RECALL WHAT MAKES THEM ‘PROUD TO BE’
Proud to Be – through the years

As a two-time graduate of Colorado State University and an employee for more than 20 years – the last three serving you as the Alumni Association’s executive director – I have plenty of stories that explain why I’m proud to be a CSU Ram. And though I find myself embellishing now and then, the stories all have one thing in common: genuinely good and talented people doing good things for each other, their communities, and the world.

One of those people is President Tony Frank. As he prepares to transition to his new role as full-time chancellor of the CSU System, I find myself feeling grateful for his leadership over the last 11 years and optimistic about the University’s future – optimistic in the same way I was when I was new to campus and fellow students and faculty made me feel welcome, valued, and challenged to always do better.

That feeling stayed with me and, in time, turned into pride: pride in the University and those who count themselves among its stewards and ambassadors who are doing good in their careers and personal lives.

I feel privileged to be part of this community that has remained grounded in its land-grant mission of access and opportunity. And to get to carry that charge on behalf of all our alumni so they always feel “once a Ram, always a Ram,” is why I’m forever “Proud to Be.”

As you dive into this issue, you’ll hear from seven other Rams about why they’re Proud to Be, and my guess is that you’ll find yourself relating to their experiences. There are even some fun interactive opportunities for you to show us how you’re Proud to Be waiting inside!

Ram proud,
Kristi Bohlender, B.S., ’93; M.B.A., ’95, and Life Member

Membership makes an IMPACT

Your Alumni Association membership is an investment in the past, present, and future of Colorado State University. You make it possible for us to connect more than 228,000 alumni to CSU in meaningful ways. Thank you!
In his final Fall Address to the University, President Tony Frank reasserted a message he sent to campus more than a decade ago: “The success of Colorado State University in the future will have less to do with who occupies the president’s chair than who is teaching our classes, who is leading our research programs, and who we admit and graduate.”

On July 1, Dr. Frank will transition to a full-time role as chancellor of the CSU System. It’s tempting, and even fitting, to look back on the last 11 years through a historian’s lens, adjusting the aperture to shed light on some of the major University efforts championed by Dr. Frank and other CSU leaders: increasing access and opportunity for students from diverse backgrounds; upholding our mission of service to fellow Rams and our communities; growing our campus to meet the needs of students and researchers; cultivating a culture of excellence that endures long after students graduate; and fostering principles of community that ground us in common purpose when we’re confronted with incidents that challenge fundamental civil rights.

All of these efforts can be dissected and debated, but as we reflect on the state of the University, we need look no further than our alumni for perspective. Their stories, some of which are presented in this issue, tell us more about who we were and what we’ve become than any statistical analysis ever could.

Dr. Frank has stated that our alumni family is “the memory, the conscience, [and] the character” of CSU. We couldn’t agree more, and we wish him the best as he settles into his new role – and a new chair.

Norma Andersen (B.A., ’60; B.A., ’61; M.Ed., ’76) is a triple alumna who promotes Ram Pride through her musical education and teaching, and memories of her father, George Andersen (’27), who gave her an appreciation of CSU sports.

Darryl Beemer (B.A., ’14; M.S., ’15), a former Ram Handler, works as a mechanical engineer in Boise, Idaho, where he volunteers his time for STEM outreach programs, waterway cleanup projects, and the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit.

Rick Brewer (B.S., ’11), a first-generation student and standout linebacker on the Rams football team, turned his passion for helping young people into a career as an elementary school administrator who’s developing equitable access to quality education – an extension of CSU’s land-grant mission.

Jillian Shook (B.A., ’18) came to the big city of Fort Collins as a first-generation student from a small farming community in rural Colorado. In May, she’ll start at CSU again, but this time as a graduate student who knows the University like the back of her hand, thanks to everything she embraced on campus her first time around.

Meghann Blach (B.S., ’10) drew on advice from a CSU mentor before opening a coffee shop that has become a gathering spot for Yuma, Colo., farmers and ranchers, many of whom are alumni who represent the best of CSU’s agricultural roots.

Desi (B.S., ’83; M.S., ’84) and Lisa Rhoden (B.S., ’84) are electrical engineers and national leaders in their field through talent and determination. Now, they’re empowering the next generation of engineers through generous gifts to their alma mater.
Ram Pride is subtle, yet everywhere, in the Fort Collins home of Norma Andersen—a triple alumna with a degree in piano performance (’60), a B.A. in French (’61), and a master’s in education (’76). Photographs of CSU friends and family grace the shelves of her music room. Next to her grand piano is an impressive stack of Silver Spruce yearbooks—a record of the Andersen family’s nearly century-old connection to Colorado State University.

“These are my dad’s,” Andersen says, grabbing several bookmarked volumes, the oldest dating back to 1920 when her father, George Andersen (’27), was a freshman at then-Colorado Agricultural College. She flips through the pages. “Oh, here’s a good one,” she beams, pointing to a photo of her father in canvas pants, wool knee socks, and a leather helmet. He’s posing in a three-point stance on the football field. A competitive and versatile athlete, George Andersen was quarterback for the Aggies under legendary coach Harry Hughes, point guard on his fraternity’s basketball team, and captain of the wrestling team. He earned a degree in agriculture, became the head wrestling coach and assistant football coach for CAC, and would later become a farmer, 4-H leader, school board member, and Weld County commissioner from 1948 to 1960.

George Andersen, pictured here in 1920, played football and basketball and wrestled for Colorado Agricultural College.

Norma Andersen flips through her old Silver Spruce yearbooks, chronicling a near century-long family tradition of attending CSU.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

Becky Jensen (’93)
Norma Andersen’s first memories of campus were as a child attending football games with her family at Colorado Field (where the running track is now) more than 70 years ago. “He loved sports and gave me that love,” she says of her father, who also passed down the pride he had in his alma mater to his daughter.

Andersen opens another yearbook to a black-and-white photo of a young woman wearing a long, beaded necklace and cloche hat, dressed like a 1920s flapper in CSU’s 1958 performance of The Boy Friend, a Broadway musical. “That’s me,” she says, grinning. “The Charleston was my dance specialty” Page after page reveals Andersen as a go-getter – singing in choirs, dancing in musicals, and actively participating in clubs, honor societies, and her sorority.

A multitalented performer, Andersen became an accomplished piano accompanist at CSU under Julliard-trained Wendel Diebel. She also played flute in the CSU Marching Band and Fort Collins Symphony under distinguished conductor, Symphony founder, and CSU professor, Will Schwartz, another Julliard grad.

Looking back, Andersen deeply appreciates the high-caliber music education she received as a Ram. “I’m so proud of the music department and the time I spent there,” she says, describing the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance as an unsung treasure at CSU.

After graduation, Andersen joined a touring melodrama theater out of Jackson, Wy., and eventually returned home to teach French and vocal music – and become a beloved piano accompanist – in Poudre School District for 30 years. “I used all of my degrees throughout my career,” she says, “and I feel good about that.”

Today, Andersen is the president of Opera Fort Collins Guild, and she plays piano at fundraising events that benefit local nonprofits, including Friends of the Symphony. She’s an award-winning photographer to boot.

“I’ve had an interesting life,” she chuckles as she reshelves the yearbooks.

It’s obvious Andersen is proud of her father’s legacy at CSU, but she’s even more proud of the well-rounded, community-minded man he evolved into because of his college experience. “In my opinion, he became a very great man,” she says, and she’s right.

And Norma Andersen is her father’s daughter.
Ram Handlers are the backbone of Colorado State University’s mascot tradition, ensuring CAM is well taken care of and ready to interact with Rams fans. Coming into the program from different backgrounds, with different experiences, and pursuing majors across the University, they all have one thing in common – their passion for CSU’s cutest tradition. And the Alumni Association’s goal is to provide a meaningful leadership experience while fostering a special understanding of Ram Pride and engagement through the Ram Handler program.

Darryl Beemer (B.S., '14; M.S., '15) grew up a Ram. His mother and oldest sister are alumnae, but despite all that, CSU wasn’t in his plans. However, those plans quickly changed after a visit where he was immediately impressed with the quality of the engineering program and couldn’t deny the positive vibes he got about the University. “CSU’s land-grant mission resonated with my professional desires and background,” Beemer explained. “I saw that I could make it feel as small as I wanted while maintaining the advantages of a major research University.”

Beemer became a Ram Handler upon arriving at CSU his freshman year and was immediately at home, as his family raises Rambouillet sheep at the Ewe Bet Ranch in Loveland, Colo. Beemer credits the Ram Handler program as a major leadership opportunity that allowed him to mentor fellow handlers and educate the public about CAM. Being one of CAM’s best friends, running him across the field, getting some face time with President Tony Frank, and walking in downtown Denver parades weren’t bad perks either!

Since graduating, Beemer has landed in Boise, Idaho, where he is a mechanical engineer for HP. He’s also been involved with STEM outreach programs, waterway cleanup projects, and the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit – all using skills that handling CAM helped him foster.

Beemer will tell you being a Ram Handler also helped shape his pride in CSU, as it gave him a chance to be part of the University’s engagement within the community – a mission he grew to embody himself, and part of why he became a life member of the Alumni Association after graduation. “It is important for alumni to be involved with their alma mater; it holds them accountable in scientific and social progress and carrying out the land-grant mission,” Beemer says.
A single-file line of third-grade students in matching blue uniform shirts winds into the classroom at Wyatt Academy, a charter elementary school in Denver. Their teacher quiets the group, and she is beaming – one of her students who was lagging behind in literacy bumped up a full grade level on his latest test.

“Wow. That’s a huge achievement!” says Rick Brewer (B.A., ’11), a director at Wyatt Academy. With a wide grin, he shakes his head, almost stunned, and gives a shoutout in front of the entire class to the student. He walks down the line of third-graders, fist-bumping each one along the way. Achievements are shared and encouragement is commonplace at Wyatt Academy. Brewer knows every student by name, and he greets every teacher, mentor, or support staffer who passes by.

“Third grade is the hardest; it’s where kids learn cause and effect,” he says. “This is where the real learning begins.” But it extends beyond a test score for these kids, he says. “This is when we have the chance to break the path of school to prison – a real concern for these scholars, who are 98 percent students of color,” Brewer explains. “The propensity for dropout is based on how students do in third grade.”

Brewer approaches life with passion – a passion for excellence and for helping young people overcome challenges and achieve excellence.

A star linebacker and economics major, this Ram became a capital manager following graduation. As a first-team All-State selection at Mullen High School in Denver, Brewer led the state with 156 tackles as a junior. At Colorado State University, he had multiple 100-tackle seasons.
But his students don’t know that. Brewer doesn’t talk about his football days – most don’t even know he played at Colorado State University until they sit in his office where his helmet is on display. He says he wants students to focus more on academic opportunities than on athletics; “it shouldn’t be their identity to help overcome their circumstances,” he shares.

“It’s a slice of the pie, not the whole pie.” As a role model, Brewer wants them to see him as intellectual, as a professional, and as someone to aspire to be. That’s the kind of inspiration and motivation he received from his coaches, advisers, and professors at CSU. He knew he could be more than an athlete because of them.

As a first-generation student, Brewer worked hard in the classroom; “I saw myself becoming a Wall Street broker, a hotshot.” After graduation and a year in capital management, he realized it was not the right fit. His joy in life came from volunteering at Hiawatha Elementary in Minneapolis; “there was not a day when I did not leave there happy.”

After leaving capital management, he set out to earn a master’s degree in special education. At the same time, he taught at-risk and special-needs children at George Washington High School in Denver, and he worked at Jefferson Hills, a residential child care facility in Aurora that is part of the Colorado Crisis Services system.

In his second year at Wyatt, Brewer helped to create the progressive leadership model now in place. Rather than a traditional principal, the team uses a four-person leadership model. He explains there is no hierarchy, so the four directors can focus on important aspects of the program at Wyatt while working together to create an outstanding educational experience. Brewer serves as director of scholar services. Among his responsibilities are developing equitable access and ensuring teachers use cultural competencies that help all students learn.

You might be wondering what his economics degree is doing for him now, but Brewer has a different take. “Economics focuses on scarcity of resources,” he explains. “While resources in education may appear to be abundant, quality education is scarce.” And as a leader in his field, he’s also landed a few “other duties as assigned,” such as budget management and fundraising, for which his numbers education comes in handy.

As Brewer talks through how he is using his degree, a student is yelling down the hall, pacing and arguing with his teacher. Brewer approaches him, drops to one knee, and looks him directly in the eyes. “You need to have respect,” he says. “It’s OK to feel, but you deserve to be better to yourself.” He speaks about fairness and doing the right thing. “The first thing is to listen, then to back it up,” he explains later.

Brewer is determined to bring quality education to grade school “scholars,” as Wyatt Academy calls them, and to create a nurturing environment of excellence that will be a foundation for their success in life. The school’s vision statement proclaims, “100 percent of Wyatt Academy scholars will be college-ready.” It also provides for nurturing the educators’ continuing education.

Brewer is a living, breathing example of so many of the principles this institution is built upon, and he’s working to carry that through in the work he does. “The overall culture of the Rams family is inclusive, and for me, that’s proud to be.”

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Rick Brewer

Rick Brewer congratulates a third-grade scholar on his improved test score on a break between classes at Wyatt Academy in Denver. The achievement is shared with the entire class. (right)
“My freshman year, I told myself that I was going to dive into this whole college thing with everything I had,” and Jillian Shook, 2018 social work graduate, Ram Handler, first-generation student, and volunteer for more organizations and causes than we have pages available to tell you about, did just that.

Hailing from a small farming community in eastern Colorado, choosing CSU meant moving to the city for Shook – and while she was nervous, she wasted no time getting involved.

“I wanted to do everything! Though, I quickly learned that CSU has too many options to do it all, so I honed in on some of my passions and developed some new ones,” she said. And on top of all of the community service and student organizations she was part of during her time on campus, Shook took on the FOR-EVER-GREEN “70 Things to Do Before You Graduate,” checking off number 70 last December when she turned her tassel and joined the Alumni Association as a member.

The FOR-EVER-GREEN book was introduced in 2008 as a way to welcome freshmen to campus. Think of it like a manual for all things green and gold, serving as a way to get students involved and connected as soon as they become Rams.

“I just thought this is what you did as a Ram. My Ram Welcome leader challenged us to complete them all, and when someone challenges me to do something, I have to do it.”

“Looking back, completing the list gave me experiences and opportunities that I wouldn’t have had otherwise,” Shook shared. “I have a lot of memories from CSU that started with something on the list.”

She may have turned her tassel, but Shook will forever be a Ram. She will start her Master of Social Work at Colorado State in May and is staying connected in the meantime as an Alumni Association member. In fact, Shook was among 81 percent in her class to graduate as an Alumni Association member.

“Being a member of the Alumni Association has shown me the power of our Ram family – that there is always room to grow, to learn, and to expand upon my knowledge and experiences to continue a journey with CSU beyond our college years. I know I’ll always have a home at CSU.”
1. Wear your For-Ever-Green shirt
2. Learn about a new culture or community at a Student Diversity Programs event
3. Participate in Ram Welcome
4. Take a selfie with CAM the Ram
5. Attend a Monfort Lecture
6. Meet the dean of your college

7. Serve the community by participating in CSUnity or Cans Around the Oval
8. Eat a free lunch and listen to the speech at the President’s Annual Fall Address and University Picnic
9. Join a student organization (learn more through the annual Involvement Expo and on RamLink)

10. Attend “Grill the Buffs” rally to support the Rams as they take on the CU Buffaloes
11. Cheer on the Rams at the Rocky Mountain Showdown
12. Take a picture of you and your friends on the steps of the Administration Building

13. Help build a float and cheer on the annual Homecoming and Family Weekend Parade
14. Learn why CSU is called a “land-grant university”
15. Volunteer for RamRide

16. Make a statement on the Stamp
17. Introduce yourself to a CSU police officer
18. Submit a “RamTalk” to the Collegian
19. Join in Recyclemania

20. Climb, hike, swim, camp, or relax at Horsetooth Reservoir (or all five!)
21. Find out who Peanuts the Bulldog was
22. Learn the CSU Fight Song and sing it with gusto
23. Go to CSU’s world-famous Colorado International Invitational Poster Exhibition
24. Sing or dance along with the CSU Marching Band – in the audience or as a member
25. Learn how to make – and stick to – a budget

26. Vote in each ASCSU election
27. Have your picture taken with all the Ram statues on campus
28. Join in the MLK Day March in January
29. Dine at the Aspen Grill

30. Spend a Saturday night studying in Morgan Library
31. Rub Bill Morgan’s nose in the library for good luck

32. Make – or fill – a request on KCSU (90.5)
33. Find the high-water mark from the 1997 flood in the Lory Student Center and in the Oval
34. Take a moonlight stroll across the Oval
35. Have a picnic on the grass of the Oval
36. Ride a TransFort or MAX Bus

37. Play in the snow on the West Lawn
38. Attend – or perform in – a University Center for the Arts production
39. Go to an art show in the Curfman Gallery
40. Hug a tree in Sherwood Forest

41. Study in the sun on the Monfort Quad
42. Spend a Friday afternoon in the Ramskeller
43. Have a meaningful international experience
44. Watch a program on CTV
45. Hike to, help paint, or light the “A”

46. Attend a RAM Events concert, comedy program, or other event
47. “Get your Green on” and wear CSU gear on Fridays
48. Cross the Vietnam Memorial Bridge and think about why it’s there
49. Put together a stellar résumé at the Career Center
50. Throw a Frisbee by the Lagoon
51. Go to the annual CSU Rodeo

52. Profess your love for CSU on “I Love CSU” Day
53. Do a victory lap at the Jack Christiansen Memorial Track
54. Wish CSU a happy birthday at the annual Founders Day Celebration in February
55. Learn about or visit CSU’s Mountain Campus
56. Get an internship or seek out a practical learning experience outside the classroom
57. Debate with a speaker on the LSC Plaza – the CSU community values the free exchange of ideas
58. Chalk the sidewalks on the Lory Student Center Plaza
59. Sport your Aggie colors at an “Orange Out” game
60. Get in the CSU spirit by tailgating before a CSU home football game

61. Work off a stressful day at the Recreation Center
62. Play in or cheer on an intramural or Sport Club team
63. Celebrate CSU’s commitment to sustainability by getting to class in a greener way than a car
64. Attend a Border War Game against Wyoming
65. Take a picture at the place that meant the most to you on campus
66. Have coffee with your favorite faculty member

67. Yell loudly when the ROTC cannon, Comatose, is fired after CSU scores during a football game
68. Swap stories with a CSU alum
69. Thank whomever made your college experience possible (parents/family, professors, yourself, scholarship donors)
70. Graduate – and join the Alumni Association

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AROUND THE OVAL | SPRING 2019

70 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

I VOTED I LOVE CSU DAY
If you walk into the Farm House Market in Yuma, Colo., and ask for the coffee shop’s most popular beverage, you soon will be tasting a – believe it or not – CAM the Ram latte.

“Hands down, it’s our most popular drink,” owner and Colorado State University alumna Meghann Blach (B.S., animal science and agricultural business, ’10) proudly proclaimed of the beverage that includes caramel, white chocolate, and Irish cream. “I especially love it when a CU alum comes in and orders it!”

So, what the heck is a coffee/specialty shop on U.S. Highway 34 some 145 miles from the CSU campus doing selling a drink named after the Rams mascot? It’s simple, really: Blach, a third-generation Ram, and she’s more than happy to tell anyone in the small (pop. 3,500) town of Yuma that she’s all in for CSU.

Not only does she have two degrees from CSU, she met her husband, Jeremy – a third-generation Ram himself – at CSU, and both credit their educational experience with helping them forge successful careers. Jeremy Blach oversees the Blach family cattle operation, and Meghann Blach has turned a dream into a successful business.

“CSU has been in my family for generations, and it has always been a big part of my life,” she said. “My parents were both alums and have had season tickets for football and basketball for years. My older brother went to CSU, and both of my mom’s parents went there. A lot of things in our everyday lives can be tied back to CSU.”

Blach said a class taught by Marshall Frasier in the College of Agricultural Sciences was the inspiration behind Farm House Market. She created a business plan for a fictional coffee shop, and Frasier gave her some pointers.

“He said he thought I could really make this work, and that gave me the confidence to move forward,” Blach said. “When I got married, I asked Jeremy what kind of career I could build out in Yuma; he suggested working at the bank, but I’m just not the type to wear high heels every day. The store has been perfect for me.”

Blach opened Farm House Market in 2011 and now has nine employees. She tries to limit herself to working two days a week but admitted, “I’m there every day.” As if operating a small business doesn’t take enough time, she also helps with the family cattle business – while raising two kids (Adley, 4, and Kashton, 2) and preparing for the arrival of a third in June.

“Jeremy has been behind me from the beginning on this; he’s so supportive,” she said. “The store gives me something I can say is 100 percent mine.”
Some people become discouraged by challenges, naysayers, or occurrences beyond their control. Others, like Desi (B.S., ’83; M.S., ’84) and Lisa Rhoden (B.S., ’84), see such things as motivation to work harder and succeed. These 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award winners used their degrees in electrical engineering to launch extraordinary careers.

Both knew they wanted to be engineers from a young age but arrived at Colorado State University’s Department of Electrical Engineering via different paths. Before Lisa’s senior year in high school, her father was transferred from New Orleans to Denver. She graduated from high school midyear and moved with her mother and sister to Colorado. The decision about what college to attend was influenced by her father, whose job involved interviewing engineering graduates from Colorado universities. He was so impressed by CSU alumni, he urged her to go there. She chose an electrical engineering major after taking a circuits class, which she loved.

Desi’s plan to become an engineer was derailed when he was drafted to serve in Vietnam. Upon his return, he couldn’t start school right away so he became an electrician. After about a decade, he was admitted to CSU but was advised by the assistant dean to enroll in junior college, as “older students do not do well in engineering.” With Professor Aram Budak’s help, Desi bypassed the assistant dean and started attending CSU through the SURGE program, which in those days involved watching videotaped lectures. Desi credits Professor Budak with inspiring him to complete the degree and then pursue a master’s.

Motivation and hard work paid great dividends for these two. Currently, Desi is executive vice president of Montage Technology and chairman of the JEDEC Memory Committee. He also is past chairman of the board for JEDEC, the world leader in standards and technology development for the semiconductor industry. Lisa is president of Universal Flash Storage Association and
DESI AND LISA have been tremendously generous to their alma mater. The couple endowed the Lisa and Desi Rhoden College Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering. They also funded the Lisa and Desi Rhoden Biomedical Engineering Lab; helped launch a scholarship in the name of former mechanical engineering Professor Paul Wilbur (in whose class they first met); and have contributed to a fellowship honoring Professor Aram Budak (above), among other gifts to CSU.

executive director of the MobileBench Consortium. They own Brite Sun Technology, a company that provides consulting services. When they aren’t working, the Rhodens spend time on their 42.5 tree-covered acres in Texas. The land is used to promote wildlife habitat; researchers from various universities go there to study lizards and other wildlife.

“CSU enabled us to get where we are today, and we love the University and the students, faculty, and staff,” Lisa explains. “Alumni Association membership is important because it connects all CSU alumni together. Since we will be alumni for life, we joined as life members.”

Lisa Rhoden
I Love CSU Day

APRIL 18

USE THIS HEART TO SPREAD THE LOVE

On April 18, we sprinkle campus with green hearts, thank students for being awesome, and rock our Ram Pride in every sense of the words.

We hope you’ll join us this April 18, from wherever you are! Snap a photo with this heart and tag us on social telling us why you love CSU.

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Redeem for coffee and donuts at the Smith Alumni Center while supplies last!
Find a Ram Network Near You

There are Rams all over the nation. For example, we have 5,142 alumni currently calling Arizona home; 3,438 residing in Oregon; 7,180 in Texas; 1,169 in New Jersey; the list goes on. We have Colorado State University representation in every state — and 41 alumni in Puerto Rico!

Part of our mission as your Alumni Association is to keep you connected, and we do that through Ram Networks. We currently have about 20 active Ram Networks in cities such as Chicago, Boston, and Washington, D.C., with new ones being born all the time — Nashville, Atlanta, Tacoma, and a couple coming to Hawaii soon!

As we begin to reach out and grow our engagement across the country, we’d like to officially introduce you to your Ram Network team. The team is excited to see Ram Pride alive and active again and can’t wait to meet you!

Watch for exciting things to come as we roll out our plans for the future of Ram Networks.

Find out if there’s a Ram Network near you at alumni.colostate.edu/alumni-in-the-nation, or email us with any questions about how to start one in your area — RamNetworks@colostate.edu.

Find a Ram Network Near You

(from left to right)
COREY SLACK manages Denver and Colorado Springs.
MATT Flick covers the northern half of the U.S.
DAKOTA BOGNER serves as the contact for southwest states and Chicago.
LISA HANSEN has the southeastern territory.
RACHEL BLUM serves as the contact for the rest of Colorado outside of Denver and Colorado Springs.

HELP US TURN MORE OF THE MAP GREEN!
We’re counting on you, as members of the Alumni Association, to rally Rams in your area! Join a Ram Network or start one in your city today!

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RAM NETWORK LOCATION

EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS, & BOTSWANA
Oct. 5-19, 2019
From cosmopolitan Cape Town to the power of Victoria Falls to the remote wilds of Botswana, this is the complete African travel experience. This small-group tour has experiences such as gazing out from the top of Table Mountain, exploring the Cape of Good Hope, viewing legendary wildlife, and sampling wines at a vineyard, and that is just the start!

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The following were awarded at the 2018 50 Year Club luncheon during Homecoming and Family Weekend:

ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE AWARD
Jon Larsen (B.S., ’64)

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
Jack Welch (B.S., ’66; CERT, ’66)

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Kenneth Goldsberry (B.S., ’54; M.S., ’62)

CALL FOR 2019 NOMINATIONS
Nominations for the 2019 50 Year Club Awards are currently open and will be accepted until July 12, 2019. To learn more about the 50 Year Club Awards and to submit your nomination, please visit the CSU Alumni Association’s website at alumni.colostate.edu/50-year-club or call (877) 498-7787.

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