ALBERT C. YATES STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
Is given to a student who demonstrates strong involvement, demonstrated leadership, and a commitment to
upholding CSU’s values, traditions, and spirit.

Barry Wesley
Student - Alumni Association

He is involved both with the CSU and Fort Collins community, giving his free time to volunteer and mentor others
and to help youth in the community connect to CSU. As a member of the CSU football team, Barry has proven his
leadership on and off the field time and time again.

ADVANCING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP: HONORING THE LEGACY AND
MEMORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
Presented each year to a Colorado State University graduate student who demonstrates service to and advancement
of underrepresented student education and personal academic excellence.

Josué Rodríguez-Ramos
Ph.D. Student - Graduate Degree Program in Ecology

He studies the role of viruses in mediating greenhouse gas emissions and their contribution to global climate change,
and has won nationally competitive funding for his research. He plans to return to Puerto Rico to teach, continue his
research program, and engage in youth STEM outreach - all in support of STEM higher education for latinx students.

ENROLLMENT AND ACCESS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
This award recognizes and thanks an individual who has made a profound difference in, and contribution to, the
work of the Division of Enrollment and Access.

Dr. Kara Coffino
Assistant Professor and Co-Director of the Center for Educator Preparation - School of Education

She works collaboratively across campus to model the way in which it shifts the enrollment ethos of CSU by working
with the Access Center to illuminate a path to a teaching career for under-represented student populations. She
works to ensure the recruited students experience a true sense of belonging the entire time they are enrolled.
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the internationalization of Colorado State University.

Dr. Kelly Long
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs - Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President

She has been an advocate for internationalization of the CSU curriculum, supporting international academic classes in the core curriculum, as well as programs across the institution. She is an advocate for an international perspective throughout the undergraduate academic experience through helping our international students and those studying abroad to receive academic credit for their experiences.

Dr. Chris Funk
Professor in Biology and Director of the Global Biodiversity Center in SoGES - Department of Biology/SoGES

Since 2014, he has led a field-based study abroad program to various regions in Ecuador. He continually rises above the expectations of program leaders and each year students compete heavily to attend his programs.

Dr. Ketul Popat
Associate Professor - Mechanical Engineering

He has provided international scholars and graduate assistants an opportunity to participate in training that they might not otherwise receive in their home countries. He has authored over 70 peer-reviewed publications in journals and maintains an impressive network of international connections from India to Brazil to New Zealand to South Africa, and elsewhere.
MARGARET B. HAZALEUS AWARD
This award is given to faculty or staff that support women's and gender equity at CSU.

Dr. Maria del Mar Lopez-Cabral
Professor - Language, Literatures, and Cultures

She works on the Advisory Board of Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research while mentoring women graduate students, especially international students. She provides guidance for junior woman faculty, while guiding Women's Studies Advisory Board towards autonomy as a stand along program.

CSU EXTENSION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual for their outstanding commitment to Colorado State University Extension and contributions to Extension's goals.

Dr. Whitney Cranshaw
Professor and Extension Specialist - Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management; Extension

His passion for his discipline and outreach has extended to impacting the entire state and beyond through Extension, partnerships, and scholarly pursuits to advance the field of Entomology. He has authored over 600 publications regularly used by Extension educators, other faculty, schoolteachers, private applicators and consultants, and the general public. His book "Insects and Diseases of Woody Plants in Colorado" is so practical and useful that it is THE standard go-to resource for Colorado Master Gardeners and county-based horticultural faculty and staff statewide.

Dr. Mica Glantz
Chair - Anthropology

She is a leader around gender equity at Standing Committee for the Status of Women Faculty while also mentoring junior women faculty. She has worked on assessment of service loads for women faculty and on mentoring circles.
MULTICULTURAL STAFF AND FACULTY NETWORK (MSFN)
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to a faculty member, state classified professional or administration professional in recognition of their outstanding contributions to their profession and the multicultural community.

Dr. Ricki Ginsberg
Assistant Professor - Department of English

Faculty: She has made outstanding contributions to the indigenous community and indigenous students in particular. She gives back by being involved in high-level university committees to make a real difference.

Soledad Talamantes
Human Resources Team Member - Housing and Dining Services

State Classified Personnel: She is an outstanding colleague and a role model exemplifying exceptional work ethic. She is welcoming, caring and inclusive and demonstrates excellent customer service, problem solving while developing creative solutions to challenges.

JoAnn Yoshida Cornell
Director - Asian Pacific American Cultural Center

Administrative Professional: She truly cares and is a change maker while bridge building between the university and the alumni community. She advances social justice and inclusion, caring and compassionate, and goes above and beyond to help everyone.

Bridgette Johnson
Director - Black/African American Cultural Center

Administrative Professional: She is a leader for Diversity and Inclusion on campus. She goes above and beyond to demonstrate a collaborative approach, while also exhibiting a strategic mindset and displaying transformational leadership for her students and staff.
Dr. Terry Engle
Professor and Associate Department Head - Animal Sciences

He dedicates himself to service, not only in his assigned areas of responsibility but beyond. One of his most relatable service projects was located in Leadville Colorado where abandoned mines have leached minerals into the Arkansas River basin. Animals foraging in this area developed elevated levels of certain minerals leading to serious productivity and health issues. He developed supplementation programs that helped reduce these negative impacts on livestock.

Dr. Raj Khosla
Professor and Associate Department Head - Soil & Crop Sciences

From his invited research presentation at the NASA space center in Mississippi to his hands-on extension workshop in Fort Morgan, he is widely known as an international authority for his research which has been pivotal in increasing agricultural productivity while reducing the application of nitrogen fertilizer, teaching, and extension activities which have impacted over a million acres of agricultural land in Colorado alone. He has worked to lead the US government and private sector to develop a Food Security Road Map which has since been endorsed by 21 APEC economies.
OLIVER P. PENNOCK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This Award recognizes meritorious and outstanding achievement over a five-year period by full-time members of the academic faculty and administrative professional staff.

Dr. Nancy Levinger
Professor and Associate Department Head - Chemistry

Throughout her career she has demonstrated extraordinary achievements, represented by her efforts to highlight new teaching concepts, her roles in developing a framework for teaching evaluations, leading the Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity event for the past two decades, developing the new curriculum for the chemistry major in her home department and founding a Research Fellowship through a major donation by her first undergraduate research student. Her superlative commitment to education, leadership, research, and to the university have had an incredible, positive impact on CSU.

Dr. Jeffrey Wilusz
Professor and Associate Department Head - Microbiology, Immunology & Pathology

He weaves his activities in each of his areas together with enthusiasm for science and education. His leadership and reputation within and outside of CSU serves to elevate those around him. He has always stood out as a role model in the department, both to students as well as faculty peers. Over the years, his involvement in the multiple facets of the department has been wholly evident, and he excels in building community and encouraging quality.
JACK E. CERMAK OUTSTANDING ADVISOR AWARD - UNDERGRADUATE
This award serves to highlight and reward the extraordinary efforts of truly outstanding advisors.

Ella Bowers
Academic Success Coordinator - College of Liberal Arts

She has demonstrated her commitment to diversity and received the 2018 AP Start Award. She is instrumental in diffusing situations that appear challenging through her skills of knowing when to challenge a student and when to provide extra support.

Melanie Nichols
Academic Success Coordinator - Collaborative for Student Achievement

She participated in the Academic Success Coordinator’s Professional Advancement Working Group which created a tiered model of professional development and has pushed for salary equity among advisors. She demonstrates exemplary relationship building skills, particularly with diverse student populations as she advises and teaches.

Dr. Gregory Florant
Professor - Biology

By being a mentor and leader, he is a catalyst for changing the culture of mentoring at CSU, particularly among graduate students, students who are racially minoritized, and faculty advisors. Over his career, his mentorship has benefited the lives of hundreds of students, post-doctorates, faculty, and professionals.
CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL COUNCIL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes meritorious and outstanding achievement in job skills and/or service to the University by State Classified employees.

Elizabeth Sorensen
Undergraduate Coordinator - Department of Art and Art History

She understands that students experience various challenges, and works to address those needs in a thoughtful, compassion, and a genuine manner bringing awareness to staff and support to students. She has raised department standards, and brings professionalism and humility to her work, and always rises to the occasion.

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Meg Skeehan
Program Assistant - Department of Accounting, College of Business
and Chair of the Classified Personnel Council

Meg notably serves to better the lives of employees across campus by advocating for additional leave, living wage pay, and salary increases. They also work to bring awareness around legislature and policy changes at the campus, local, state and national levels by going above and beyond cultivating and developing relationships.

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Marcia “Marci” Stille
Senior Veterinary Technician - Clinical Sciences, CVMBS

She is known for her professionalism, a ready smile and for engaging, supporting and encouraging students, clients, staff and faculty every day. Her leadership demonstrates the far-reaching impact that one individual’s above and beyond efforts can have.
CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL COUNCIL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Judy Rogers
Program Assistant - Aerospace Studies

Her ability to provide support and mentorship to students while creating processes and maximize efficiencies only adds to the value she brings to the Department. Viewed as the “backbone” of the department, and is a vital link to external agencies both on and off campus. Her efforts have contributed to the unit being selected as the top in the Nation for this year.

Hannah Penland
Program Manager - University Housing

She is viewed as the “Go To” for knowledge and emulates compassionate, efficiency, supportiveness, and inclusivity. She serves as a mentor and coach to her staff while creating a work environment that focuses on CSU’s Principles of Community.
DISTINGUISHED ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL AWARD

This award recognizes Administrative Professionals with continuing meritorious and outstanding achievement in the areas of operational efficiency, leadership and mentoring, innovation and the Principles of Community.

Debbie Bartlett
Assistant Director for Advising and Mentoring - Computer Science

She aided in securing a substantial funding award for their diversity efforts, CSU is one of five schools nationally to receive this award. She has been at the center for success for the departments Building, Recruiting, And Inclusion for Diversity (BRAID) initiative while modeling the Principles of Community and serving as a mentor and model to both students and colleagues.

C.J. Mucklow
Extension Western Regional Director - Extension

He aided in the development of Colorado 4-H STEM kits for educators, and pooled resources with New Mexico State University to provide professional development training related to climate-related disasters. He was a member of the Colorado Agriculture Leadership Program that develops the vision, commitment to lead change and ensure the sustainability of agricultural and rural economies. His compassion and commitment to students, peers, and colleagues have helped them succeed in their careers.

Shannon Wagner
Manager of Student Success Initiatives - Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering

She's an appreciated colleague for her dedicated mentorship, operational efficiency, and demonstrator of the Principles of Community, while providing structure to the office and ensures they maintain focus on team building and strategizing. She is praised for her collaborative leadership style and positive approach to implementing change in the service of student success.
Steve Burn
Director - Department of Central Receiving

He provides an outstanding leadership style, demonstrating his commitment to supporting diversity and inclusiveness within his department. He leads a dedicated, hard-working staff who go above and beyond their efforts to bring creative solutions and support to the campus. He continues to create innovative programs in order to support the students, faculty and staff across the campus. He demonstrates compassion for the well-being of everyone who is a part of the CSU campus community and visitors.

Brittany Pearce
Associate Director of Transfer Admissions - Office of Admissions

She effectively collaborates with CSU and community college partners to ensure successful enrollment and retention of transfer students. She is an outstanding leader and exemplifies the characteristics of a distinguished administrative. She has been the forefront for several newly implemented recruitment efforts that utilize technology that allows students to receive an individualized success plan, support a smooth transition experience, and created a detailed strategic recruitment strategy.

Dr. Chrissy Chard
Assistant Professor, Department of Health and Exercise Science (and also in the Graduate Program in Public Health) - Health and Exercise Science and the Graduate Program in Public Health

She has and continues to improve the inclusivity of departmental culture, classroom climate, and pedagogy in Health and Exercise Science and the Colorado School of Public Health. She is also weaving inclusivity, equity, and social justice into the HES curriculum. She embodies the Principles of Community and actively promotes individual responsibility for upholding them when the class engages with their peers.
EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE-LEARNING STUDENT AWARD

This award is in recognition of a remarkable social or environmental contributions achieved through an academic service-learning course, a supervised internship or professional project, or community-engaged research.

Kali LeMaster
Program Coordinator - Housing and Dining Services

She exemplified outstanding leadership in cultivating partnerships in targeting food security for older adults and finding pathways for sustainable behavioral change. She inspired remarkable interdisciplinary approaches to healthy aging in our local community, while contributing to farmers gaining an additional $13,000 in income based on program participation.

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EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE-LEARNING COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

This award is presented to a CSU community partner for their commitment to building university-community partnerships that meet community-articulated needs and challenges while supporting the holistic education of the next generation of professionals, leaders, and citizens.

Los Caminos and Fort Collins High School
School of Education, Fort Collins High School

CSU team members: Christine Vega, Hsiao Ching Lin, Antonette Aragon, Guadalupe Salazar

Fort Collins High School members: Teachers Jody Snow, Ruben Enriquez, and Laura Neff and Vice Principal, Jennifer Roth

They foster and sustain powerful campus/community mentoring relationships between Latinx and Indigenous college, high school, middle and elementary students. Caminos strengthens self-identity, cultural/community pride, cultural competency, confidence-building and development of leadership skills. The CSU Caminos fellows advanced career pathway connections through their work at Fort Collins High School with Caminos high school students.
EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE-LEARNING
INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATION AWARD
This award is presented to an instructor who clearly enriches course content and addresses community concerns through skillful application of service-learning pedagogy to an academic course.

Dr. Blythe LaGasse and Dr. Lindsey Wilhelm
Associate Professor (LaGasse); Assistant Professor (Wilhelm) - Music

They have created and sustained a significant service-learning program with CSU’s music therapy students in partnership with Poudre School District. Over 250 hours per semester contribute to remarkable impacts across our community and mobilize the music department’s mission to make sure any citizen in our area, regardless of age or ability, can engage with music and learn to attain goals through musical interventions.

Dr. David Riep
Associate Professor - Art and Art History

He built deeply collaborative and sustainable partnerships between CSU and both rural and academic communities in South Africa where the various teacher-training initiatives allowed for extended collaboration, and provided an avenue for CSU to build positive relationships with stakeholders. A restored monument in South Africa is now used to promote art and culture, and includes student-designed text panels highlighting local history and art. This brought global eminence to the South African community of Nkangala, and received international media coverage.
SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY AWARD

This award recognizes a faculty, staff, emeritus, and retired faculty and staff member whose commitment and passion to Colorado State University has made a significant impact to the fundraising effort of Colorado State University.

Dr. Wayne McIlwraith

University Distinguished Professor of Orthopedics in the Department of Clinical Sciences, CVMBS

He is an international pioneer in equine arthroscopic surgery and has pushed the boundaries of research into biological therapies based on living cells and their products, including novel protein and stem cell therapies that help heal injured and degraded joints. The creation of the $70 million Translational Medicine Institute, named in honor of Dr. McIlwraith, is a crowning fundraising achievement and speaks to the level of engagement Dr. McIlwraith has had with our College’s and University's largest donors.

CSU VENTURES AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE EXCELLENCE

The CSU Ventures award for Innovative Excellence is presented to a researcher who is not only an innovator, but someone whose innovations have been transferred to industry and are exhibiting strong potential for commercial success.

Dr. Stephen Withrow

University Distinguished Professor and Founding Director of the Flint Animal Cancer Center - CVMBS: Flint Animal Cancer Center

He was instrumental in securing a $4 million gift from the Flint Foundation. Along with securing this major donation, he played a critical role in the establishment of five endowed University and Presidential Chairs. He has been called “the most influential and accomplished living veterinary oncologist,” and his long list of awards – both professional and humanitarian – is an indication of his dedication and compassion.

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Dr. Christopher Orton

Professor - Clinical Sciences

He is a co-inventor on a pending and issued U.S. and foreign patents entitled: “Device and System for Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement”. This technology addresses the critical need to eliminate mitral regurgitation when surgery or mitral repair is not an option as well as providing relief from heart failure symptoms and quality-of-life improvements in high surgical risk patients. The pharma/medical device is the world’s first technology of this type that has received the CE Mark in Europe for commercial use/sale.
INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP INDIVIDUAL AWARD

The Interdisciplinary Scholarship Awards recognize either a faculty member or research team whose interdisciplinary scholarship has had a major impact nationally and/or internationally, or who have demonstrated their potential to do so.

Dr. Richard Bowen
Professor - Biomedical Sciences

He is an exceedingly versatile investigator who is carrying out significantly impactful research on zoonotic pathogens, epidemiology surveillance models, and unique management strategies that are relevant to both animal and human health worldwide. He excels in originality of research in both reproductive biology and current and emerging infectious zoonotic diseases, creative experimental practices in understanding transmission and approach to controlling these diseases. His career is reflected in refereed publications, book chapters, citations, extramural grant awards, majority of which are collaborations with faculty and scientists locally, nationally, and globally.

Dr. Thomas Santangelo
Associate Professor - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

He was instrumental in developing some of the early genetic tools for modifying Archaeal Genomes and has established a highly interdisciplinary laboratory and network of interdisciplinary collaborations examining diverse research topics utilizing techniques from a broad array of disciplines. The interdisciplinary nature of his program is evident from his diverse funding and covered topics ranging from the basic science of Archaea, human health, and alternative energy, and biotechnology.

SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT AWARD

This annual award recognizes a faculty member whose scholarship has had a major impact nationally and/or internationally but who has not yet been recognized with the university's highest designations: University Distinguished Professor and University Distinguished Teaching Scholar.

Dr. Mo Salman
Professor - Clinical Sciences

His impact is evidenced by his many far-reaching accomplishments including his contributions as Editor in Chief of the ‘Preventative Veterinary Medicine’ journal, as recipient of the 2010 Penn Vet World Leadership Award, as coordinator for the US Department of State-Biosecurity Engagement Program in Afghanistan in 2015-2016, and as part of a team of six members appointed by the European Union Commission to address the global geographical risk classification of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE). Dr. Salman contributed to the first national report on establishing a surveillance system for zoonoses. He has received over 275 awards and published over 300 refereed articles.

Dr. Darrell Whitley
Professor - Computer Science

He developed the first steady-state genetic computer algorithm, which is now the most common form of genetic algorithm that is particularly well suited to a wide range of problems and is widely used across both academia and industry. He has developed methods for efficiently discovering locally optimal solutions for non-deterministic polynomial-time hard (NP-hard) problems. He is nationally and internationally recognized for his work and has brought great distinction to CSU, placing him in the top 0.5% of computer scientists garnered numerous awards and honors including one of the ten inaugural Fellows of the International Society for Genetic and Evolutionary Computation.
CSU EMERGING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
This award recognizes a community-university partnership with potential for long-term impact, achievement and scholarship.

The Colorado Blueprint for Food and Agriculture
Agricultural and Resource Economics, CSU Extension and Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station

CSU team members: Dawn Thilmany, Gregory Graff, Becca Jablonski
Community partners: Wendy Moschetti, LiveWell Colorado: Wendy White, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Markets Division: Julie Moore, Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council

The Colorado Blueprint for Food and Agriculture was launched to coordinate the various public and private organizations, investments and activities working in support of the state's agricultural and food systems. It represents a collaborative effort between CSU's College of Agriculture, Extension and Ag Experiment Station, the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council, and LiveWell Colorado. The mission of the Blueprint is documenting key assets, increasing awareness of emerging issues and sharing priorities for future investment in Colorado's food and agriculture sector.

CSU DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
This award recognizes a community-university partnership with a long-term record of sustained impact, achievement and scholarship.

Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS)
Atmospheric Science

CSU team members: Atmospheric Science: Nolan Doesken, Russ Schumacher, Henry Reges, Julian Turner, Noah Newman, Steve Hilberg, Dani Talmadge
Community Partners: Paul Schlatter, National Weather Service: Marsha Hilmes-Robinson, City of Fort Collins

CoCoRaHS is a non-profit, community-based network of over 25,000 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation. CoCoRaHS has benefited a wide range of community partners through data collection and research, as well as through promoting citizen science and building and maintaining a vast community of weather-watchers. The CoCoRaHS network reports over 12,000 precipitation observations daily across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, and the Bahamas.
PROVOST’S N. PRESTON DAVIS AWARD FOR INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATION

This award recognizes technology-related instructional innovation or the significant encouragement of such innovation. It is named for N. Preston Davis, who retired in 1992 after serving the Colorado State University community for more than four decades.

Dr. Kalpana Gupta
Assistant Professor - School of Education

She created the SDA Portal for the Adult Education and Training program that established a streamlined advising process that improved personal connection and mentoring opportunities with distance advisees. The innovative nature of the SDA Portal is that it is an integrated approach to student learning and development. It was created from existing literature, theory, and models related to advising best practices, effective student/advisor relationships, and individual student development.

PROVOST’S AWARDS FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE: 14’ER AWARD

Recognizes exceptional innovative achievements demonstrating unique vision, creativity, and grit.

Dr. Francesca Cotrufo
Professor and Associate Department Head - Soil and Crop Sciences

She is an ecosystems scientist whose work on how plants and microbes sequester carbon into the soil has gained international recognition, and has demonstrated tenacity to convince her academic peers to re-consider long-standing paradigms about how soil carbon is formed and stabilized and then to convince farmers to reconsider soil management practices. She has been recognized as an ISI Highly Cited Researcher indicating that she is in the top 1% of her field.

PROVOST’S AWARDS FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE: LINCOLN LAUREATE

Recognizes exceptional balance and joint excellence across teaching, scholarly or creative activity and service in the best spirit of the Land Grant University mission.

Dr. Heather Leach
Assistant Professor - Health and Exercise Science

She pioneered and grew a nationally recognized research and engagement program focusing on the physical and psychosocial benefits of exercise therapy for cancer survivors. Her scholarly activity is reflected in high-impact manuscripts, funded grant proposals, and local, regional, and national presentations. She is the Founder of the Fit Cancer Community Engagement Program that holds exercise/wellness sessions for those who have received a cancer diagnosis and has received a five year career development award from the American Cancer Society.
PROVOST’S AWARDS FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE: PROVOST TEACHING SCHOLAR
Recognizes especially notable teaching and learning impact by an early career professor represented by innovative teaching, course design, curriculum, or other accomplishment that enhances student success.

Dr. Susan Melzer
Assistant Professor of Practice - Soil and Crop Sciences

She is a dynamic leader who helps students connect disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and provides hands on experience to apply their knowledge. She created both face-to-face and online versions of the Soil Field experience Practicum, a course in sustainable agriculture around the CSU Todos Santos Center, and a field experience in the Fraser Experimental Forest. She was instrumental in creating an agreement between CSU, University of Wyoming, the National Park Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service for students to conduct on-the-ground soil surveys in places like Dinosaur National Monument and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park.

PROVOST’S AWARDS FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE: PROVOST RESEARCH SCHOLAR
Recognizes an especially notable scholarly or creative achievement of an early career professor represented by a high-impact publication; establishment of an exceptional center or research team; or outstanding invention, innovation, or artistic accomplishment.

Dr. Daniel Sloan
Associate Professor (1 year); Assistant Professor (6 years) - Biology

His work is exemplary in that it entails cutting edge-genetic (genomic) and lab work on living plants. He has been recognized as a leader in organizing international symposia to explore this emerging interdisciplinary work. His work in understanding genome co-evolution helps us understand the broader implications for the biomedical sciences, as many diseases and conditions in humans arise from mismatches in gene expression networks.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD
This award was established by the Board of Governors to recognize commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Dr. Karan Venayagamoorthy
Professor - Civil and Environmental Engineering

He has a contagious passion for his field of expertise and genuinely cares about his students’ understanding of the material. He has been the recipient of numerous CSU teaching awards and the recipient of two prestigious early career awards from the NSF and the Office of Naval Research. He Karan was selected as a member of an NSF Strategic visioning panel which the NSF director indicated was a powerful signal regarding his future promise.
The Monfort Family Foundation established the Monfort Professors to recognize faculty members who are “rising stars.”

Dr. Meagan Schipanski
Associate Professor - Soil and Crop Sciences

During her 6 years as faculty at CSU, Soil and Crop Sciences Associate Professor she has established an international reputation as an outstanding scientist, working to improve our understanding of basic plant-soil interactions and the resilience and sustainability of agroecosystems. She has initiated and led major multi-investigator/multi-institutional research projects, with a funding portfolio of over $18M as PI and co-PI. She’s influenced her field with highly cited papers and several high-profile addresses at international conferences. Agricultural systems are under increasing pressure to be productive while also using resources more efficiently under variable climate conditions. In particular, there is a need to develop crops and cropping systems that utilize limited water resources and retain and recycle nutrients more efficiently. As a Monfort Professor, Dr. Schipanski will work to advance research to unravel interactions between water, carbon and nitrogen cycling mediated by plant roots and the soil microbiome.

Dr. Thomas Dunn
Associate Professor - Communication Studies

He has been recognized as a rising star in the field of Communication Studies; won national accolades for leading and directing SPC200 for 8 years when it was recognized as the most distinguished public speaking program in the nation, and is a highly sought-after advisor, a teacher of the teachers. Dunn has published extensively, especially in the area of LGBTQ activism and public memory. Nearly 15,000 homosexual men were sent to Nazi concentration camps across Europe between 1933 and 1945 where they were the subjects of medical experiments, starved, executed, or worked to death. Yet large majorities of the U.S. population today have no idea these events took place. Dunn’s proposed project for the Monfort Professor aims to help resolve this blind spot by completing an in-progress book, provide additional coursework and programming on the subject and fund an application to bring the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum’s travelling exhibit “Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945” to campus.
Dr. Eugene Chen
Professor and John K. Stille Endowed Chair - Chemistry

He was selected for his creative excellence, outstanding and sustained research productivity, and seminal contributions to advances in green and sustainable chemistry, which have been nationally and internationally recognized through numerous awards and honors, including the CSU Scholarship Impact Award in 2019. Dr. Chen is a recognized world expert in sustainable chemistry, particularly for pioneering chemically recyclable sustainable polymers, including infinitely recyclable plastics. He excels in transitioning his research into applications, as evidenced by his 25 patents and by his selection in 2012 for the Excellence in Commercialization Award from the Colorado Cleantech Industry Association. He is an inventor of infinitely recyclable plastics that exhibit not only useful properties of common plastics but also intrinsic chemical recyclability, for a circular plastics economy. In 2015, Professor Chen was the sole national awardee in the academic category for the Environmental Protection Agency Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge, and in 2019, he received the prestigious Arthur C. Cope Mid-Career Scholar Award, American Chemical Society (ACS).
Dr. Susan VandeWoude
Professor, Director of CSU One Health Institute - Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology

In 2019, Dr. VandeWoude was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors for scientists in recognition of distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. She has been recognized with awards from the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges and the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine for her research achievements and impact, and a Fulbright Scholarship in 2019 to advance her work in viral ecology and pathogenesis of feline pathogens. Several novel viruses have been discovered and characterized by Dr. VandeWoude and her group. Sue VandeWoude, a veterinarian, teacher and researcher, is internationally recognized for her studies of the biology, pathogenesis, and ecology of viral infections in felids. She has specialized in studying immunodeficiency viruses affecting domestic and non-domestic felines that can leave animals vulnerable to other infections. Professor VandeWoude’s discoveries are linked to both animal and ecological concerns and help illustrate the emergence and spread of viruses in humans.

Dr. Camille Dungy
Professor - English

She is one of the most productive and influential poets writing today, known for her poems, essays, edited volumes, and appearances throughout the country as featured guest reader and faculty at some of the most esteemed writing conferences. The intellectual vitality and subtlety of her voice places her in the front ranks of poets who actually impact the world, both on and off the page. Her anthology Black Nature: Four Centuries of African American Nature Poetry single-handedly changed the discourse around ecopoetics and the homogenization of “nature poetry.” In 2019, she received a prestigious Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in recognition of her body of work including four collections of poetry. Her literary awards include the American Book Award and the California Book Award (Silver Medalist) for Suck on the Marrow as well as the Colorado Book Award for Trophic Cascade. Her recent book, Guidebook to Relative Strangers, presents “a stunningly graceful and honest exploration of race, motherhood, and history” and was a National Book Critics Circle Awards finalist. Her poetry is invited and featured in prestigious collections, e.g., the 2019 The New York Times Magazine for the 1619 Project, the Greenpeace Climate Visionaries Project, and many others.