WE ARE COLORADO.

THREE CAMPUSSES. ONE MISSION.

The Colorado State University System exists to support, enhance, and protect the unique missions of its constituent institutions and to encourage collaboration that benefits students and Colorado.

VISION
The Colorado State University System will create the financial sustainability to fulfill its mission, while expanding its statewide presence and creating opportunities for building a stronger future for Colorado.

VALUES
We embrace these values as we fulfill Our Commitment to Building a Stronger Colorado:

- An entrepreneurial attitude, while consistently demonstrating fiscal responsibility and resourcefulness
- A passion for excellence and a commitment to continuous quality improvement
- A willingness to collaborate and work with others in an environment of respect and trust
- A commitment to open communication, ethical conduct, and full accountability
- A loyalty to the mission, with a specific emphasis on meeting student needs
- An appreciation for diversity and inclusiveness
We acknowledge, with respect, the history of the land on which our campuses reside and the Indigenous people who made their home in Colorado long before our universities were established – and who continue to lead and influence the path and mission of the CSU System.

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While there are various definitions, this report focuses on “impact” in the sense of leaving a lasting, and even transformational, impression. As a higher education system, our greatest purpose is to have an impact on the lives of students and the life, culture, and economy of our state, communities, and country.

Our faculty have an impact in the classroom and in their disciplines. Our graduates use their knowledge to impact their world. Our educators and researchers have an impact on the school children they interact with at CSU Spur. Our Extension staff impact families and communities in every Colorado county.

This report can’t fully convey the power of all the work that happens on behalf of Colorado State University on a daily basis. For that, we encourage you to visit our campuses and centers, meet with our people, and experience all that CSU has to offer.

On these pages, we simply aim to provide a snapshot of our System and its reach, to spotlight a few high points from this year, and to invite you to engage with CSU as your Colorado land-grant university.
The CSU System, established in 1985, has three degree-granting campuses—the flagship research university in Fort Collins, a regionally focused Hispanic Serving Institution in Pueblo, and a fully online public university, CSU Global. This year, we opened the third and final building of CSU Spur, a public (non-degree-granting) campus in Denver focused on learning and discovery connected with food, water, and human and animal health.

In addition, we have Todos Santos, an international campus in Baja Sur, Mexico, and are partners in the Sturm Collaboration Campus with Arapahoe Community College and Douglas County School District.

The CSU System is overseen by the Board of Governors, which has nine members appointed by the Governor of Colorado and six non-voting members representing the faculty and students of each campus.

Administration of the CSU System is led by the Chancellor, and the CSU System office in Denver provides administrative and coordinating support to share knowledge, promote efficiencies, and advance the work of the universities and Spur.

**THE CSU SYSTEM PROVIDES**

- Transformational project development and support
- Campus oversight, integration, and support
- State and federal government relations

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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

Josh Greer, 30, and Gabi Garcia Greer, 28 grew up in Southern Colorado and graduated from CSU Pueblo in 2017 and 2018, respectively. Both studied computer information systems, with concentrations in cybersecurity. They work together at the U.S. Department of Defense. “For me, waking up and knowing I’m contributing to our national security is really rewarding,” Josh said. “There’s critical infrastructure we need to protect in order to protect our citizens and our neighbors. It’s a dream to know we’re making a difference. I feel like I’m answering a call.”
Like all systems of higher education, the Colorado State University System fulfills its purpose through the quality and responsiveness of the academic, research, and service programs and functions of its constituent campuses. The aggregation of three very different campuses, as revealed by their distinctive classifications, programs, and roles within Colorado and the region, country, and world, provides the foundation for the System to respond to the divergent needs that exist within reach of the campuses. Because of the clear and direct relationship to state and national competitiveness in an increasingly interconnected global society and economy, the CSUS campuses each contribute in appropriate ways to the future envisioned for Colorado and the nation by helping to prepare citizens to meet the challenges of the future. CSU Global engages nontraditional students working toward their personal and professional goals; CSU Pueblo empowers diverse learners for academic and career success in economically important fields; and CSU Fort Collins enables undergraduate and graduate students to collaborate with world-class faculty in the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge essential to national well-being.

The three campuses of the CSU System educate more than 50,000 students annually and contribute to the world through research, thought leadership, and the economic and civic impacts of highly skilled graduates.

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The CSU System campuses have more than 311,000 living alumni working, contributing, and leading in industries and communities worldwide.
A MESSAGE FROM CHANCELLOR FRANK

“The work we are doing across the CSU System is fundamentally about unlocking human potential. We accomplish this by discovering, applying, and passing on knowledge. Each of our campuses has a distinct role to play in preparing students to serve our communities, our state, the country, and the globe as leaders, citizens, and problem solvers.

“Our land-grant mission of promoting access and opportunity guides us each day as we welcome and support students from all walks of life. We are very proud of the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who make up this academic community.

“This report highlights recent achievements while providing a snapshot of ongoing activities and initiatives.”  - Dr. Tony Frank, CSU System Chancellor

CSU SYSTEM BY THE NUMBERS

The CSU System and its campuses employed about 7,400 full-time faculty and staff members in 2021. With combined earnings of nearly $540 million in 2021, these employees contribute directly to the economic vitality of our state and its communities as taxpayers and consumers.

The CSU System and the three campuses were included in more than 80,000 news stories this year in publications ranging from the *Fort Collins Coloradoan, Pueblo Chieftain, and Denver Post* to *Forbes* and the *The New York Times*, and on broadcasts from Colorado Public Radio, CBS 4, KOAA, and other stations; and accounted for more than 2.2 million impressions generated on social media (primarily LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter).

STATE MAGAZINE

*STATE*, the award-winning magazine of the CSU System, is published twice yearly and reaches about 60,000 households, with a target audience of policymakers and community leaders across the state.

A second title, *STATE Spotlight*, is a single-topic issue focusing on a subject of interest to policymakers and voters; it publishes once a year.
**1870: COLORADO ESTABLISHES A LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY**
Six years before Colorado became a state, the territorial governor authorized the creation of Colorado’s own land-grant university — the Agricultural College of Colorado, which was located in Fort Collins and would later become Colorado State University.

**1884: CSU’S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS EARNS THEIR DIPLOMAS**
Among the three graduates is Libbie Coy, the first woman to graduate from any college or university in the State of Colorado.

**1933: COLORADO INVESTS IN CREATION OF JUNIOR COLLEGES**
In the heart of the Great Depression, driven by widespread concerns about traditional higher education not serving all Americans, Colorado invested in the creation of junior colleges. Southern Colorado Junior College, which would later become the University of Southern Colorado and then CSU Pueblo, opened its doors with 63 students and two faculty members.
1985: CSU SYSTEM CREATED -- The Board of Governors of the CSU System – then the State Board of Agriculture – created the CSU System to support its universities in fulfilling their missions. The CSU System originally included CSU in Fort Collins, CSU Pueblo (formerly University of Southern Colorado), and Fort Lewis College, which left the System to become a separate entity in 2002.

2007: CSU GLOBAL ESTABLISHED; FIRST OF ITS KIND
CSU Global is created as the nation’s first fully online, fully accredited, public university — an integral step in CSU’s commitment to serving the educational needs of Colorado.

2022: CSU SPUR OPENS ITS DOORS IN DENVER, COLORADO
The CSU Spur campus opens at the National Western Center, with the promise of diverse programming around food, water, and health; open access; and learning and discovery that serve our local and global communities.
Inspired by its land-grant heritage, CSU is committed to excellence, setting the standard for public research universities in teaching, research, service, and extension for the benefit of the citizens of Colorado, the United States, and the world.

CSU is among the country’s 146 doctoral institutions with Research 1, or R1, status, reflecting “very high research activity,” the highest research classification available from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The university is also one of 357 colleges and universities – and one of only three in Colorado – holding the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement. CSU has world-leading programs in veterinary medicine, translational medicine, and animal cancer; environmental and climate research; innovative agricultural sciences; more than a century of prominence in water research; internationally renowned research in fields ranging from alternative energy, lasers, and soil science to global business and communications; and it oversees Colorado Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station networks, including 4-H, and the Colorado State Forest Service.

“This year brings a sense of renewal and momentum to CSU. Our team is anchored by strong, long-serving, and newly appointed leaders across campus. Together, CSU’s remarkable faculty, staff, students, and supporters are on the leading edge of delivering on our land-grant mission.” - Amy Parsons, CSU President

CSU’S PRESENCE

• 586-acre main campus, which includes 101 acres for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital
• 1,433-acre foothills campus
• 1,575-acre agricultural campus
• 1,600-acre CSU Mountain Campus
• 11 Agricultural Research Centers and 17 Colorado State Forest Service field offices statewide
• CSU Extension serves every county in the state
• Forbes magazine named CSU the best educational employer in Colorado in 2022.

• CSU was the first university to receive a Platinum rating from the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) in 2015. CSU was also the first institution in the world to receive the highest rating on the biennial assessment four consecutive times.

• CSU’s Professional Veterinary Medicine Program, its vet school, is ranked No. 2 in the nation, based on the most recent ranking by U.S. News & World Report; it has held a spot among the top three vet schools for at least two decades.

• CSU ranks 11th in the nation on a list of colleges and universities that have produced the most Peace Corps volunteers over the past 20 years. The ranking reflects a history of leadership in the Peace Corps – two CSU researchers conducted a feasibility study that helped lead to its founding in 1961. More than 1,750 Rams served as Peace Corps volunteers from 2003-2023.

• In 2022-23, the Rams extended their streak of winning Mountain West championships to 14 consecutive seasons, with women’s track and field claiming two titles. Academically, CSU student-athletes across 16 teams posted an NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 88%, the program’s highest mark ever on a metric that includes transfer students. The 6-year-graduation rate for student-athletes who remained at CSU, averaged over the most recent 4-year period, was 69%.

In 2016, CSU became the academic partner for the Semester at Sea study-abroad program, a multiple-country experience for students of all majors that emphasizes hands-on field experiences, comparative academic examination, and meaningful engagement in the global community.

Dr. Katlin Hornig, 32, is from Alamosa, Colorado, and graduated from CSU in 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in animal science, followed by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 2016. Hornig practices at a clinic she and her husband, Dr. Bryan Luark, own in southern Missouri. “It touches your heart,” Hornig said of her work. “We’ve always said, ‘You go into veterinary medicine because you love animals, but the reason you stay in veterinary medicine is because you love people.’”
CSU FORT COLLINS BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL FALL 2022 FTE ENROLLMENT
33.4K

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
26K

GRADUATE STUDENTS
6.7K

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
24% GENERATION

COLORADO RESIDENTS
67%

6-YEAR GRADUATION RATE
2016 MATRICULANTS
67%

DIVERSE ENROLLMENT
25%

WOMEN
54%

PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS
21%

CSU ONLINE: TOTAL FALL 2022 FTE ENROLLMENT
10.7K

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
5.1K

GRADUATE STUDENTS
5.6K

CREDIT HOURS
28.2K

COLORADO RESIDENTS
56%

WOMEN
51%

GENERATION STUDENTS
24%

COLORADO RESIDENTS
54%
In recent years, CSU Pueblo has focused on a commitment to accessible and affordable higher education by introducing the “Colorado Promise,” which covers tuition for eligible students whose household income is below $70,000. New programming at the baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral levels has reinvigorated numerous academic offerings, and the investment of more than $75 million in capital renewal projects has modernized much of campus. As a premier Hispanic Serving Institution, CSU Pueblo has secured more than $23 million in external funding to launch programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing the student experience.

“Our students continue to excel in and out of the classroom because of our commitment to experiential learning. CSU Pueblo consistently outperforms our peer institutions in student engagement because of this work, which takes students out into the field and communities to complete projects alongside faculty, staff, and fellow students. Our investment in athletics has yielded nationally ranked teams of student athletes who perform as well in academics as they do in their sports.”

- Dr. Timothy Mottet, CSU Pueblo President
CSU Pueblo, a recognized leader in net-zero energy performance, unveiled a new 23-acre solar farm to become the first net-zero institution in higher education in the continental United States. The university collaborated with Johnson Controls Inc., the Colorado Energy Office, the Colorado Office of the State Architect, the CSU System, Pueblo city and county officials, and partners at Black Hills Energy to put this nationally recognized solar project in service in 2022.

CSU Pueblo’s School of Nursing was included among the nation’s best schools for online degrees and certificates in the healthcare field in 2023, ranking 189th nationally for the online master’s degree in nursing program, according to The Princeton Review’s 2023 list of Top Online Nursing Programs.

The CSU Pueblo CyberWolves ranked 7th in the country following the Spring 2023 National Cyber League (NCL) Team Game, according to Cyber Skyline’s Cyber Power Rankings. The ranking is a comprehensive measure that takes into account the results from individual and team competitions, the performance of a school’s highest placing team and students, and the number and performance of participating students from each school.

CSU Pueblo has more than 600 student athletes representing 22 NCAA Division II sports in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC). The CSU Pueblo Athletics Department boasts two team national championships, over 85 RMAC championships, and more than 100 national tournament appearances. CSU Pueblo has crowned more than 300 All-Americans and 30 individual national champions.
“Since its founding, CSU Global has been a trailblazer in meeting the needs of nontraditional learners to facilitate their professional success. In a highly competitive online education marketplace, the University focuses on retaining its leadership position by delivering high-quality and cutting-edge programs that meet workforce needs through integrated industry tools, innovative and practical applications, collaborative employer partnerships, and a keen focus on providing return-on-investment for our students’ time and money.” - Dr. Becky Takeda-Tinker, CSU Global President

MISSION
CSU Global is committed to advancing student academic and professional success in a global society, by providing access to dynamic education characterized by excellence, innovative delivery technologies, industry relevance, and strong stakeholder engagement.
• CSU Global, the first fully online, institutionally accredited, public university in the U.S., offers graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates. It has strong partnerships with the military and industry to provide educational and up-skilling opportunities to people where they live. CSU Global receives no state funding and offers a tuition rate guarantee and no student fees.

• In 2022, CSU Global conducted an in-depth economic analysis measuring the university’s positive impact on the economy and students in both Colorado and the United States. According to the study, CSU Global students see a benefit of $4.90 in higher future earnings for every dollar invested in their CSU Global education. In addition, the study found the accumulated impact of CSU Global alumni currently employed amounted to $769.7 million in added income across the country, about $200.7 million of which is added income in Colorado, the equivalent of 2,071 jobs in the state.

• CSU Global was selected in 2022 as one of four national online education partners for Amazon’s Career Choice program, providing Amazon’s hourly employees access to bachelor’s degrees and undergraduate credit-bearing certificates. CSU Global is the only 100% online public university Career Choice partner that offers accredited, instructor-led, asynchronous learning options tailored for the modern adult learner.

• CSU Global is an official education partner of the Department of Defense and has landed a spot in the top 20 of U.S. News & World Report’s Best Online Bachelor’s Programs for Veterans list for the past five years.
SPUR YOUR IMAGINATION!

CSU Spur is a free educational destination in Denver, open year-round to the public.

The Spur campus includes three buildings at the National Western Center: Vida (opened in January 2022), Terra (opened in June 2022), and Hydro (opened in January 2023). CSU Spur focuses on research, education, and engaging preK-12 students, families, and visitors around the topics of food, water, and health through real-world experiences. Spur connects and inspires visitors through the ability to watch ongoing research, try out new technologies, and watch professionals at work.

Since the first building on the campus opened in early 2022, CSU Spur staff have facilitated tours for about 9,000 preK-12 students, teachers, and chaperones from schools in Colorado and beyond. These exploratory visits emphasize conservation, sustainability, and academic and career possibilities in such areas as food production, water testing and filtration technology, and veterinary medicine. About 50,000 people have visited CSU Spur for self-guided and formal tours during regular weekday hours and special events.
41 existing projects or programs from CSU System campuses.

14 new projects and programs will launch in July.

445 events hosted at CSU Spur, with nearly 20,000 attendees.

More than 200 people attended CSU Spur’s 2022 Water in the West Symposium. Beginning in 2023, the annual event will be hosted at CSU Spur in the Hydro building’s Confluence Theater.

$110,000 in scholarships awarded for students from the 80216 zip code to attend a CSU System campus.

More than 100 media hits in publications ranging from the Denver Post to the Pagosa Sun, and on stations that include 9 News, KUNC, and many others.

Nearly 1.9 million impressions generated on social media.

More than 1,000 pounds of produce grown and distributed to local communities through a neighborhood partner organization.

More than 10,000 animals served at the Dumb Friends League’s Veterinary Hospital at CSU Spur in the first five months of 2023.

1,750 appointments provided at the Temple Grandin Equine Center at CSU Spur in 2022; on pace to provide 3,200 appointments in 2023.

Denver Water’s new water quality lab in the Hydro building has capacity for more than 200,000 tests to be conducted each year to monitor the quality of water, both before and after treatment, for customers in the metropolitan area.
CSU Todos Santos is an international extension of the CSU System located in Baja California Sur, Mexico. With classroom and living spaces available, the center provides a variety of research and educational opportunities for students while serving as a community hub for educational sessions and information sharing. CSU Todos Santos broadens the System’s mission of engagement, expands innovative opportunities for research and teaching, and offers an opportunity to learn from the knowledge and wisdom of the local community.

The Sturm Collaboration Campus emerged from a partnership involving Arapahoe Community College, Douglas County School District, and the CSU System. The campus, located in Castle Rock, allows students in the region to use high-school classes and community college credits to build toward a four-year degree at any CSU university. It is an innovative approach to education and a prime example of how the CSU System meets students wherever they are in their educational journeys.

In May 2023, nine students, part of an initial class pursuing the 2+2 pathway at Sturm, received CSU Pueblo bachelor’s degrees in computer information systems, with a cybersecurity emphasis.
CSU EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS

- CSU Extension has offices serving every county in Colorado, delivering community-oriented, research-based information, education, and programs, including 4-H.
- The ten Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station research centers, funded by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, conduct critical research that supports and strengthens statewide agricultural production.
- Colorado State Forest Service stewards Colorado’s forests for present and future generations and manages statewide conservation efforts.
- Colorado Water Center connects CSU’s water expertise with Colorado water managers and users to address complex and evolving water-related challenges.
- The Northeast Regional Engagement Center in Sterling serves residents of northeastern Colorado and supports partnerships with local communities, Northeast Junior College, Morgan Community College, and others.
EXPANDED SUPPORT

In June 2021, the CSU System Board of Governors voted to invest $8.58 million over three years in expanded support for rural Colorado students and communities. We are making these investments after listening to and learning from our communities, economic and community development leaders, and individuals across the state. Efforts focus on four main areas:

- Accessible education
- Improved health
- Vibrant communities
- Thriving economies/food and agriculture

CONNECTING COLORADO

The CSU System’s Broadband Initiative focuses on increasing access in rural communities to broadband service. A new $300,000 planning grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration supports CSUS efforts to collaborate with community leaders and residents in identifying broadband needs and applying for federal grants to meet them. As part of this initiative, CSU Extension offices across the state will facilitate community discussions about broadband needs and educational content that could be provided online.
CSU Strata supports and serves the campuses and affiliates of the CSU System through strategic real estate management, project development services, special project oversight, intellectual property management and technology transfer services, as well as operational management of regional, state, national, and international assets.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1 in 25 Colorado workers has a CSU degree.
- More than 112,000 CSU alumni are part of Colorado’s current workforce.
- Half of the students who move to Colorado to pursue a CSU degree stay in the state after graduating.
- CSU System students spend more than $400 million ($435) each year on Colorado goods and services.
- CSU Fort Collins has launched 50 new start-up companies since 2006 and supports more than 750 active inventions. These start-up companies account for hundreds of private-sector jobs in Colorado.
- Research expenditures at CSU Fort Collins increased nearly 50% over the past 10 years, climbing over $450 million for the first time in 2022.
The CSU System announced in 2022 an innovative multi-dimensional partnership with College Track, a national nonprofit organization focused on college completion and academic and career success for students from under-resourced communities.

College Track operates centers in Denver and Aurora that serve as hubs where participants from area high schools take courses aimed at providing them with the tools, resources, and resolve to navigate college admissions and succeed academically.

Under the partnership, College Track’s Denver center is based at the CSU Spur campus in north Denver, and new pathways will be created for at least 25 College Track students each year to pursue bachelor’s degrees at one of the CSU System campuses: CSU, CSU Pueblo, and CSU Global. CSU System Chancellor Tony Frank said the agreement between the two organizations reflects shared values and complementary strengths: “This partnership establishes a new model for supporting students and introducing them to a range of academic and career possibilities.”

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- Tony Frank, CSU System Chancellor

The Northeast Regional Engagement Center in Sterling serves residents of northeastern Colorado and supports partnerships with local communities, Northeast Junior College, Morgan Community College, and others.
Student Success Initiative: Launched in the summer of 2021, the Student Success Initiative is an $11 million investment over three years to close equity gaps at all CSU System campuses by 2027 and to raise student success metrics to the top quartile of peers. Implementation of this initiative is under the direction of the Chief Academic Officer for the CSU System and the Provosts at each System university.

The CSU System’s commitment to communities neighboring the CSU Spur campus is reflected in the creation of a unique, system-wide scholarship for students who have lived in the 80216 zip code for at least two years. Upon admission to a CSU System institution (CSU, CSU Pueblo, CSU Global), these students are eligible for the need-based CSU Spur Scholarship, which grants students in good academic standing up to $10,000 ($2,500 annually for four years). As a need-based scholarship, this award is part of the financial aid package that eligible students receive from their institution of admission; thus, the Spur Scholarship funds may be used for any student need, including textbooks, housing, or food.
The CSU System facilitates collaboration and information sharing among the three campuses to promote, strengthen, and expand dual and concurrent enrollment options for Colorado high school students. The programs on each campus are responsive to community needs.

At CSU Pueblo, local high school students have the option of attending classes on campus, and the university’s Senior to Sophomore program involves partnerships with schools across the region that allow them to offer college classes in their own classrooms, taught by their own teachers.

At CSU Global, the emphasis is on providing adaptable, online courses – generally 8 or 13 weeks in length – that meet the needs of partnering school districts and their students. In most cases, and based on State standards, students who earn a C- or higher in these courses can check off a Guaranteed Transfer (GT) Pathways requirement that applies toward associate degrees and most bachelor’s degrees at every public college and university in Colorado.

CSU offers on-campus dual enrollment through a partnership with Poudre School District, while CSU Extended Campus provides an increasing number of online and hybrid options through partnerships with an expanding network of schools and districts in Larimer and Weld counties, the Denver Metro area, and elsewhere.

Afif Achmad, 26, grew up near Los Angeles with English as his second language. Last year, he earned a bachelor’s degree in project management from CSU Global and is working in IT administration. “My bachelor’s degree allowed me to confidently approach the professional world. Once I had that, applying to jobs has been effortless, and recruiters are reaching out to me left and right. It feels good,” Achmad said. “Education aligned with professional experience will get you the job you want.”
The Center for the New Energy Economy (CNEE), led by Colorado’s 41st Governor, Bill Ritter Jr., was established in 2011 under CSU and comprises a team of energy and environmental policy experts. CNEE assists governors, legislators, regulators, utilities, and others by providing technical and strategic guidance for enacting clean energy policies to facilitate America’s transition to an equitable clean energy economy.

CNEE has developed two programs aiding the development of effective bipartisan state-level clean energy policies – the Clean Energy Legislative Academy (CELA) and online clean energy databases. CELA brings together a bi-partisan cohort of state legislators and staffers for two intensive four-day “academies.” This politically neutral forum provides an opportunity for legislators and legislative staffers to learn about clean energy policy, discuss challenges in their states, and speak freely. By expanding participants’ familiarity with clean energy while encouraging increased bipartisan collaboration, CELA continues to be a highly successful program with far-reaching impact.

The Clean Energy databases CNEE provides are unparalleled and have emerged as important tools for legislators and energy researchers across the country. To date, the Advanced Energy Legislation Tracker delivers information on more than 36,000 state bills related to energy, and the State Policy Opportunity Tracker for Clean Energy keeps tabs on progress made across all 50 states in 37 separate policy categories.

CNEE convenes state leaders and policymakers through such programs as Repowering the Western Economy and Energy Communities in Transition, and it advises clean energy and climate funders. In 2023, the Center will help guide state energy offices through new federal EPA climate planning processes.

The Colorado Futures Center (CFC) is an independent, non-partisan, and academically grounded organization dedicated to informing economic, fiscal, and public policy issues impacting community economic health and quality of life in Colorado and beyond. The CFC supports local government and non-profit organizations statewide with socio-demographic data, with a focus on enhancing economic security for Colorado households. In addition, CFC releases its quarterly ColoradoCast, the state of Colorado’s only short-term (~6 month) economic forecast, as a tool to assist business leaders and elected officials in decision-making.

CFC is regularly cited in the media and elsewhere as a source of expert analysis related to all aspects of economic security, including a recent focus on housing and the social determinants of success for all Coloradans.

The ColoradoCast and other CFC analyses were included in dozens of media (print and broadcast) reports in the past year.

CFC’s earlier macro/fiscal work was honored with the Most Distinguished Research award and other recognition from the Governmental Research Association.
NORTH AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY NETWORK [NAAAN]

The North American Agricultural Advisory Network (NAAAN) is a formal platform and partnership in agricultural advisory services and extension, made up of stakeholders in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The CSU System hosts the NAAAN Secretariat, and Chancellor Tony Frank chairs the Steering Committee. A Memorandum of Agreement was signed in 2022 between CSUS and the USDA as the host institution and country. The NAAAN links existing agricultural extension communities with one another and with stakeholders in other countries through its membership in the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS). The current Secretaries and Minister of Agriculture from all three countries in North America serve as ex officio members of the NAAAN Steering Committee, bringing high-level leadership to build NAAAN Country Hubs. The Hubs implement programming and activities in each country and across the region.

The NAAAN will host the 14th Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) Annual Meeting, focused on “Building the Next Generation of Leaders in Agriculture,” in Denver in fall 2023. The three-day meeting will bring together the 17 networks of GFRAS and provide an opportunity for farm and ranch tours across the Front Range, in addition to an afternoon and evening at CSU Spur and the National Western Center.

SALAZAR CENTER FOR NORTH AMERICAN CONSERVATION

The CSU Salazar Center for North American Conservation accelerates the pace and scale of equitable, innovative, and durable solutions for nature and all people by connecting diverse leaders, communities, and resources across the North American continent. The Center’s intersectional approach builds bridges that connect academic research, community practice, and policy development. The Center was founded by U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Ken Salazar, whose previous roles include U.S. Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Senator, and Colorado Attorney General.

Learn more about the Salazar Center’s impact: The First Five Years Report at https://col.st/hvLkn

TOGETHER WE GROW

Together We Grow is a consortium with more than 50 members, including national agribusiness and food companies, higher-education institutions, government agencies, and national non-profits focused on building a diverse, skilled, and inclusive workforce for the U.S. agriculture and food sector. The consortium provides a platform to share best practices for building future workforce capacity, strengthens collaboration and partnership among organizations and institutions in the sector, and reaches new and diverse audiences for agriculture and food through online storytelling efforts.
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