

Meet Jordyn Howard, an Undergraduate Advisor

The start of fall semester is my favorite time of the year! The seasons start to change, there is a renewed sense of joy and energy amongst students, and I get the urge to continue learning and growing as a person and as a professional.

This year marks the start of my 7th year as an academic advisor at CU Boulder, and I always love to hear what my students are learning about in their earth science classes and about all the excursions and trips you all take while you learn about rocks, earth history, and earth science. As you go through the semester and academic year, don't hesitate to reach out for support or just to chat! Pro tip – academic advisors tend to have more availability now through mid-October, so don't delay a meeting (if I am your assigned advisor – check **Buff Portal Advising**) if there is something you want or need to discuss with an academic advisor.



Wishing you all the best,
Jordyn Howard (**pronouns:** they/them/theirs)



Have you made your advising appointment for Spring 2027?

Key Spring 2027 Registration & Timeline Dates

- October 12, 2026: Spring 2027 Schedule of Classes becomes available to view in **Buff Portal**.
- November 2 – November 20, 2026: Priority registration and enrollment period.

Make your appointment with Earth Science Advisors and Earth Science Faculty Mentors through the Buff Portal.

Department Social Events

Coffee Social

Coffee Social will be held on Monday, **October 5th**, from **10:30 to 11:30am** at Benson's South Entrance. Stop by weekly for a cup of coffee and a chat!



Geology Club Events

Club office hours are held Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00–5:30 PM. Look for new posters around Benson with QR codes to connect with the club.

Colloquium & Happenings



Earth Sciences Colloquium: Dr. Maria Rose Petrizzo

Topic: How can microfossils help to decipher environments, climates, and Earth's History over the last 140 Ma?

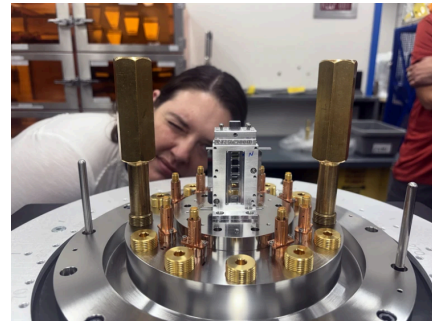
Come join us on **10/7/26** in room 380 for our weekly colloquium!

As always, snacks and drinks will be available starting at 12:00pm, and the talk will be held from 12:20 - 1:20pm.

[View Colloquium Schedule](#)

Earth Science Faculty Featured in Nature

Assistant Professor **Alisha Clark** is featured in a new *Nature* article, “**How did Earth get its water?**” Inside the extreme machine seeking answers.” The article explores research using the Z machine in New Mexico to generate shockwaves that simulate conditions deep inside Earth. **Congratulations to Alisha on this recognition and on receiving a Provost’s Faculty Achievement Award for her work!**



[Read Here!](#)

University Events

CU Museum Events

Looking for something to do on campus? The CU Museum of Natural History offers a variety of programming throughout the semester, including:

- Museum After Hours: Monthly drop-in events for CU Boulder students featuring snacks, games, crafts, books, films, and more.
- Wellness Wednesdays: 8 AM Yoga: A 45-minute, all-levels session designed to help you start your day feeling energized and grounded.
- Wellness Wednesdays: Museum Muse: A fun, meditative session featuring inspiring pieces from the museum's collections and curiosity-focused observation.
- Walking with Death through the Journey of Life: A four-part series exploring how developing a relationship with d/Death can help us consider what it means to live fully and connect with ourselves and the natural world.



Explore upcoming events: [CU Museum Calendar](#)

CU Boulder Earth to Space Career & Internship Fair

Explore career and internship opportunities at the **Fall 2026 Earth to Space: Science and Exploration Career & Internship Fair** on **Wednesday, Oct. 14**. Meet with 16 employers and learn about available positions. Register in advance to view participating employers and job opportunities.



[Register Here!](#)

Peter Brannen Book Talk



Join the Center for Environmental Journalism for a talk with science journalist and author **Peter Brannen** about his latest book, *The Story of CO₂ Is the Story of Everything: How Carbon Dioxide Made Our World*, exploring the 4-billion-year history of life on Earth through the lens of carbon dioxide. The event will be moderated by Rebecca Boyle, bestselling author of *Our Moon*.

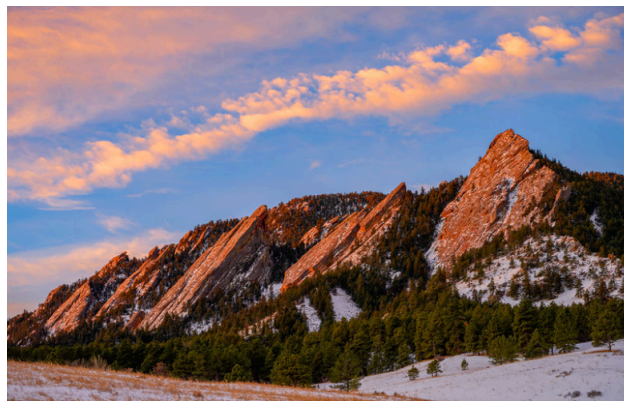
Wednesday, October 7 | 6:30 p.m.

Center for British and Irish Studies, Norlin Library
Free and open to the public

Student Opportunities

CU Boulder Research Opportunities & Events

- **SebastianStrong Discovery Science Award | Deadline Oct. 5:** CU Boulder's internal competition for this \$500,000 childhood cancer research award closes at 11:59 p.m. MT. Two letters of intent may be submitted by CU Boulder.
- **Sustainability Research Summit | Oct. 8–9:** Connect with researchers and external partners across climate, Earth systems, ecology, environmental science and sustainability. Registration required.
- **Research & Innovation Week | Oct. 12–16:** Campus-wide events focused on research, innovation and collaboration. The Research to Impact event on Oct. 14 will cover funding strategies and industry partnerships.





AIPG Colorado Section Geoscience Scholarships

The American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) Colorado Section is offering **two \$2,000 scholarships** for geoscience students enrolled at Colorado higher education institutions. One scholarship is available to undergraduate students and one to graduate students. **Applications are due October 10, 2026.**

[Learn more and Apply!](#)

Ocean Exploration Trust 2027 Opportunities

The Ocean Exploration Trust is accepting applications for **paid at-sea internships** and science communication fellowships aboard E/V Nautilus. Opportunities include ocean science, ROV engineering, seafloor mapping, hydrography, and video systems engineering. **Apply by Oct. 15, 2026.**

[Apply here](#)



NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

The NSF GRFP provides 3 years of support at \$37,000 per year, including tuition and fees. Applications are open to undergraduates, gap-year students, and first-year graduate students.

All reference letters are due **October 16th**, 2026 by 8:00PM Eastern Time

Whole Application Deadline: October 23rd

[Learn more](#)

Instructional Support Technician | University at Buffalo

The University at Buffalo Department of Earth Sciences is seeking an **Instructional Support Technician**. Applicants from all areas of geosciences are welcome, and late-stage graduate students are encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted through the UBjobs portal, with review ongoing until **October 21, 2026**.



[Apply Here!](#)



P.D. Soros Fellowships for New Americans

The P.D. Soros Fellowship supports immigrants and children of immigrants pursuing graduate education in the United States.

Deadline: October 29th at 2 p.m. ET

[Learn more](#)



Hertz Fellowship Applications Now Open!

The Hertz Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2026 Hertz Fellowship through **October 31, 2026**. This prestigious fellowship supports the nation's most promising doctoral students in applied science, engineering, and mathematics, offering up to five years of funding, unmatched flexibility, and a lifelong professional network.

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