

## CSU studies risks for astronauts going to Mars

A \$9 million grant from NASA will create a new research facility at Colorado State University – the only one of its kind in the world – to help reveal the effects of long-term exposure to space radiation. Michael Weil, a professor in CSU's Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences, is the project's lead scientist.

Image: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Cornell Univ./Arizona State Univ.

## First Generation Award

### CSU: Birthplace of first generation scholarships

CSU this spring celebrated the 30th anniversary of the First Generation Award – a first-of-its-kind program that provides financial assistance to qualified students whose parents never graduated with a four-year college degree. CSU was the first university in the country to offer first-generation students a scholarship designed specifically for them – and now CSU is seeing the children of those early First Generation Scholars enrolling on campus!

### Guggenheim honors poet Dan Beachy-Quick whose work echoes nature

Dan Beachy-Quick, an associate professor of creative writing at Colorado State University, has been named a fellow by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Beachy-Quick was one of 175 scholars, artists, and scientists selected to receive a 2015 Guggenheim Fellowship and one of 10 recipients in the organization's poetry category. There were more than 3,100 applicants. The award will enable Beachy-Quick to spend the next year writing. Since joining CSU in 2007, he has published several literary collections, 26 articles and more than 75 poems, stories, and reviews.



Members of the CSU Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity loaded boxes of textbooks into a shipping container bound for Ethiopia's Hawassa University.

### CSU stocks Ethiopian university library

The Colorado State University community donated more than 20,500 up-to-date textbooks and recent scholarly journals – that's more than 33,000 pounds of materials packed into 641 boxes – to Hawassa University in Ethiopia to stock their library shelves. CSU has close academic partnerships with Hawassa, and CSU President Tony Frank launched the book drive after a visit to Hawassa when he observed the need to build their library collection. The book drive was led by CSU retiree Bob Sturtevant and his wife, Nancy; CSU research scientist Paul Evangelista; and a dedicated group of students and volunteers. Thanks to their efforts, the shipment set sail for Ethiopia in April.

### Temple Grandin, CSU win Internet Webby Award

CSU's social media team and Animal Sciences Professor Temple Grandin won the Internet equivalent of an Oscar April 27 when they were selected as the winners of a 2015 Webby Award. The Webby – the world's most prestigious international award honoring excellence on the Internet – recognized CSU's program, "Temple Grandin Talks to Reddit," – saying it "sets the standard for innovation and creativity on the Internet." Other 2015 winners include *The New Yorker*, Jimmy Fallon, BuzzFeed, and Grumpy Cat.



### Little Shop of Physics wows at Weather and Science Day

More than 12,000 Denver-area students learned about the science of baseball and weather phenomena at Weather and Science Day at Coors Field. With the help of 150 Colorado State University student volunteers, the Little Shop of Physics staff led school children through an hour-long, hands-on science demonstration before the start of the Rockies game April 23. The event is sponsored by CSU, the Colorado Rockies, and 9 News.



## CSU is sustainability

- *The Princeton Review* ranked CSU 12th overall on its Top 50 Green Colleges List, and fifth among public research universities in the country.
- CSU was one of nine colleges and universities honored by the Department of Education with a Postsecondary Sustainability Award, a new recognition for 2015.
- In April, one of the newest facilities on campus, the Pavilion at Laurel Village, achieved a LEED Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council – a first for CSU.

## They did it!

As the Class of 2015 graduates this month, their prospects are bright. The latest data on CSU graduates found that 84 percent secured their first-destination plans – either a job or graduate school – by the time of graduation. About 1,400 employers hired CSU graduates last year, at an average full-time starting salary of \$44,500. The Brookings Institution recently reported that CSU graduates earn, on average, \$4,100 more by mid-career than their peers from 2,500 four-year schools nationwide.

