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CU Parents Association honors faculty, staff award winners

TWELVE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER faculty and staff members received 2004 Marinus G. Smith Recognition Awards from the CU Parents Association.

The award recognizes CU-Boulder faculty, instructors, and staff who have made a significant impact on the lives of one or more CU-Boulder undergraduates. Students were asked to nominate candidates who were deserving of this recognition.

This year's recipients are Margaret Asirvatham, director and senior instructor, chemistry department; Steve Chan, chair and professor, political science department; Julie Densen, associate director, Office of Admissions; Erika Eckert, associate professor, College of Music; Jay Keister, assistant professor, College of Music; Michael Lynn, undergraduate adviser, sociology department; Pamela Marcanonio, instructor and language program coordinator for Italian, French and Italian department; Vincent McGuire, instructor, political science department; Adam Norris, instructor, applied mathematics department; Jim Palmer, co-director, Farrand Residential Academic Program; Amy Parziale, teaching assistant, English department; and Thad Spaulding, counselor, Office of Financial Aid.

The awards were presented on April 3. The award is named for Marinus G. Smith, a Colorado pioneer who made significant financial and land donations to the university to locate in Boulder at the base of the Flatirons.



Winners of the Marinus G. Smith Award.
Back row, left to right: Thad Spaulding, Julie Densen, Erika Eckert, Margaret Asirvatham, Adam Norris, Vincent McGuire, Jim Palmer, Steve Chan. Front row, left to right: Amy Parziale, Michael Lynn, Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs Susan Kent, Jay Keister, Pamela Marcanonio.

Students engineering a better world

WHAT HAS THE POWER TO INSPIRE students to participate in a global community? For engineering students at the University of Colorado at Boulder, the answer is Engineers Without Borders USA.

Engineers Without Borders is a non-profit outreach organization that works to provide clean water systems, basic electricity, and shelter to developing communities. EWB members have the opportunity to improve the quality of life in communities around the world through the practice of engineering skills they learn in college.

During Spring Break, four students from the CU-Boulder chapter of EWB assessed a 75-year-old contaminated water system, instructed locals on how to use drip irrigation kits, and installed small lighting systems in various locations in

Muramba, Rwanda. Muramba is one of five projects the CU-Boulder chapter is currently participating in.

Civil engineering professor Bernard Amadei founded the organization in 2000. Since its beginnings as a single student chapter at CU-Boulder, EWB has developed into about 65 student chapters at universities across the nation, as well as a few professional chapters. One of Amadei's main goals in creating the organization was to raise awareness among students who have things that other people around the world don't, such as clean water and electricity.

"Students who are involved in EWB are getting a new perspective on the work that they do and how to apply it," said Tim Hillman, CU-Boulder chapter president.

Hillman, a master's candidate in civil, environmental, and architectural engi-

neering, believes that EWB has applications in many disciplines and would like to see greater involvement from students outside the field of engineering.

"Non-engineering students have a lot to provide to this effort. We often encounter problems that are not necessarily engineering-related, such as social and cultural impacts," he said.

Engineers Without Borders volunteers encourage community members to learn the systems and help out in the installation process so that they can take over operation and maintenance after the volunteers have left. This also creates new jobs in the community.

For more information about the Engineers Without Borders CU-Boulder chapter, visit their web site at www.ewb-cu.org.

PARENT PERSPECTIVE

Career counseling isn't just for seniors

We hope this column will support the ongoing education of you, the parents of CU students. We are continually learning through our son's CU experiences and our membership on the CU Parents Association (CUPA) Board of Directors.

We parents may have enlisted the assistance of a college placement office, whose primary function was to help us secure employment. Career Services Director Lisa Severy says that placement has now evolved into something more akin to developmental services, which are available to students throughout their years on campus. According to their *Parents' Guide to Career Services*, here is what Career Services can provide to your CU student:

- If your freshman or sophomore student is uncertain of his/her choice of majors, Career Services offers career counseling. This may include surveys that help students learn which careers and corresponding majors best match what they like (and don't like) to do.
- Career Services recommends that all students complete one or more internships before senior year. An internship allows your student to try on a career for size, while providing relevant experience and enhancing marketability. Career Services hosts a spring fair specifically focused on internships, typically of interest to sophomores and above. Counselors offer classroom presentations and one-on-one appoint-

ments to assist these students by critiquing resumes and video-practicing interviews.

- As a senior, your student has access to an array of services, ranging from meeting prospective employers at on-campus interviews to learning which fork to use at a formal dinner. As a freshman/sophomore, your student should have signed up for BuffLINK to read about guest speakers or apply for internships. But now, your senior student will use BuffLINK's online job listing service to submit resumes. That single feature is a digital version of our generation's placement office.

Career Services is open year round and their counselors can be found at their main Willard Hall office or their new satellite office at the UMC. The services are open to all students and the career counseling service is even open to students up to a year after graduation.

This Newsletter's Tip: For a good online listing of links to services, visit www.colorado.edu/careerservices/students/faq.html.

by Lowell and Margie Lewis, Parents Association board members.

Scholarships awarded to 46 undergraduates

The CU Parents Association has awarded \$46,000 in scholarships to 46 undergraduate students at the University of Colorado at Boulder, for the 2004-05 academic year.

The \$1,000 scholarship awards are merit-based and are presented each spring. Scholarships were made possible by CUPA fundraising efforts and the CU Foundation Parent Fund. Interested students completed and submitted applications, which were due March 1, 2004.

This year, \$22,000 in scholarships were awarded to 22 incoming freshman. Additionally, CUPA awarded \$24,000 in scholarships to 24 continuing students, in cooperation with the CU Alumni Association.

For more information on the CU Parents Association scholarships, contact Jan Avery in the Office of Parent Relations at 303-492-2283 or e-mail us at parents@colorado.edu. Scholarship information can also be found on the Parent Relations web site, www.colorado.edu/parentrelations. Click on "Parent Programs and Events."

Financial aid checklist

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to apply for aid for 2004-05! Your student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the FAFSA processor. They also must submit a signed copy of the first two pages of your (the parents') 2003 federal tax return to the CU-Boulder Office of Financial Aid. We encourage students to submit their FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

SUMMER '04 AID: Your student may still be able to apply and receive aid for this summer. See www.colorado.edu/finaid/summer.html, or call our office, for information on who's eligible for summer aid and how to apply.

IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP for your student: They can check their financial aid application status and award ONLINE. To confirm that the documents they have submitted to our office have been received, they can go to plus.colorado.edu and select "financial aid." They can also check the status of their financial aid award at that web site.

CONTACTING the OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID: For more information about the above, or any financial aid questions you may have, please call us at 303-492-5091, e-mail us at finaid@colorado.edu, or visit our home page at www.colorado.edu/finaid.

Family Weekend registration begins in August

Join your student and the CU community for Family Weekend 2004. Brochures with event details and registration information will be mailed to parents in late July. Parents are invited to check our web site for details and registration information after August 2 (www.colorado.edu/parentrelations).

Family Weekend will begin Friday morning, October 15, and end Sunday morning, October 17. Please note that the registration deadline is October 1.

Family Weekend is packed with fun and educational events. Activities include a golf tournament to kick off the weekend, tours and presentations, faculty lectures, a Big 12 football game against Iowa State University, and a fun run/walk sponsored by Wardenburg Health Center on Sunday morning. There are many opportunities to meet with university faculty and staff to learn about programs and services for your student at CU.

For travel information go to www.colorado.edu/visit/planning.html or call the Boulder Convention and Visitors Bureau at 303-442-2911 or 800-444-0447.

CU Family Weekend is one of the largest of its kind, so register early!

Student's civic engagement project benefits first-year black students

IN FALL OF 2002, political science major and Puksta Scholar Ageno Otii initiated the African American Mentorship Program as her civic engagement project. As a freshman, Otii participated in a student-to-student mentorship program through CU's Black Student Alliance and the Boulder-based Institute for African American Leadership where CU students served as mentors to Boulder High School youth.

Inspired by the impact that the program had on the high school students, Otii worked with CU Cultural Unity Center's African American Student Services and her Puksta advisor to develop a student-to-student program for African American students at CU-Boulder. "Students are the best mechanism for retention and recruitment of other students, especially students of underrepresented

groups," says Otii. Nationally, mentorship programs are renowned for producing students who are noted for academic excellence, leadership, social responsibility, and encouraging high retention rates and persistence of students.

At the heart of the African American Mentorship Program are the supportive relationships that students develop with each other. First-year students are mentored by upper-division students who share experiences of being new to the Boulder campus. Through the program, students expand their network of support and broaden their sense of community and connectedness to the Boulder campus. Otii explained that the goals of the program are to show students that they are valuable members of the CU-Boulder campus community, to show them that CU-Boulder is a good place to be, to help

them acculturate to the campus environment, and to promote positive outcomes for African American students.

The African American Mentorship Program is in its second year of operation with 32 faculty and student participants. The next phase of Ageno Otii's Puksta project is to develop a sustainability plan in conjunction with the Cultural Unity Center and the Black Student Alliance. "Black students should play an active role in the recruitment and retention of black students, whether it is going to high schools, participating in the mentorship program, or becoming active in student groups," says Otii. In addition, she would like to expand the philosophy of this student support and retention effort to all underrepresented groups on at CU-Boulder.

CU-Boulder's best-kept secret: a nationally recognized ceramics program

THE 2003 *U.S. News & World Report* gave high marks to the University of Colorado at Boulder's graduate ceramics program, ranking it ninth in the nation. The program offers both undergraduate—and graduate-level instruction.

According to ceramics Professor Kim Dickey, the course work is a well-balanced mixture of vessel assignments such as pots and vases, and sculptural assignments. A variety of methods and technologies are taught and students have access to the studio 24 hours a day.

"One of the best things about the program is the people," said Caitlin Stone-Bressor, a senior fine arts major. "There are three full-time faculty members—most ceramics programs only have two. It brings an extra bit of personality and diversity to the program."

Stone-Bressor also appreciates that the faculty show their own work in national and international exhibitions. Each faculty member has received various awards and grants and has works displayed in museums.

The Student Society of Ceramics also hosts visiting artists to teach studio and seminar classes.

"I can look and look at an artist's work, but to hear them talk about their own process makes a huge difference in understanding my own work and inspiring me," said Stone-Bressor.

In addition to studio and seminar courses for fine arts majors, the ceramics program offers a survey class for non-majors. "It's a nice intro to ceramics and we often have people decide that they want to continue in the program," said Dickey.

For more information on the ceramics program, visit the web page at www.colorado.edu/arts/areas/areas_CE.html.



Caitlin Stone-Bressor working on a clay project in the ceramics studio.

MASP summer program prepares incoming students

THE MINORITY ARTS AND SCIENCES Program (MASP) is working to help incoming underrepresented students adjust to campus. Students transitioning between high school and college come to the University of Colorado at Boulder each summer for the MASP Program for Excellence in Academics and Community (PEAC).

“PEAC gave me a preview of what college life would be like and introduced me to people who I could call my lifelong friends. Now, MASP is my home away from home,” said Katherine Garcia, a sophomore in the MASP program.

PEAC is an intensive academic residential program that prepares students for their first year of college through university-level curriculum. The goal of PEAC is to provide students with essential skills for academic success through a campus life experience and introduce them to sources for community support, according to Becky Diaz, a junior psychology and anthropology major who went through the program.

“It meant so much having friends who understood what I was going through as a first-generation student of color,” said Diaz. “PEAC is the only reason I stayed at

CU-Boulder after my freshman year, and I’m glad I did because now I’m involved in so many great things around campus.”

Diaz now has the opportunity to give that same sense of hope to incoming freshmen as the head resident advisor for PEAC in summer 2004. In fact, numerous MASP students who have been through the PEAC program contribute as teaching assistants and resident advisors during the summer program.

Upon completion of the program, students are given a cumulative GPA, which helps determine whether they will be invited to further participate in MASP.

Students in MASP must maintain a 3.0 minimum GPA, enroll in co-seminar programs, meet regularly with academic advisors and explore opportunities for undergraduate research.

MASP is an affiliate program of the CU Leadership, Excellence, Achievement, and Diversity (LEAD) Alliance, which is a compilation of academic neighborhoods across campus designed to support traditionally underrepresented students.

For more information contact the MASP office at **303-492-8229** or visit the web site at www.colorado.edu/masp.

THE NUMBERS: Music counts at CU!

Marching Bands	1
Grammy Award for best chamber music CD of 2003 (Takács String Quartet in residence at CU).	1
Orchestras	2
Concert Bands	4
International Ensembles	4
Choruses	5
Number of <i>Downbeat</i> magazine awards in the last three years by CU Jazz Program	8
Students in the African HighLife Ensemble	31
Full-time music faculty	65
Music majors	550
Concerts given each year on campus. . .	375
Concert attendees	78,000

Statistics provided by Daniel Sher, Dean of the College of Music

CU Parent Fund grows, again

For the first time, the CU Parent Fund will surpass last year’s half-million dollar mark and hopes to reach its goal of \$600,000 in unrestricted gifts by the end of the spring campaign. This marks the 10th year in a row that the Parent Fund has experienced sizable growth due to outstanding parent support. This increase reflects parents’ commitment to improving and further developing campus programs and services for their students. We would like to thank you, parents, for your generosity towards the Parent Fund and the university.

Throughout the spring, successful receptions were held in Atlanta and Washington, D.C., honoring parents from around those regions. Parents were able to voice concerns and have questions answered by CU administrators and staff. These gatherings also provided the opportunity for parents to meet other CU families from their community. Parents are encouraged to attend these receptions which will be held in 13 cities in the fall.

The Parent Fund Advisory Board (PFAB) is actively recruiting new members for the 2004-05 school year. Board members can choose to be involved with a variety of responsibilities ranging from hosting parent receptions and event planning, to helping make peer solicitations in their area. Being a part of PFAB is a great way to stay involved on and off campus, and to meet other parents who enjoy being a part of helping the university. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact Parent Fund coordinator Susan Wesley at **303-735-5019** or Susan.Wesley@CUFund.colorado.edu.



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- Your name, and, if applicable, your spouse's name
- Your student's name
- The last four digits of your student's ID number
- Your old address
- Your new address

To add a parent or additional address, your student must e-mail Judy Myers with the last four digits of their student ID number and the name and address of the parent they wish to add.

Important Dates for 2004

Summer Session 2004

First day of classes, Terms A, C, D.....	June 1
Last day of classes, Term A.....	July 2
Final exams, Term A.....	July 2
Independence Day.....	July 5
First day of classes, Term B.....	July 6
Last day of classes, Term C.....	July 23
Final exams, Term C.....	July 23
Last day of classes, Terms B, D.....	Aug. 6
Final exams, Terms B, D.....	Aug. 6
Commencement.....	No summer ceremony.
Official summer graduation date is Aug. 7.	

Fall Semester 2004

Residence halls open (10:00 a.m.).....	Aug. 19
Classes begin (8:00 a.m.).....	Aug. 23
Labor Day.....	Sept. 6
Fall Break.....	Sept. 30–Oct. 1
Family Weekend.....	Oct. 15–16
Thanksgiving Break.....	Nov. 25–26
Last day of classes.....	Dec. 9
Final exams.....	Dec. 10–16
Commencement.....	Dec. 17
Residence halls close (10:00 a.m.).....	Dec. 17

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Questions? Telephone the Office of Parent Relations at **303-492-1380** or e-mail **parents@colorado.edu**.

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