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ALVS News:

Are you graduating this school year?:
Will you graduate in May, August or December of 2011? We would love to recognize your great achievement by inviting you to our annual Spring Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, April 5th. Please notify ALVS by sending an email to Jourdan at Jourdan.Jiruska@colostate.edu. Please include your name, student id number, major and minor.

The SP11 Student Veteran Assessment Project:
Assessing the needs of student veterans is critical to understanding how CSU can effectively support your academic and personal success. Responses will remain anonymous, however, you will be asked to provide your CSU ID#. Providing your CSUID# will allow us to give you $5 in RamCash or in the form of a LSC convenience card. This is a small token of appreciation to you for taking the time to complete the on-line assessment.
To complete the on-line assessment, please go to this link now: http://studentvoice.com/colsa/studentveteranssp11
After you complete the on-line assessment, we invite you to participate in an optional, qualitative assessment. This involves a face to face session lasting approximately 30 minutes. There are five questions that we’d like you to answer. You must complete the on-line assessment prior to completing the face to face session. Emily Melzer, a senior social work intern student in ALVS this semester will conduct the interviews. Plan on at least 30 minutes with Emily to answer the five questions. Interviews will
To participate in an interview, please send an email to jan.rastall@colostate.edu between now and March 21st. Please put "Vet Interview" in the subject line. You will be contacted to schedule an interview that will be convenient to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Rastall at: jan.rastall@colostate.edu or by calling (970) 491-0415. This will be the only week we are sending out email invitations to participate in the assessment project. Please complete the online assessment right away and contact Jan to schedule an interview.

**ALVS Lounge Mid-Semester Assessment:**
Every semester Adult Learner and Veteran Services gives you the opportunity to voice your opinion thru our Mid-Semester Assessment. We will use information from this survey to assess whether we need to make changes to our programs and services to better suit your needs.

Please follow this link to complete the survey: http://adultstudents.colostate.edu/survey.aspx

After completing the survey, if you’d like to be entered into a drawing for a CSU gift and earn two n-vest points, please send an email with your name and student ID number to ALVS_Staff@Mail.colostate.edu.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey. Your feedback is important!

**Weekly Academic Tip:**
**Summer Registration**
Registration for summer classes begins Tuesday after spring break (March 22nd). Classes fill up quickly, so it is advised to look at the class schedule, which is now available on RAMweb, ahead of time so you can choose that classes that best fit your schedule. Summer classes begin May 16th. If you need to drop your summer class, you must do so before the first day of classes to get your tuition and fees back and go without it being recorded on your transcript.

**ALVS Events:**

**Student Parent Group Meeting, Thursday, March 10th, 10am-11am:**
The Student Parent Community would like to invite you to attend the Student Parent Group in the ALVS lounge on Thursday, March 10th at 10 A.M.

The Student Parent Group was initiated by student parents at CSU who had a common goal. This goal was to get parents of CSU together to become a strong support network for each other. In the process the group has had some amazing ideas and then turned those ideas into a foundation for change. They built the Student Parent Resource Room last semester and became an official organization.

Many of the student parents have had amazing thoughts about how we can make childcare more affordable, having school supply drives, doing clothing and toy swaps, having cooking classes, doing activities together with our children and many other impressive ideas. We invite all of you to the meeting on Thursday, March 3rd to meet each other, come up with ideas for this spring, and vote on officers.
Women Back in School is a weekly group that meets to discuss issues that focus on being a woman back in college. This is the third year that WBIS has been meeting. WBIS will meet this semester on **Mondays at 2:30pm** in the LSC, room 217 or 227 (see the front desk in room 195 for exact location). Please join us for lively conversation! For more information please email **ALVS_Staff@mail.colostate.edu**

**5th Annual ALVS Spring Recognition Ceremony:**
Mark your calendars now for this Spring's Recognition Ceremony on **Tuesday, April 5th**. All students and their families are welcome. RSVP is required. More information coming soon...

**Community News:**

**Student Veteran Organization Events:**
The SVO will NOT be having it’s weekly meeting this week nor will it meet over Spring Break. Weekly meetings will resume on Thursday, March 24th at 5pm in the ALVS office, room 195, Lory Student Center. Come help plan veteran events on campus and in the surrounding community. For more info about the Student Veteran Organization, email Alastair at **SVACSU@gmail.com**

**Apply to be a Cultural Mentor:**
Remember the first few days when you studied abroad? Do you remember a person or a couple of people who really helped you out with adjusting to life at the university? Now, you can be that person!
Be a cultural liaison to the new international student population arriving in August 2011 by aiding newly arrived international students to acclimate to the life and culture of Colorado State University and the greater Fort Collins community!
The Office of International Students and Scholar Services at Colorado State University invites you to apply for its volunteer Cultural Mentors program! We are looking for 30 dedicated volunteers to make the newly arrived international students' experience most meaningful.
All students (international or American) are welcome to apply!
Cultural Mentors will act as intercultural peer advisors to international students in order to help them transition and adjust to life here. As a member of the Cultural Mentor team, you will be required to attend two days of mandatory trainings, the international student orientation sessions, and the night life activities during Orientation week (August 15-19). This is a non-paid, volunteer position that lasts from June 2011 through December 2011. For a full list of requirements, expectations, and benefits, please see the attached document.

**Selection Process:**
Complete the Cultural Mentor application and email it into **Jennifer.Christ@colostate.edu** by Friday, April 1, 2011.
Applicants who meet the qualifications will be interviewed through group process on one of these dates:

- Monday, April 11, 7-9:30pm, Laurel Hall Commons Room
- Friday, April 15, 9:30am-noon, Laurel Hall Commons Room
- Thursday, April 21, 1-3:30pm, Laurel Hall Commons Room
Activate2Day: We Rise Together
Presented by the Puksta Foundation and Flobots.org
A 2-day, student-run conference designed to help you wake up, activate, transform, and step up! Online registration: Register Now, there are only 100 spots available!

Conference Schedule Update: Forty Puksta Scholars from DU, CU, and CSU spent the weekend of February 26-27 at a retreat to practice democratic-popular education techniques and to continue developing the curriculum for the conference. While some details are still in the works, our conference will include two-hour sessions on the following themes: Building Relationships, Communication, Storytelling, Transformation, and Raising Awareness. For now, here is a draft schedule, please note that there may be changes!

Day 1:
- Develop tools to activate your mind and heart
- Break free from your standstill
- Take action on issues you care about

Day 2:
- Connect with action leaders
- Engage in a day of service
- Build relationships with students from across the state

Who: You, if you're a college-aged young adult
When: Friday-Saturday, April 1-2, 2011
Where: The University of Denver. Please see our Activate2Day Google Map that marks all conference-related locations.
Cost: $25 (CSU students only), includes: two-day conference and all meals*
*If you are enrolled in AmeriCorps UCAN Serve at your college/university you may use your Careers in the Common Good Scholarship (up to $250/student) for registration, housing and travel! Contact your AmeriCorps UCAN Serve coordinator for more information, and download the application.

Housing: Our partner hotel is the Loews Denver Hotel, 4150 E. Mississippi Ave, Denver, CO 80246, located 2.6 miles from the University of Denver. We have secured special conference pricing at $99 per night for either a room with a king bed or a room with two double beds. You may reserve your room by calling the hotel reservation line at: 303.782.9300, or toll-free at 1.800.345.9172, and requesting the "Puksta rate" (pook-sta, like "book" with a "p"). We encourage you to bring friends to the conference and share rooms to cut down on your costs.

Travel: Students are responsible for transportation to and from the University of Denver. If you are staying at the designated event hotel, shuttles will be arranged for your travel between the hotel and the University of Denver for the beginning and end of
in Lot E, on the gated second floor and above, you can enter the garage from S. High Street via the driveway just south of the intersection with E. Evans Avenue. The conference is being hosted at the Morgridge College of Education, 21050 E. Evans Avenue, Denver, CO, which is directly across the street from the parking garage.

We are committed to inclusive excellence and encourage registration from a rich diversity of students and college-aged adults including but not limited to race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, nationality, age, disability, and political ideology.

For more information contact our office at: ccesl@du.edu or 303.871.3706

Hosted by: The University of Denver's Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning (CCESL)

In partnership with: University of Denver, University of Colorado-Boulder, and Colorado State University

Sponsored by: The Puksta Foundation, Flobots.org, DU AmeriCorps Program, AmeriCorps UCAN Serve, The Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver, Colorado Campus Compact, and DU Volunteers Student Organization.

Job Opportunities for Veterans at Sears:
The Ft Collins Sears is interested in hiring Veterans and has several positions available. Current open positions for the Ft Collins location is Consultative Sales Associate, Customer Service Advisor, and Auto Center Manager. All interested applicants will need to apply on Sears website or at http://www.searsholdings.com/careers/jobs/

If you are interested in one of the positions you will need to complete the online application. In addition, please send a copy of their resume in either Microsoft word or in a pdf format to Chad Imker, imkerca@co.larimer.co.us

CSU Veteran Input Needed:
ASAP is seeking a veteran or nontraditional student input on deciding who to bring to campus next fall. If you’re interested in providing input, please contact Nidhi at asap_grad@mail.colostate.edu or call 491-4116.

The panel will meet one time on Sunday, March 20 from 12 – 5 pm. Any information discussed at the panel must remain confidential.

Renting 101:
Want to become a Preferred Tenant? Join us on Thursday, March 10th for a two hour Renting 101 class which will include guest speakers from Student Legal Services, Consumer Credit Counseling, and the City’s Code Enforcement office. Speakers will tackle the topics of lease-signing, budget, city ordinances, fire safety, rental housing standards, off-campus parties, renter’s insurance, and more! At the completion of this course, each student will receive a Preferred Tenant certificate. Call 491-2248 to sign up today or visit http://www.ocl.colostate.edu/renting101-preferred-tenant

State Wide Veteran Conference Planning:
There are plans currently underway to host a State Wide Conference for our veterans May the 21 - 22. The University of Colorado Denver has volunteered to host it. I would like to formulate a conference planning group which consists of reps from each chapter to assist with the planning portion. I want you to know that I value every single one of your ideas and am soliciting the
every one of you. Even if you can't physically make it but still want to be on the "planning team" perhaps we can have you on a conference call during our planning each week. This is going to take a collaborative effort on all of our parts - This a chance to host not only the first State Conference but a chance to host perhaps, the largest veteran event in Colorado History! Thanks! Very Respectfully, Cyrell L. Johnson SVA, Colorado State Director 303-519-9831 colorado.director@studentveterans.org

Veteran Scholarship Opportunities:
Click here for more Veteran scholarship opportunities due in March and April.

Check out additional information
(jobs, scholarships, meetings, events)
on the ALVS Bulletin Board

Follow and/or Friend ALVS on Twitter and Facebook.

ALVS Office Hours:
M: 7:30am-8pm T:7:30am-5pm, 6pm-8pm W:7:30am-8pm R:7:30am-8pm F:7:30am-5pm
Veteran's Educational Benefits Representative Hours (ALVS Office):
M 11am-3pm, T 2pm-5pm, W 11am-3pm, F 11am-3pm

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