thurs., Feb. 8, **Men's Basketball vs. Arizona State**, 6 p.m., Boulder

Fri., Feb. 9, **Women's Basketball vs. Oregon**, 7 p.m., Boulder

Sat., Feb. 10, **Tennis vs. Air Force**, 10 a.m., Boulder

Sat., Feb. 10, **Men's Basketball vs. Arizona**, Time TBD, Boulder

Sun., Feb. 11, **Women's Basketball vs. Oregon State**, 12 p.m., Boulder

Sun., Feb. 11, **Lacrosse vs. Louisville**, Time TBD, Boulder

Thurs., Feb. 22, **Lacrosse vs. Northwestern**, 11 a.m., Boulder

Fri., Feb. 23, **Tennis vs. Northern Arizona**, 6 p.m., Boulder

Sat., Feb. 24, **Men's Basketball vs. Utah**, 7 p.m., Boulder

Wed., Feb. 28, **Men's Basketball vs. California**, 6 p.m., Boulder

Thurs., Feb. 29, **Women's Basketball vs. Washington**, 7 p.m., Boulder

Sat., March 2, **Women's Basketball vs. Washington State**, 1 p.m., Boulder

Sun., March 3, **Men's Basketball vs. Stanford**, 7 p.m., Boulder

For details, ticket information and a complete schedule of events, please visit <https://cubuffs.com/>

### Music and Theatre at CSU

Mon., Feb. 5 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Bryan Wallick, Piano, and Romina Monsanto, Cello**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Tues., Feb. 6 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Classical Convergence Series: Vitamin String Quartet**, The Lincoln Center. For tickets, visit [www.lctix.com](http://www.lctix.com).

Wed., Feb. 7 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Becker-Bogard Duo**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Thurs., Feb. 8 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Virtuoso Series Concert: Stanley Curtis, Trumpet**, Organ Recital Hall, UCA

Mon., Feb. 12 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Guest Artist Concert: Navy Band Northwest Brass Quintet**, Organ Recital Hall

Thurs., Feb. 22 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Wind Symphony Concert: Musica Populi**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA

Fri., Feb. 23 @ 7:30 p.m. – **Concert Band Concert: Music in Motion**, Griffin Concert Hall, UCA





## FCB Faculty Spotlight

### Ellison (Ellie) McNutt, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences



Ellison (Ellie) McNutt is a comparative anatomist and functional morphologist. She spent the last two years as an Assistant Professor in Biomedical Sciences at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine teaching gross anatomy and related fields to first- and second-year medical students. She earned her Masters in biological anthropology from Boston University and her PhD in the same at Dartmouth College, within their Ecology, Evolution, Ecosystems, and Society Program.

Driving her interest in anatomy and functional morphology is a desire to understand how animals move through, interact with, and are changed by the world around them. She is particularly interested in understanding the origin and evolution of the human lineage. Her research program utilizes multiple approaches to understand and reconstruct locomotor behavior in extinct ape and human ancestors. Her fieldwork primarily takes place in Southern and Eastern Africa.

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