

Wednesday Edition

Greetings from Colorado State University Extension

For more than 100 years, Colorado State University Extension has connected Coloradans to actionable, research-based solutions, programming, services, and expertise across a wide range of topic areas. As part of CSU's Office of Engagement and Extension, Extension fulfills the university's land-grant mission and our shared purpose of making the University's educational offerings and resources accessible to all.

Extension specialists serve all 64 counties in Colorado, working alongside communities to address local needs, share knowledge, and co-create solutions to help individuals and communities thrive. CSU Extension has built a legacy of service and outreach, working alongside communities for more than a century to deliver education, drive innovation, and create lasting impacts across Colorado.

There are 55 CSU Extension offices that serve every county in Colorado, in addition to 18 Colorado State Forest Service State and Field offices.

In 2026, the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching honored CSU with the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement, a designation the university has held since 2008. The national classification honors CSU for its community engagement, which is aimed at sharing and co-creating knowledge for the benefit of Colorado and its residents, a key part of the university's mission.

Visit us on our chapter website

Navigate to coloagagents.org/denverampic2026 for lots of information to help you prepare to travel to Denver and enjoy your stay here with us! We are so glad you are here!



Colorado State University

Colorado State University is one of the nation's top public Tier 1 Research universities and an institution on the rise. Our Ram success is driven by an ambition to be excellent in all we do combined with an unparalleled location that is one of the fastest-growing and most vibrant areas in the country.

CSU is a higher education destination for working and learning for faculty, staff, and students from across Colorado, the nation, and around the globe. In the past decade, CSU has built on all-time highs in enrollment and success, experienced record fundraising and research expenditures that keep hitting new highs year-after-year, and our faculty are known nationally and internationally for their groundbreaking research. Among other recognition for research and creative scholarship, CSU was recognized in 2022 as one of 10 top research institutions in the world contributing to solving the COVID pandemic.

CSU is thriving, with a five-year average enrollment of 33,728 students. The 2025 incoming class of 5,376 students is one of our largest ever and included 32% from diverse populations and 27% who were first in their families to attend college.

CSU was again featured among Forbes' America's Top Colleges in 2025. It also made U.S. News & World Report's 2025 list of "Best Global Universities." For quality of academics and professors, value, student-faculty ratio, quality of campus food and housing, diversity, safety, student life, and more, Niche gave CSU an A-grade for 2025. Niche also rated CSU in the top 7% for student life, top 14% for college food, top 15% for college athletics and top 20% for location. It ranked CSU among the top 11% of college campuses in America for outstanding resources, across classrooms, labs, performance venues, housing, food, and recreational facilities, based on student reviews and data from the U.S. Department of Education. CSU was one of only 75 institutions featured in Jeff Selingo's 2025 book Dream School: Finding the College That's Right for You. CSU also made the Wall Street Journal's list of "Best Colleges in the U.S." as well as Time magazine's list of "World's Top Universities" for 2026.

In its 2026 graduate program rankings, U.S News & World Report ranked CSU's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine third in the nation and the Occupational Therapy doctoral program tied for first.

Yapp App for real-time updates

In addition to a printed program booklet, NACAA will be using the mobile event app - YAPP while in Denver.

[Install the app >](#)

Once you have the app installed - you can click on the 3 little dots in the bottom right hand corner -and you will see the various schedules (Active, Life/Spouse, Sons & Daughters).

As modifications to the printed program are made - updates will be uploaded into the Yapp app to notify you as soon as possible.

If you already have the App, search for [NACAA2026](#)

If you want to see a full printed program - it can be found on the NACAA website on the [Denver AM/PIC page](#).



Take the NACAA Scholarship Auction to New Heights in Denver

Get ready to elevate professional development and the bidding during the 2026 NACAA Scholarship Auction at the NACAA AM/PIC in Denver!

Auction items may be dropped off at the Plaza Registration while NACAA members are available to receive donated items. All auction items must be delivered to the designated location at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel by noon on Thursday, July 9.

State scholarship committee chairs are invited to join the National Scholarship Committee on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in Plaza Court 6. During the meeting, the committee will review scholarship applications and discuss committee business.

Bidding at a Higher Elevation

After state's night out we'll all come back together for the NACAA Scholarship Auction which will take place in the Plaza Ballroom. The silent auction begins at 7 p.m., followed by the live auction at 8 p.m. Thursday evening.

Silent Auction Pro will once again be used to manage the 2026 auction. Before arriving in Denver, participants should log in to their Silent Auction Pro accounts, confirm that their contact information is current, and update the credit card on file. Completing these steps in advance will make auction check-in faster and leave more time to browse the items and enjoy the evening.

Returning bidders should have received an email with information about accessing and updating their accounts. Anyone who previously registered but did not receive an email from NACAA Scholarship Committee Chair Jennifer Lutes should contact her at LutesJL@missouri.edu.

First-time bidders are strongly encouraged to register before arriving in Denver. [Visit the Silent Auction Pro website to confirm an existing account or create a new bidder account.](#)

The Scholarship Auction is more than an enjoyable night of friendly competition. Every donated item and winning bid helps NACAA members pursue advanced education, specialized training, professional tours, conferences, research, and other opportunities that strengthen their Extension work.

Join us in Denver as we take professional development to new heights. Watch the AM/PIC newsletter for auction updates and additional information.

See you soon!
Jennifer Lutes, Scholarship Committee National Chair



Tentative Program

111th Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference

Monday, July 6	
8 a.m.	Horticulture/Turfgrass Pre-Tour
Tuesday, July 7	
8 a.m.	Pre-Conference Tours (Horticulture/ Turfgrass, Sustainable Ag/ Natural Resources)
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	NACAA Board Meeting
3–6 p.m.	Registration/Scholarship auction item drop off
Wednesday, July 8	
8 a.m.–noon	NACAA Board Meeting (if needed)
8 a.m.–7 p.m.	Registration
8 a.m.–7 p.m.	Scholarship auction item drop-off
8 a.m.–4 p.m.	Life Member/Spouses Hospitality
9 a.m.–1 p.m.	NACAA Educational Exhibits Set Up
9 a.m.–noon	Scholarship Selection Committee
10 a.m.–noon	Regional Directors/Vice Directors Meeting
Noon–2 p.m.	Past National Board Luncheon
1–5 p.m.	NACAA Poster Set-up
1–6:30 p.m.	Commercial Exhibit Trade Show
1:30–3 p.m.	Leadership Academy
2–3 p.m.	Life and Spouse Member Welcome and Orientation
2–4 p.m.	First Lady's Reception (by invitation)
2–5 p.m.	NACAA Educational Foundation Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting
2:30–4 p.m.	First Timer Orientation and Reception
4:30–6:30 p.m.	Welcome to Colorado Dinner (Tickets Required)
5:30–6 p.m.	State President Rehearsal for Flag Ceremony
5:30–6 p.m.	Parents Orientation for Sons and Daughters Program (Meet & Greet)



Wednesday, July 8 cont.

7–9 p.m.	Opening Session
9–9:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
9:30–11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Rooms
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting

Thursday, July 9

6:45–8 a.m.	Voting Delegates Breakfast (invite only)
6:45–8 a.m.	Bayer CropScience Breakfast (Tickets Required)
7–7:30 a.m.	Sons and Daughters Meet the bus
8 a.m.–Noon	Scholarship auction item drop off
8 a.m.–4 p.m.	Life Member/Spouse Hospitality
8 a.m.–7 p.m.	Registration
8 a.m.–10 a.m.	NACAA Poster Judging
8:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	General Session
9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Commercial and NACAA Educational Exhibits Open
10–11:30 a.m.	Life Members Business Meeting
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Break
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Meet the Authors Poster Session
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	First Time Attendee Luncheon (Tickets Required)
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Professional Improvement and Search for Excellence Luncheons: 4-H, Crop Production, Ag Awareness (Tickets Required)
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Life/Spouse Luncheon (Tickets Required)
11:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.	Administrative Leaders Luncheon and meeting (Tickets Required)
1:30–2:45 p.m.	Trade Talk Sponsor Sessions
1:30–4 p.m.	States Night Out
3–5 p.m.	Regional Meetings and Candidate Presentations
5–7 p.m.	States Night Out
6:30–7:30 p.m.	Silent Auction and Live Auction Preview
7:30–9:30 p.m.	Live Auction
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting



Friday, July 10

7–8:30 a.m.	Achievement Award Recognition Breakfast (invite only)
8 a.m.	Life/Spouse Tours leave
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Registration
8:30–11:30 a.m.	Delegate Session
8:30–11:30 a.m.	Committee Oral Presentations: Commercial and NACAA
9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	Educational Exhibits Open
9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	NACAA Poster Session Open
Open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Life/Spouse Activities (Workshops/Tours)
10–10:30 a.m.	Break
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Communication/Poster Awards Luncheon (invite only)
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Search for Excellence Luncheons: Young, Beginning or Small Farms/ Rancher, Consumer or Commercial Horticulture, Farm and Ranch Business Management, Livestock Production (Tickets Required)
1:30–4 p.m.	Committee Oral Presentations
3:30–5 p.m.	Commercial Exhibits close
4–8 p.m.	CSU SPUR Showcase / CCAA Dinner / Block Party
4–5:30 p.m.	VIP/Donor Reception (invite only)
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting

Saturday, July 11

7–8:15 a.m.	National Committee Members: Breakfast Recognition of Retiring Chairs, Vice Chairs and Special Assignment
7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Life/Spouse Activities (Offsite)
8 a.m.–2 p.m.	Registration
8:30–10:15 a.m.	General Session
10:15–10:30	Break
10:30–11:30 a.m.	NACAA Policy Meeting
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Committee Oral Presentations
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Search For Excellence Luncheons: Sustainable Agriculture Environmental Quality, Forestry and Natural Resources (Tickets Required)
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Ag Pipeline Alliance Luncheon –(Tickets Required)



Saturday, July 11 cont.

1:30–4:30 p.m.	Super Seminars #1 Using Drones in Crop Production and Pest Management #2 From Farm Bill to Front Porch: Turning Policy into Practical Guidance for Every Clientele Group #3 Native Plant Master - How Colorado Works with Native Plants #4 Introduction to Beekeeping for the Cooperative Extension Agent #5 Sound Advice: How to Start and Grow an Extension Podcast
4–5:30 p.m.	NACAA Board Reception
4:30–6 p.m.	Formal Picture Opportunity
5:30–6:30 p.m.	DSA & AA Recipients, Hall of Fame Recipients, NACAA Board Members, Region Directors, Past Officers, Special Assignments, Special Guests, Council Chairs, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Assemble for Banquet
6:30–9 p.m.	Annual Banquet (Tickets Required)
9:15–11 p.m.	President’s Reception
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting

Sunday, July 12

Tour Day (on-site registration closed)

6:30–8:05 a.m.	Breakfast (Tickets Required)
6:30–9 a.m.	Assemble for Professional Improvement Tours
6:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Professional Improvement Tours (Tickets Required)
4:45 p.m.	Shuttle buses leave hotel for Colorado Farewell Dinner for non- tour participants.
5–7 p.m.	Farewell Dinner
10 p.m.	Colorado Meeting

Monday, July 13

8 a.m.–5 p.m.	NACAA Board Meeting
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