Orientation Leaders

Alejandra Sullivan
Major: Sociology
Hometown: Broomfield, CO
What I love about CSU: My favorite thing about being a CSU Ram is the feeling that I am welcomed anywhere on this campus. It is such a great feeling of being welcomed and accepted.

Beth Stewart
Major: Health and Exercise Science, Sports Medicine
Hometown: Loveland, CO
What I love about CSU: The Ram shenanigans that I can take part in on campus and within Fort Collins with friends, being part of CSU’s history and taking pride in where we began and how far we have come, having the mountains to look at each day. Looking around me and knowing there is an adventure waiting to happen any direction I look.
Brisco Arechederra

**Major:** Chemical and Biological Engineering  
**Hometown:** Longmont, CO  
**What I love about CSU:** the overwhelming community oriented campus that never allows me to feel unwelcome.

Brittany Lopez

**Major:** Psychology  
**Hometown:** Grand Junction, CO  
**What I love about CSU:** Getting to know a diverse group of people.

Cori Ocanas

**Major:** Environmental Health  
**Hometown:** Pueblo, CO  
**What I love about CSU:** The experiences I have had and the people I have met. Never in my life did I think I would be able to do any of things I have done in my time here at CSU. The people have encouraged me to dream big and let nothing hold me back! Rams take care of Rams and that is something I see exemplified on campus almost everyday. Long story short, I love CSU!

Dawn Christensen

**Student Coordinator**

**Major:** Health and Exercise Science  
**Hometown:** Windsor, CO  
**What I love about CSU:** The welcoming environment that lets me grow in an authentic way.
Denise Meeker

Major: Liberal Arts and Sociology  
Hometown: Denver, CO  
What I love about CSU: When I'm down I can always think of a few things just on campus that I'm grateful for! Our beautiful view of the mountains and the A! Or the great resources we have and how there are so many people who want nothing more than to see you succeed.

Jaqueline Ocana

Major: Communications, Ethnic Studies Minor  
Hometown: Thornton, CO  
What I love about CSU: having a voice as a student with everything happening on campus! A Rams voice is always heard!

Dre Morales

Major: Sociology  
Hometown: Brighton, CO  
What I love about CSU: always having an opportunity to give back to our CSU community

Hannah West

Major: Health and Exercise Science, Health Promotion  
Hometown: Windsor, CO  
What I love about CSU: every day is an adventure...I am always meeting new people, developing new hobbies, and learning about EVERYTHING!
Kat Lincoln

**Major:** Business Administration - Management
**Hometown:** Castle Rock, CO
**What I love about CSU:** how welcoming this community has been to me. I feel like I can truly be myself and be accepted by everyone here.

Lauren Hoppa

**Major:** Health and Exercise Science, Sports Medicine
**Hometown:** Parker, CO
**What I love about CSU:** the incredible welcoming family that is the CSU student and staff body. The sense of community and spirit that is shared throughout this family is truly unique. I am so excited to share this same sense of belonging that I felt when I came here with all new and incoming students to CSU!

Lisa Varilek

**Major:** Business, Global Environmental Sustainability and Economics Minors
**Hometown:** Parker, CO
**What I love about CSU:** getting to know all the people. The atmosphere on campus and in Fort Collins is amazing, everyone is so friendly and welcoming.

Mac Desta

**Major:** Social Work, Sociology Minor
**Hometown:** Ethiopia
**What I love about CSU:** The school spirit, learning about our tradition, being part of an amazing institution, what’s not to like? Every opportunity CSU has given me reminds me why I love singing I’m proud to be a CSU RAM!
Maddie Trost
Major: Sociology and Philosophy
Hometown: Davis, CA
What I love about CSU: The eclectic mix of opportunities available for students

Maya Cousins
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Aurora, CO
What I love about CSU: the atmosphere and spirit of fellow Rams and the community.

Meagan Stack
Major: Business Administration
Hometown: Highlands Ranch, CO
What I love about CSU: that I get to meet new, awesome people almost every day!

Meg Monacelli
Major: English and Communication Studies
Hometown: Austin, TX
What I love about CSU: There are so many things I love about CSU, but what sticks out the most is the sense of a tight-knit community. Even though CSU is a big campus, I’ve always felt at home because the campus feels smaller than it is. People take care of each other, here, and the student body, faculty, and staff go out of their way to make students feel like more than a number.
Nicole Barton

Major: Journalism and Technical Communication and Liberal Arts
Hometown: DeForest, WI
What I love about CSU: Colorado State University is a big school, but it doesn’t feel like it. We are truly a RAMily!

Olivia Kail

Major: English Education, History Minor
Hometown: Denver, CO
What I love about CSU: being a part of a super close, friendly, and supportive community! It's all about the people!

Nikki Buhrdorf

Major: Health and Exercise Science, Sports Medicine
Hometown: Hotchkiss, CO
What I love about CSU: The community at CSU is incredible! From professors to students everyone watches out for each other. It's definitely a home away from home.

Sarah Hartzell

Major: Zoology
Hometown: Chandler, AZ
What I love about CSU: the feeling of community and kindness everyone offers. Everyone is so polite to one another, especially when it comes to holding open doors, and assisting one another with stress and class management. All the students here really work to make an enjoyable community that completely alters your college experience for the better.
Taylor Albaugh

**Major:** English Education  
**Hometown:** Olathe, KS  
**What I love about CSU:** the constant reassurance that I always have support from the community. The best attribute of this University is that everybody is willing to help out at any time. The Ram community has been my home away from home and has given me a wonderful sense of belonging as I continue my journey through college. CSU REALLY means it went they say, "Rams take care, Rams take action". GO RAMS!!

Trevor Ivan

**Major:** History, Social Studies Teaching  
**Hometown:** Colorado Springs, CO  
**What I love about CSU:** the community you get to engage with. A community that you can call home, a community where you are going to make some of the most memorable moments of your life.

Tyler Benateigha

**Major:** History  
**Hometown:** Longmont, CO  
**What I love about CSU:** the people at CSU. It is the most welcoming community I've ever been a part of and I've met so many incredible new friends here!

Usman Bandukda

**Major:** Business Management  
**Hometown:** Karachi, Pakistan  
**What I love about CSU:** you can have any interest in anything you want to be involved in and you will always find a home who share the same interest as you.
Will Aniello

Major: Economics
Hometown: Littleton, CO
What I love about CSU: Having a great sense of connectivity to campus

Zachary Yarnell

Major: Business Administration, Accounting
Hometown: Castle Rock, CO
What I love about CSU: Everyone is here for different reasons, but we all unite as Rams and come together to create a fun and inclusive environment. The sense of community here is strong, and the people truly care about each other. In the end, CSU students create this welcoming atmosphere and make me very proud to be a CSU Ram.
Office Assistants

Caitlin Schmedeke

Major: Communications, Business
Minor
Hometown: Arvada, CO
What I love about CSU: The people at CSU are the absolute best people you will ever meet. I am so lucky to have the opportunity to meet them. They are what make CSU, CSU!

Chris Callanan

Major: Political Science
Hometown: Lafayette, CO
What I love about CSU: I can focus on developing personal, academic, and professional goals.
Connor Runyan

Major: Zoology  
Hometown: Fort Collins, CO  
What I love about CSU: All the different opportunities available to students, both academically and through extra-curricular activities.

Kristen Lindeen

Major: History  
Hometown: Castle Rock, CO  
What I love about CSU: The atmosphere-- people are so friendly and Fort Collins is a great town to live in!

Mallory Hoots

Major: Business Administration and Finance  
Hometown: Steamboat Springs, CO  
What I love about CSU: The inclusiveness and support students and faculty provide for one another.

Sara Briley

Major: Human Development and Family Studies and Ethnic Studies  
Hometown: Monument, CO  
What I love about CSU: being involved at CSU. You get to know not only a lot of students, but also faculty. There's not a whole lot better than walking around campus and knowing a whole lot of people!
Major: History and Political Science
Hometown: Timnath, CO
What I love about CSU: the community. Including the Fort Collins community and the CSU community as a whole and the smaller ones within departments, organizations and clubs.