

Fall 2011 Important Dates

October

17 - End of course withdrawal period. Last day to exercise repeat/delete option.

24 - Spring 2012 registration begins. Check RAMweb for your designated time.

November

19 - Fall recess begins; no classes next week.

24 - 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday; University closed.

December

9 - last day to process a University Withdrawal.

12 - 16 - Final Exams.

16 - 17 - Commencement Ceremonies.

26- 28- Winter holiday; University Closed.

To learn more about what faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Biology are up to, check out our website: <http://www.biology.colostate.edu/>.

Don't wait to schedule your appointments to pick out Spring 2012 courses. Our schedules book quickly around registration time, so make your appointments now! As always, appointments can be made online at: <http://www.biology.colostate.edu/advising-scheduling>

New this month:

New Academic Support Coordinator Starting Soon!

As we noted in last month's newsletter, the Department of Biology will soon be hiring a third full-time Academic Support Coordinator to create even more availability and assistance for students. We had an outstanding group of candidates, and have finished up the interviews with a decision to come soon. Once the new person is on board, we are looking forward to further expanding our role in helping students be as successful as possible. We will be introducing the new Academic Support Coordinator in next month's newsletter, so keep an eye out!



The course withdrawal deadline is approaching on October 17th!

If you are thinking about withdrawing from a course, there are some important things to keep in mind. By withdrawing from a course, you will earn a permanent "W" as your grade for the course. This differs from dropping a course early in the semester where the course disappears from your transcript completely. If you want to withdraw from a course, make sure you will have at least 12 credits on your schedule to still be a full-time student. If withdrawing will put you below 12 credits, call Student Financial Services at: (970) 491-6321 to see what may happen to your financial aid. If you want to discuss withdrawing with an Academic Support Coordinator, feel free to make an appointment online at: <http://www.biology.colostate.edu/advising-scheduling>

Registration for Spring 2012 opens later this month!

Registration Opens on October 24th. Check RAMweb for your official registration date and time and remember that it is staggered by the number of credits students have. For best course availability, try to be online at the exact minute that registration opens and have your courses/CRNs already selected. **For new students: you will not have an advising code again, so you will not need to worry about that.** Advising codes are reserved for new students of students on Academic Probation.

-CHECK PAGE 5 FOR SOME GREAT UPCOMING CAREER CENTER EVENTS-

ATTENTION STUDENTS ON ACADEMIC PROBATION:

If you are on academic probation, you will need to get your advising code from an Academic Support Coordinator before you can register!

As a new program this semester, we will be holding Academic Probation Workshops. **If you are on Probation I, you will need to attend one of the workshops to get your advising code.** If you cannot make it to one of the workshops because of other obligations, you'll need to make an appointment to come in and talk to one of the Academic Support Coordinators. Likewise, **if you are on Probation II, you'll need to make an appointment with an Academic Support Coordinator to discuss your status and get your advising code.**

Probation I Workshop Dates:

- 1) October 25th from 1:00 - 1:50 in Yates 206
- 2) October 26th from 1:00 - 1:50 in Yates 206

You will need to sign up for the Academic Probation Workshop that you wish to attend at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dEw0WVNBS25IQkszdVF5SXzEzdnM3NVE6MQ#gid=0

If the link does not work, please copy and paste the URL into your browser.

FACULTY A.S.C. CORNER

Instead of introducing a faculty member this month, we have decided to profile the Academic Support Coordinators so our students can get to know us a little more! Keep an eye out for next month's newsletter where we will also be profiling our new Academic Support Coordinator.



Justin Reeves

About Me:

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

Academic Degrees:

I received a B.A. in biology from Western State College and a Ph.D. in ecology from Kent State University

What I Do In My Free Time:

I love to camp, fish, hike, and explore the outdoors. I am fascinated by birds and bugs (I'm an insect ecologist), so I'm always on the lookout for cool critters. I'm also a huge sports fan, so listen outside on Sundays and you might hear me yelling about the Broncos games from across town.

My Favorite Part About Being An Academic Support Coordinator:

I enjoy interacting with students and being a part of their success. My job is extremely enjoyable and rewarding! I often go home thinking how great it is that I get paid to talk to and help students all day.

If I Could Only Give One Piece Of Advice To Biology/Zoology Majors, It Would Be:

Get involved on campus and make the most of your time in college. Sure, academics are the most important thing, but you'll get much more out of your education if you join clubs, do research, tutor, do an internship, etc. You'll only get out of your education what you put in, so manage your time and do as much as you can (even the fun stuff).

Random Fun Fact About Me:

When I was in middle school I thought it would be fun to ride an office chair down a steep road near my house. It was fun until the wheels melted off the chair and I flew off and wound up in the ER.



Kayla Nuss

About Me:

Hometown: Golden, CO

Academic Degrees:

I received a B.A. in Psychology and Spanish from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA. I also have a M.A. in Student Development in Postsecondary Education from the University of Iowa.

What I Do In My Free Time:

I am an avid runner. I have trained and completed two full marathons and 8

half-marathons. I'm currently training for half-marathons number 9 and 10. In 2011, my goal is to run 1000 miles and I have about 300 to go. I'm a huge Rockies fan (even when they are terrible)! I also enjoy spending time with my husband and our 10 year old Chihuahua, Francis.

My Favorite Part About Being An Academic Support Coordinator:

I love learning about the goals and ambitions of our students. It's clear that I'm not going to be one of the people that discovers a cure for cancer, but I'm certain that one of our students will be! I'm humbled me to work with such talented young people.

If I Could Only Give One Piece Of Advice To Biology/Zoology Majors, It Would Be:

Talk to your professors! It might be intimidating initially, but they are here to teach and support you. Our most successful students take the time to meet their faculty members and get to know them. When it's time for you to solicit letters or recommendation for graduate programs, or job references, you'll be happy that you spent time speaking with your faculty.

Random Fun Fact About Me:

Due to some strange twists of fate, I happen to have two birthdays— both are documented on birth certificates. Until I was 16, I didn't know which one was my real birthday! Luckily they are one right after the other so I get to celebrate for two days in a row!

I also have two wedding anniversaries (both with the same person) but that's because we chose to have a small ceremony and a larger reception later for our family and friends. I guess I just like parties!

STUDENT SUCCESS— AN INTERVIEW WITH SENIOR BIOLOGY MAJOR, JANE KARPOWICZ

HOMETOWN: Chester Springs, Pennsylvania

MAJOR: Biological Sciences Major and a Biomedical Science Minor

HOBBIES: Anything that allows me to be outside! I especially love to fish, mountain bike, and to be on a horse. Most of my free time is spent at the stables working/playing with horses. I have also been leading a group called *Diva's of the Dirt* over the past year for young women with a passion for the outdoors. It's been a great experience, and has definitely become a hobby of mine.

How did you decide to major in Biology at CSU?

My first visit to CSU was also my first time in Colorado. Needless to say, I fell in love! As for biology, I always knew that I wanted to study something in the realm of the Natural Sciences, and a biology major was appealing because of the wide range of career paths it encompasses. Also, when I was about seven years old, I vividly remember catching snakes at the bay when a family friend told me that one day I was going to be a

biologist. I didn't know what that meant at the time, but it kind of stuck with me. Thanks Jack.

What department or campus resources have you used to help you be successful?

Peer mentoring through the Office of Orientation and Transition Programs has been a highlight for me thus far at CSU. This has been a beneficial resource for me because they have helped me to get involved with the University in a unique way. I also appreciate the Counseling Services here at CSU. They do a variety of workshops and services for the overall well being of our student population, I wish I took advantage of them earlier in my degree.

What advice would you give students just entering the Biology or Zoology majors? Get involved with a research lab on campus. The experience I have had in the cytogenetics laboratory has outweighed any work experience I have had, ever. It is real life work, real life science, and gives you a good understanding of what

to expect in a science related career. I landed my job in the lab by following my professor back to his office after lecture and telling him that I wanted a job. It worked! I never appreciated the saying, "Work Hard, Play Hard" until now. So, my last piece of advice would be to enjoy where you are and have fun with it.

What has been your favorite Biology course thus far? BZ 1101/111 -

Principles of Animal Biology. Being my first biology course at CSU, and loving the material, it allowed me to be confident that I was in the right place. I enjoyed the course so much that I was a TA (squared) for BZ111 for two consecutive semesters. I loved it, and you get to dissect crayfish..awesome.

What challenges have you faced as a Biology major? It is always a challenge to find balance and peace in your life, especially being a student.

I am an active person outside of academia, and it is a constant

motivated with school while the mountains are staring at me all day, every day. Also, the only thing that Colorado is missing is my family. This is a challenge that will never end, but something you learn from and grow with over time.

What are your plans for the future? In the near future, I plan to graduate and work on a ranch. After that, I would like to study Veterinary Medicine and travel the world.

Thank you, Jane! We wish you all the best in the future!



CLUB INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Biology Club! Interested in biology but not sure where your degree will take you? Let the Biology Club help you out! We are a student-run club focused on providing career ideas for students majoring in biological sciences, or who are just interested in learning some cool things about the world around us. We have monthly meetings with speakers from different biological fields, as well as field trips and community service opportunities. Please contact Claire at willis.c7@q.com with any questions. **We are also looking for some new officers**, so let her know if that sounds like something you'd be interested in! To stay up-to-date with the club's happenings, visit our website at <http://rydberg.biology.colostate.edu/bioclub/>. We hope to see you at our next meeting!



Join the Zoology Club! Zoology Club is for those passionate about animals of any major (not just Zoology)! We meet every other week and host guest speakers ranging from zookeepers to professors here at CSU. We also provide an average of 3 trips a semester. Recent trips have included camping at an Emu Ranch, and behind the scenes tours at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the Downtown Aquarium in Denver! With summer internships on the way we will also be providing resources for those looking to get involved in research, wildlife, zoos, aquariums, etc! To be part of our mailing list, which will allow you to get updates on meetings and trips please contact us at csuzoologyclub@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Join the Gillette Entomology Club! The Gillette Entomology Club (GEC) is a great opportunity to learn more about some of the most common organisms in the world. There are over a million known species of insects and about sixty thousand arachnid species. The GEC is devoted to the challenge of teaching its members and the community. We hold monthly meetings that often feature guest speakers from throughout the profession, and we also organize outreach events. Our mission is partly accomplished through the bug zoo in the Plant Sciences building that houses many local and exotic species of arthropods. GEC is also getting its first bee hives up and running soon. If you have any interest in helping us care for our bugs, understanding more about them, or helping us spread knowledge of them to our community, please consider the GEC. To join the mailing list, please email Kyle Conrad at krcon@rams.colostate.edu, and also search "GEC" on Facebook to join our group.



HEALTH PROFESSIONS HAPPENINGS



To schedule an appointment with a Health Professions Advisor call the Center for Advising and Student Achievement (CASA) at 970-491-7095. For more information on Health Professions Advising visit <http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/>.

If you are interested in health professions, we encourage you to sign up for the health professions electronic mailing list (at <http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/hpmailinglist.aspx>). Subscribing to this list enables you to receive email messages about Health Professions advising, workshops related to Health Professions and special events sponsored by the various Health Profession student organizations.

Upcoming Opportunities for Health Professions Students:

MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM: Getting ready to apply to Graduate/Professional School? Worried about that upcoming Interview? The Career Center now offers a Mock Interview program!! Sign up today by calling The Career Center 491-5707. Start practicing now for that Graduate/Professional School interview that is just around the corner. They will also do interviews to help you prepare for internships and jobs! Don't wait - call today - you might need more than 1 practice interview - be your best!!

FREE Practice GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, DAT, OAT, and PCAT

Option 1: On-Campus, 10/8/2011 at 10 AM on Campus at CSU Fort Collins OR Option 2: Anywhere! Kaplan is holding a FREE Practice Test for the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, DAT, OAT, or PCAT. The onsite, campus event at Colorado State University is taking place on Saturday, October 8th at 10 AM. To register for this free event, fill out the following web form: <http://bit.ly/CSUFortCollinsFreePracticeTest>. Before the event, you will receive an email confirming your registration and providing you with instructions for checking in on Saturday morning.

Science Quote of The Month:

Theory guides. Experiment decides.

~ an old saying in science, seen attributed to many different persons.

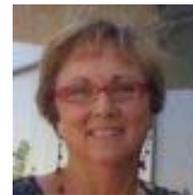
CAREER CONNECTIONS

Advising Tip of the Month:

If you didn't do well on your first round of exams, make sure to speak to your professor about the exam and how to do better on the next one. It's a great way to get to know your professor (and a great way for them to get to know you).

Make an Appointment to See an Academic Support Coordinator Today!

Need help planning your future? **Judy Brobst**, the Career Center Liaison for the College of Natural Sciences, can assist you with all aspects of your career development! Services offered: Internships & volunteer experiences, resume development, choosing/changing majors, graduate school, on-line assessments, job search skills, etc. **To set up an appointment** contact Judy at judy.brobst@colostate.edu or 970-491-1190. **Drop in Career Counseling with Judy Brobst:** Every Wednesday during Fall semester from 10:00 - 12:00 in A/Z E-108. No appointment necessary!



UPCOMING CAREER CENTER EVENTS

Disney Information Sessions: Learn more about these 6-month paid opportunities with Walt Disney World. Yes, they do have science focused internships and don't forget about Animal Kingdom for all you animal lovers out there! Tuesday October 4, 2011, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Lory Student Center Room 228 **AND** Tuesday October 4, 2011, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Clark, A104

Getting into Graduate School : Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 04:30 PM TILT 221. Thinking of Graduate School? Join us for a panel of graduate students who will share their experiences and give the opportunity for future grad students to ask questions. A lot of questions come up about how the application process to graduate school should be navigated: Do I need to take GRE's? How good do I have to do? How much does it cost ? How do I find a faculty advisor? Where is all the funding? Who better to ask than current graduate students who have recently gone through this experience/obstacle course?! Bring questions and be ready for some great presentations!

Health Careers Industry Connect Event: October 12, 2011; 6:00 - 7:30 pm; Location: TBD. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities in Health Careers you won't want to miss this panel Speakers include: Patty Oaks, HR director, Medical Center of the Rockies Kathy Kiossopolous, clinical Researcher Dr. Kathy Sigda, Behavioral Unit Clinical Psychologist, Mountain Crest Mental Health facility Brad Ott, Owner, Rebound Physical Therapy Representative from CU Nursing Program

Managing Your Career in Science: November 3, 2011; 3:00 - 3:50 pm; A/Z W 205 Looking for more information about what you can do with your Biology degree? Listen to these individuals, their career path and where they are now: Marilyn Greenwalt, PhD CSU alumni - CPC Clinical Research Mike Sonnenberg, CSU alumni Methods Transfer Manager, Amgen, and others!

Careers in the Pharmaceutical Industry: November 15, 2011; 6:00 - 7:30 pm; Engineering building; attendees include: Merck, Amgen and others.

Complete information on these opportunities and others can be found on The Career Center homepage <http://career.colostate.edu> click on the Upcoming Events/Interviews tab for view our calendar and get complete details on these events.