February is Here

HELLO!! Welcome to February. We hope you are enjoying the start up of new classes this spring semester. We have put together a bunch of resources to help you through this semester and even prepare for next year. Our office is always available to you and we would love to answer and help as we can as this new year tracks on.

What is in This Month's Newsletter

We will discuss our yearly housing fair that is approaching (February 7th). Our RamRide information will be listed below and we hope students will take advantage of the free and safe rides around town. We celebrate Black History Month and are excited to welcome the wonderful guest speakers that will be joining CSU. We have several opportunities, such as, on campus jobs, volunteering and student advisory board. Year 2 @ CSU was built for students to make sure there is support and guidance when moving on after your first year. Make sure to read how to get involved. Need a place for all those books? Our office has you covered with semester lockers available. With all those books you must need some academic support. It is a great thing to reach out when classes seem overwhelming. We have lots of resources listed below such as TILT, NACC, and more. Lastly we close with a yummy recipe (scroll down to find out what it is)!!!!!

Housing Fair

This year's Housing Fair is February 7th from 9am until 4pm in the Never No Summer (Ni-
chebe-chii) room in LSC. Stop by to talk with apartment complexes, property managers, housing resources and more. Our office, Off-Campus Life, will be present to answer any questions you may have about upcoming housing, transportation and living. We look forward to seeing you there, and don’t forget about the free swag available.

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RamRide is Back!

Our RamRide program will have four elements this semester. You can download the RamRide app from both the Apple and Google stores.

1. **RamRide Night Ops**, A designated group leader will register for a night your student organization wishes to volunteer on through our website. You can choose to provide either 16 volunteers on a single night to receive $500 or 30 volunteers on a single night to receive $1000. Patrons can request a free ride through our app from 10 PM to 2:30 AM on Friday and Saturday nights.

2. **RamRide Food Ops**, our food delivery program, will return in partnership with Rams Against Hunger to offer food deliveries to folks experiencing food insecurity and in need of that service. Please visit our website for updates to this program.

3. **RamRide x Lyft Holidays/Special Events** – on high-traffic holidays (Halloween, New Years, Graduation, etc.) where RamRide’s fleet is not operating, RamRide will offer Lyft codes through the RamRide app to support safe transportation.

4. **RamRide Secure**, our transportation security program, will continue this year offering an additional $200 in Lyft credits to students who submit an application and are approved after committee review, as funds remain.

We continue to update our website with details about using and volunteering for these programs, so check [here](#)

You can also follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter for the latest news.
February is Black History Month and the Black/African American Cultural Center has some great programming planned! Some of our events include: Kick-off Celebration; Keynote Speakers (past speakers: Angela Davis, Hill Harper, Melissa Harris-Perry, Laverne Cox, Mark Lamontt Hill, Eric Thomson, Dr. Yusef Salaam, Wesley Hamilton); Black Women’s Summit; The Hair Show; Open Mic Night; and southern-style meal at a residence. Be looking out as promotion will start soon to announce a great time of celebration, education, and awareness of Black/African American Culture.

Rent a locker?

For first-year commuter students, we still have free quarter-sized lockers while supplies last.

In general, we have 3 different sizes available ranging in price from $20 – $50 per semester, which will be charged to your credit or debit card. Click on the link below to get more information.

Career Fair

We’re kicking off the new semester with the Spring 2024 Career Fair that is open to all majors. The Career Center
will be hosting the fair in person and virtually this year.

Students can make a great first impression with recruiters by talking about career competencies they’ve gained in their roles on campus. Reviewing these competencies in supervision sessions is a great way to help students prepare.

On-Campus Job Opportunities

Getting an on-campus job is a great way for commuter students to meet new people and get more involved with life at CSU. It’s also a great way to get valuable job experience.

Off-Campus Life is hiring, and take it from me, it’s a great place to work! We have two positions open:

- The Graphic Designer is responsible for developing and maintaining the Off-Campus Life brand through the design of all marketing materials including, but not limited to, newspaper ads, posters, web ads, and t-shirts, as well as the physical construction of display cases and event decorations. This position works closely with the Marketing Manager and Public Relations Coordinator and is also responsible for communicating with other staff on a regular basis to determine office design needs and receive feedback. You can find more information here.

Getting to Year 2 @ CSU is a semester-long, campus-wide program with events
designed for and promoted to first-year students in their second semester. By engaging with Getting to Year 2 @ CSU initiatives, first-year students can get information they need to successfully transition into their second year at CSU! While we may not know exactly what the second-year experience will look like, we want to connect students with opportunities and resources that will help them be successful. Students will be able to learn about resources for housing, academic success, involvement, building community, career readiness, and more.

Below is the list of upcoming Getting to Year 2 @ CSU programs and initiatives being promoted to first year students:

Navigating Off-Campus Housing & Signing an Off-Campus Lease
Monday, February 5 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Off-Campus Life, Lory Student Center 281
Fly solo or bring a fellow Ram – this event is open to any First-Year, Second-Year or Transfer students! Starting to think about where you are going to live next year? Not a clue where to get started or what to do with a lease? It doesn't have to be daunting if you know what to look for! Join Student Legal Services and Off Campus Life to learn about finding off-campus, the process of signing a lease, how to work with landlords/leasing offices, how to get your deposit back, and more helpful tips! Registration strongly recommended, [click here to do so!](#)

Financial Foundations Workshop with Canvas Credit Union
Tuesday, February 6 | 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Canvas Stadium 0202 (Collaborative for Student Achievement, Big South Conference Room)
Fly solo or bring a fellow Ram – this event is open to any First-Year, Second-Year or Transfer students! Your money life right now and in the future. Your financial well-being starts with the fundamentals of spending, saving, borrowing, and future planning. Get a clear understanding of banking products, money emotions, budgeting options, savings tactics, advantages and challenges of loans, smart borrowing tips, and big picture considerations like insurance and investing. Let’s take a look at your whole money life to make your financial position stronger now and in the future. Registration strongly recommended, [click here to do so!](#)

Housing Fair
Wednesday, February 7 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Never No Summer Ballroom, in the Lory Student Center
Fly solo or bring a fellow Ram – this event is open to all students! The Housing Fair brings together property management companies, landlords, realtors, other community resources, and Colorado State University offices to inform students about their housing options and how to successfully live off-campus. Different groups such as apartment complexes, property managers, television companies, etc. have positions in the ballroom where students are able to speak to a representative to learn about or sign up for their services, and in some cases sign a lease for a place to live the following year. Visit Off-Campus Life’s
Roommate Meet and Match (open to First-Year, Second-Year, and Transfer students)
Tuesday, February 20 | 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Off-Campus Life, Lory Student Center 281
Fly solo or bring a fellow Ram – this event is open to any First-Year, Second-Year or Transfer students! Looking for a place to live or need an extra roommate to fill a room in your house? Join Off-Campus Life and Getting to Year 2 for a Roommate Meet & Match session to meet other students to find potential roommates and housing. During the meeting, an Off-Campus Life staff member will support in facilitating the meeting and help get conversations going among attendees.
Students can attend for as long as needed. Most students will join in the beginning and leave if they do not meet someone in the beginning. We recommend you join right when the event starts to meet the most people. Additionally, we recommend that you join more than one event since each Roommate Meet & Match has a unique mix of people. Registration strongly recommended, click here to do so!

Creative Chillout
Tuesday, March 19 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Room, Lory Student Center
Fly solo or bring a fellow First-Year Ram, this event is only for First-Year students! Being creative can help us reduce stress by giving our thinking mind a break. Creating something can be restorative, boosts our mood, and takes very little time. In this session, you will experience various ways to bring creative breaks in small moments of everyday life. No prior skills are required. Free food will be provided for participants. Registration strongly recommended, click here to do so!

Snooze, Munch, Move - Self Care for You
Thursday, March 21 | 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM
Room, Lory Student Center
Fly solo or bring a fellow First-Year Ram, this event is only for First-Year students! Learn about developing self-care practices that make a big difference for health and life satisfaction. Sleep, nutrition, and exercise habits are explored, information provided about why they are important, and helpful tips and resources to optimize healthy habits easily. Participants complete a self-care assessment and take away a self-drafted plan to implement in their lives. Free food will be provided for participants. Registration strongly recommended, click here to do so!

My Future Money Life Budgeting Workshop with Canvas Credit Union
Thursday, March 28 | 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Canvas Stadium 0202 (Collaborative for Student Achievement, Big South Conference Room)
Fly solo or bring a fellow Ram – this event is open to any First-Year, Second-Year
or Transfer students! Get a taste of the kind of real-life financial decisions you will be making in your future. You will be assigned a job, income, and family then you decide how to spend your money on basics and fun stuff. Can you make it through the month without going broke? What will you do with all the extra you have left? We’ll talk about the successes and challenges of managing money then chat about banking, credit scores, getting a loan, and whatever other money question you have. Registration strongly recommended, click here to do so!

Credit Score Scavenger Hunt Workshop with Canvas Credit Union
Tuesday, April 9 | 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Canvas Stadium 0202 (Collaborative for Student Achievement, Big South Conference Room)
Fly solo or bring a fellow Ram – this event is open to any First-Year, Second-Year or Transfer students! How much do you know about credit scores? Test your knowledge by hunting up the questions from around the room then get the facts and myths clarified as we discuss how credit, credit scores, and credit bureaus really work. It’s a topic that has tremendous influence on your financial life so it’s important to get the truth. Registration strongly recommended, click here to do so!

Student Advisory Board
The Off-Campus Life office is dedicated to supporting students successfully moving/living off campus and into the Fort Collins community. It offers an array of information, services and educational programs that benefit the entire student body, university and surrounding community. The Student Advisory Board serves as a sounding board for overall policies, services and programs for OCL. The Board provides input on long-range goals and objectives, reviews current services, programs and budgets, and makes recommendations to the Director of OCL in an advisory capacity. Click here to apply.

The Institute for Learning and Teaching (TILT)
The Institute for Learning and Teaching offers online resources to help improve your study skills, including topics like time management, note-taking, test-taking, and active reading. Click here for more information and to access the resources. They also provide information about tutoring, which can be found here.
Eagle Feather Tutoring

The Eagle Feather Tutoring Program will offer tutoring in person for the Spring 2024 semester. It remains a free service. More information can be found [here](#).

Recipe of the Month

A quick and delicious Strawberry Scone recipe that's buttery, flaky, sweet, and oh so delicious! Perfect for brunch, snacking, or Mother's Day!

Prep Time 20 minutes
Ingredients

For the Scones:
- 1/2 cup half and half or milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup + 1 tbsp cold salted butter (9 tbsp, or 127 grams)
- 1 1/4 cup chopped, frozen strawberries Don't take them out of the freezer until the minute you are ready to use them!

For Finishing + Glazing:
- 1-2 tbsp half and half or milk
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar

Instructions

Prep: Preheat oven to 350. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.

Make the scones: Whisk together the vanilla, egg, and half and half in a small bowl or glass measuring cup, and pop this mixture into the fridge while you mix up the dry ingredients. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the sugar, flour, salt, and baking powder. Cut the cold butter into large chunks, and then cut it into the dry mixture using a pastry cutter, two forks, or clean hands. Cut the butter in until you have a crumbly mixture with varying-size small pieces of butter (pea or blueberry size) that are coated in flour. Then, add the frozen strawberries to the bowl with the dry ingredients and stir gently.

Pour the wet ingredients into the bowl with the dry ingredients, and mix gently, using a spatula. Don't overwork the dough. Shape the dough into a ball using floured hands. Set the ball of dough on the prepared baking sheet, and flatten into an even 8-inch disc. You can add 1-2 tbsp flour to the dough to help you shape it if it's too sticky/wet.

Cut the disc into 8 even slices. Brush the tops of the scones with a very light dusting of heavy cream or milk, and sprinkle with a little coarse sugar, if desired, to add a nice crunch.

Bake: Bake the scones for 20 minutes. Take the pan out of the oven, and gently nudge the scones a little farther apart with a knife so that the inside edges can crisp up. Return the scones to the oven and bake for 5-8 more minutes. They will be lightly golden brown and the inside edges won't be wet - but they won't be as...
Crab and Avocado Scones

Crisp as the outer edges.

Glaze: While the scones are baking, whisk together the powdered sugar and 1 tbsp of milk. If it's still too thick to drizzle, add an extra tbsp of milk. Drizzle the glaze over the scones when they've cooled for a few minutes. Enjoy!