Welcome to Spring Semester 2013!

Hopefully every one of you had a wonderful, restful holiday season, and is happy to have the fresh start of a new year. It feels like a tiny miracle to have this new beginning, this chance to start again, as well as the opportunity to return and continue making CSU the very best place to work and learn. Some upcoming events worth noting:

- We’ll celebrate the accomplishments of fellow Administrative Professionals as we announce the AP Star Awards on Thursday, March 27th from 11:30am-1:00pm at the Administrative Professional Recognition Luncheon. **Nomination deadline for 2014 AP Stars: 12:00 p.m., Noon - Friday, January 31, 2014.** To find out more about this award and submit a nomination: [http://ap.colostate.edu/awards/apstars-awards.html](http://ap.colostate.edu/awards/apstars-awards.html)

- **Did you know that you don’t have to be a member of the Administrative Professional Council (APC) to attend our meetings?** Every meeting begins with a guest speaker, who shares relevant and interesting information and answers our questions. A few recent speakers were:
  - Fred Haberecht, Assistant Director with Facilities Management, who presented on the future of transportation at CSU.
  - Amy Parsons, Vice President for University Operations, who talked about safety meetings held in response to recent security issues on campus, and the Ripple Effect ([http://rippleeffect.colostate.edu/](http://rippleeffect.colostate.edu/)), as well as sharing various other general campus updates.

Upcoming guest speakers are:

- February 10th APC Meeting Guest Speakers: Diana Prieto, Bob Schur & Josh Zugish. They will be giving a Sexual Harassment Presentation.
- March 10th APC Meeting Guest Speaker: Diana Prieto, Executive Director of HR and OEO. She will discuss the recent change in leadership in HR and address questions about the new AP Framework.

We’d be happy to see you at a meeting anytime, so please join us! Wishing you all the best. Have a wonderful semester!
The Administrative Professional Council co-sponsored a Fall Employee Outreach Event at the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) with the Classified Professional Council on November 8th. There were lots of free goodies – pet treats and toys, along with people treats and schwag – and tours of the facility for the 50 employees who attended. There are approximately 300 people employed at CSU’s VTH — from state classified, admin professional, and hourlies — who work alongside faculty, interns, residents and students (for their first two years, students are busy taking classes, so only juniors and seniors work at the hospital), and at any given time, there are various animals being treated – everything from zebras to dogs.
Christina Talley, an enthusiastic third year Vet Med student from Montana who plans to specialize in large animal practice after graduation, led the second tour of the day. As Christina took us through the various areas of the hospital (units like Nuclear Medicine, the Animal Heart Center, Community Practice, Dental, and the Center for Comparative & Integrative Pain Medicine), she shared stories about surgical procedures first done on animals that had gone on to help humans (and vise-versa), a bear who’d been trained to get up on the exam table and lie down so he could get treatment for cancer, the perks of being a vet student (having free access to the dog washing supplies, tubs, and dryers – which take about 15 minutes to dry a Golden Retriever, according to Christina’s “research” with her own two Goldens), and how the Vet Hospital was the first hospital in Northern Colorado to have a PET CT, (even before Poudre Valley, who when they heard the VTH was getting one put a rush on theirs to try and have it first).

My favorite spot on the tour was “the kitchen.”

Christina described how an MRI machine works and told us that when theirs was donated, it was so big they had to tear down a wall to get it in, so the running joke is “no one will ever steal our MRI machine.” Christina explained to us why livestock is kept separate from other large animals, that it’s very important to not contaminate one population with diseases from the other. She said that most work they do with bovines is “on site,” that the vets travel to where the cows are, and therefore most of the ones they see at the Vet Hospital are emergency cases. She told us that they have to be very careful waking horses up from surgery because they can get scared, run or thrash around and possibly injure themselves.
When we entered the Critical and Urgent Care area, Christina gave us two rules: stay along the wall (to leave room for those working with animals that could be in life and death situations), and don’t pass out.

At the Flint Animal Cancer Center (FACC) Christina told us the story of Anna and Eve Flint, Golden Retriever siblings who between them were successfully treated at CSU VTH for seven kinds of cancer. Their people donated $4 million to start the Cancer Center. The FACC first opened its doors in 2002, and is now 35,000 square feet, having recently undergone an upgrade completed in 2009, costing $10 million, $9 million of which came from donors. FACC “is the preeminent cancer center for animals offering the latest in diagnostics and treatment for all kinds of cancer in companion animals including surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy.”

Christina told us how for something called “Client Communication Skills,” CSU hires actors to play clients, helping students run through difficult situations like making end of life decisions, a sudden death, or navigating money issues. Christina said she really appreciated the opportunity to practice those skills and learned a lot. One of our last stops on the tour was the Argus Institute, a service at the VTH where “clinical counselors offer support to people who are facing difficult decisions regarding their pet's health and help them manage the challenges of caring for a sick animal.” It was founded in 1984 and is “one of the longest standing, most comprehensive programs of its kind.”
From the Colorado State University's Vet Teaching Hospital's Facebook page:

Colorado State University employees enjoyed their afternoon with friends and colleagues as they toured the Veterinary Teaching Hospital today during Fall Employee Outreach.

We were happy to give our fellow employees an inside look at the hospital, and the teaching, research, and clinical service that happen here. We hope you'll come back!

Did you know that the VTH is participating in Commitment to Campus (C2C)? The CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital offers a 20% discount on veterinary services to CSU employees (also available to all state of Colorado employees). The discount applies to all veterinary services but does not apply to items from the pharmacy, central supply, or services provided by the CSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

One Administrative Professional Council Member, Jennifer Strange, estimates that over the last 15 months using her C2C discount of 20% saved her well over $500 at the VTH as the highly skilled Veterinary Staff helped her and her dog get the most out of the last year of her dog's beautiful and full life. As the time to say “good-bye” inevitably came, Jennifer turned to the Argus Institute and staff who provided gentle, compassionate advice and turned out to be a tremendous resource of support and understanding during a difficult time.

Be sure and check out the C2C Home Page, and take advantage of other C2C offerings and opportunities, such as:

- Free tickets to a CSU performance at the UCA or Athletic ticket discounts
- Colorado State Employee Discounts on mobile phones and phone services
- Take an Admission Office Tour
- Use your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) benefit if you’ve hit a rough patch in life
- Software discounts

For the full list of programs, discounts, and special benefits, visit the C2C website: http://facultyandstaff.colostate.edu/commitment-to-campus.aspx
AP Stars and Distinguished AP Award Nominations

The **AP Star Award** was created to express appreciation by recognizing the accomplishments of administrative professional (AP) employees who have demonstrated outstanding individual performance at CSU. The goal is to recognize AP’s who make a difference and “shine” in our CSU community. And anyone can nominate an AP employee for this award! AP Stars will be announced at the Administrative Professional Council luncheon on March 27, 2014. **Nomination deadline for 2014 AP Stars: 12:00 p.m., Noon - Friday, January 31, 2014.** To find out more about this award and submit a nomination: [http://ap.colostate.edu/awards/apstars-awards.html](http://ap.colostate.edu/awards/apstars-awards.html)

The **Distinguished AP Award** recognizes administrative professionals with continuing meritorious and outstanding achievement in the areas of outreach, teaching, administration, and/or service at Colorado State University. A maximum of four (4) award recipients are selected each year, and these individuals each receive a commemorative plaque and an award of $1,000. Recipients are also recognized at the annual Celebrate CSU Awards Event. This year, the event will be held on April 29, 2014. **Nomination deadline for Distinguished AP Award: 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2014.** To find out more about this award and submit a nomination: [http://ap.colostate.edu/awards/dapa-awards.html](http://ap.colostate.edu/awards/dapa-awards.html)

**Next AP Council meeting**

February 10, 2014
8:30 a.m.
220/222 Lory Student Center

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