New This Month: Spring 2013 Important Dates

May
10: Last day of classes and University Withdrawal Deadline
13 - 17: Final exams
17-18: Commencement ceremonies
22: Spring grades available on RamWeb

Don’t wait to schedule your appointments! 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/undergraduates/schedule-an-appointment/

New Academic Support Coordinator Hired!
Our third Academic Support Coordinator has been hired! Liz Hysen has been on board since mid-April and has been quickly learning everything to assist students and make appointment availability better than ever before. As always, appointments with Jenny, Kayla, or Liz can be made online at: http://www.biology.colostate.edu/undergraduates/schedule-an-appointment/ See page 2 to learn more about Liz.

CONGRATULATIONS BIOLOGY AND ZOOLOGY GRADUATES!
The Biology ASCs are proud of all that you have accomplished in your time at CSU!
Best of luck to you all!

Commencement information can be found on the College of Natural Science’s website:
http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/current-students/graduation/

Let’s have a great summer
MEET OUR NEAREST BIOLOGY ACADEMIC SUPPORT COORDINATOR, LIZ HYSEN

Hometown: Weyauwega, WI

Academic Degrees: I received a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in Eau Claire, WI. I also have a M.A. in School Counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, WI.

What I do in my free time: I love being outdoors and experiencing nature any way I can! I enjoy biking, hiking, running, fishing, kayaking, and camping. I am also an avid bird enthusiast and love to watch and identify birds whenever I can. My husband and I love to garden and I enjoy cooking with the food that we grow ourselves. And, of course, being from WI, I am also passionate about my home state sports teams – Go Brewers and Go Packers!

My favorite part about being an Academic Support Coordinator: The opportunity to work with students pursuing degrees and careers in the sciences. I have always been fascinated by science but my brain wasn’t wired to be able to pursue it as a career so I have nothing but respect and admiration for the students in our department. I know that our students will go on to do great things, and getting to be a part of their journey is both inspiring and humbling. I also feel very lucky to be a part of an institution like CSU.

If I Could Only Give One Piece Of Advice To Biology/Zoology Majors, It Would Be:
Never stop learning. Talk to professors, classmates, advisors, career counselors, study abroad, and do an internship (or two)! If these are things that put you out of your comfort zone then that’s all the more reason to do them – it’s difficult to learn if you’re not challenging yourself. Take advantage of all the great resources you have here on campus while you can, find your niche, and find your passion!

Random fun fact: I grew up on a dairy farm. Cows, pigs, chickens, sheep, horses, more cats than you would ever think possible and wide open spaces were how I spent my childhood. I even had to milk cows in the morning before school! And, while I wasn’t always amused by working hard and living miles away from civilization, I wouldn’t trade it for anything.
FINALS ARE APPROACHING! DO YOU FEEL READY?
TiLT Will Be Offering Pre-Finals Preparation Workshops, covering:
• Tips and strategies for easing test anxiety
• Test question formats like multiple choice, true/false, short answer and essay
• How to do your very best!

Dates and Times: Location:
May 6 at 4:00 PM All TiLT Workshops are held in TiLT 221
May 7 at 5:00 PM (The Great Hall)
May 8 at 6:00 PM

Workshops are free to CSU students and last 50 minutes—Refreshments are provided!

SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN BIOLOGY SUMMER COURSES!
There are still seats open in a number of Biological Sciences and Zoology major courses this summer! Courses include:
  LIFE 102 – Attributes of Living Systems
  LIFE 103 – Biology of Organisms
  LIFE 320 – Ecology
  BZ 214 – Vertebrate Biology
  BZ 220 – Introduction to Evolution
  BZ 223 – Plant Identification
  BZ 300 – Animal Behavior
  BZ 310 – Cell Biology
  BZ 311 – Developmental Biology
  BZ 350 – Molecular and General Genetics
  BZ 380A – Field Mammology

REGISTER FOR THESE AND MORE ON RAMWEB.
Act now to ensure you get a seat!
HEALTH PROFESSIONS HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Wednesday May 1
Pre Physical Therapy will hold its Spring Banquet at 6:00PM, Old Chicago?s in Old Town. Be sure to RSVP to ptclub@rams.colostate.edu

Tuesday May 7
Pre Occupational Therapy will hold its Spring Banquet at 6:00PM, Old Chicago?s in Old Town. Be sure to RSVP to otclub@rams.colostate.edu

Wednesday May 8
Premedica will meet at 6:30 PM in Clark A102. Officer elections will be held.

Pre Pharmacy will hold its Spring Banquet at 6:00PM, Old Chicago?s in Old Town. Be sure to RSVP to incase@rams.colostate.edu

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado is looking for about 30 volunteers for the Epilepsy 5K in Fort Collins. The event is May 11th on the Oval. They need volunteers there by 9:00 a.m. as registration begins at 9:30 with the race starting at 10:30. If any volunteers happen to be running, they will have time to enjoy the event. They will have event volunteer t-shirts for all that help. Contact: Amanda Jaksha at:ajaksha@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Pets Forever is offering internship opportunities for the summer that would entail 20 hours/week (for credit). Interns will develop goals and feedback will be integral. Contact lori.kogan@colostate.edu for more information.

An OT at the Boulder Community Hospital Mapleton Center is leading a summer camp called Helping Hands Camp this summer in July is looking for volunteers. Camp will be July 15th-19th this summer. If you are interested contact: sruben@bch.org

Interested in medical school scholarships? The Army Health Care recruiter will be outside the Biological Sciences Advising Office (A-Z E116) from 10 AM to 2 PM on Tuesday April 30. Stop by and learn more about the opportunities they have!

Do you have time to volunteer this summer? If you’d like to work in Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy in a Hippotherapy program email: brentapplegate@myheroestherapy.com to find times for orientation and to get involved.

A 10 year post-stroke client in Longmont is looking for someone who has some knowledge of neurostretch techniques and e-stim twice a week for 45 minutes; the pay would be around $30/hr. If you are interested contact: Celenevb@comcast.net

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.
Summer Field Botanist Positions in the Black Hills and Badlands, SD
June 10-August 16, 2013

Job Overview:
Colorado State University is hiring two summer field assistants for a research project in the Black Hills and Badlands of southwestern South Dakota. The project is measuring effects of nitrogen deposition on grassland vegetation at Wind Cave and Badlands National Parks.

Pay for crew members will be $16.10/hr. Crew members will be stationed at Wind Cave National Park and work under the direct supervision of the project leader.

Crew Member Duties:
- Travel daily to field sites, plus some overnight campground camping.
- Apply nitrogen fertilizer to experimental plots.
- Identify and measure cover of grassland forbs, shrubs, grasses.
- Measure biomass of grassland vegetation.
- Collect unknown plant specimens and identify them in the laboratory with dichotomous keys and herbaria collections.
- Enter data into Microsoft Excel spreadsheets or other databases.
- Perform miscellaneous office tasks (e.g., organizing equipment, copying datasheets, etc.).

Requirements:
- Enrollment or completion of a bachelor’s degree in rangeland science, ecology, biology, botany or related field.
- Previous field experience sampling vegetation. Preference given to those candidates with grassland plant identification skills and experience.
- Experience with computers and Microsoft software packages.
- Excellent communication skills, flexibility and ability to work effectively as a team member.
- Ability to carry a heavy pack across steep, uneven terrain and to work long days in remote areas and in inclement (rainy/cold/hot) conditions.
- Good physical condition, a sense of humor, and ability to work as a team.
- A valid driver’s license and a good driving record.

Housing: Park housing may be available for rent.

Area Information: Wind Cave National Park is located in the southern Black Hills of southwest South Dakota, approximately 5 ½ hours north of Denver, CO. Medical and dental services, shopping, restaurants, and churches of most faiths are available in Hot Springs (12 miles) and Custer (20 miles). The full service community of Rapid City, SD, population 60,000, is 60 miles away.

How To Apply:
If you have any questions about this position, please contact Alan Knapp at aknapp@colostate.edu and Amy Symstad at asymstad@usgs.gov. Applicants should send a brief cover letter, resume, university transcripts (unofficial okay) and contact information for 3 references to Alan Knapp by email. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.
INTERESTED IN GENETICS?
Time magazine calls genetic counseling one of the 9 jobs of the near future!

JOIN US!
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Saturday, June 1st, 9am – 3pm
Genetic Science Learning Center
383 Colorow Dr
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

$30 per person, includes lunch and refreshments

This career camp provides a glimpse into the exciting profession of genetic counseling and includes speakers from specialties including prenatal, pediatric, oncology, and more! You’ll also learn about genetic counseling training programs and discover how to make your application stand out.

Register @ www.utahgc.org

Association for Utah Genetic Counselors
It All Starts with AUG!

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Must be 18 years or older as of June 1st, 2013