Happy End of May 2008! The campus is quiet as most of us are cleaning our offices, filing mountains of papers, catching our breath and planning for next semester (amid the beginning of summer school, summer conferences, and summer orientation sessions!).

Attached are just a few items, including an article focused toward parents & families of seniors regarding an opportunity to purchase health insurance for graduating students until they land that perfect job with benefits and the RamFam Association minutes with reference to the attached Preview Orientation Social Sign-up for Hosting.

**Please mark your calendars for Homecoming & Family Weekend: Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12.** Major events begin Friday afternoon, so please arrive to Fort Collins either Thursday evening or Friday morning. The weekend events conclude around 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. More information to come regarding the specific schedule of events and registration!

Lastly, Colorado State University’s Parent & Family Programs exists to serve you. Please spend a few moments participating in an assessment of our programs and services. Your suggestions and feedback shape our program and by clicking on the link below, your voice is heard! Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be kept completely confidential. Your responses will be combined with all other data for
statistical analysis and results of this evaluation will be shared as we create new programs and services over the summer in anticipation of your student’s arrival to campus in August. Please click on the survey link below to begin the survey, or copy and paste the link into the address bar of your web browser.

http://studentvoice.com/CSU/ParentandFamilyAssessment08

Completion of the survey by June 15, 2008 is greatly appreciated.

Please direct any questions concerning the actual survey to:

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Thank you in advance for participating!

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Alumni Association News
Donna L. Reiser,
Director of Membership and Life Member, Alumni Association

It’s May in Fort Collins and with that come warm sunny days, a new crop of wildflowers, and nearly 4,000 brand new graduates of Colorado State University. Whether you had a student who just graduated or one that is finishing their first year, the CSU Alumni Association is here
to keep the connection to Colorado State in place for our alumni, friends, parents, and families. For the new alumnus or alumna, we offer...

**Rams Online** – the CSU Alumni Association’s online directory and community

Available only to alumni and members of the CSU Alumni Association, users can...

- Update contact information as well as student activities and affiliations
- Build a network of fellow Rams
- Search for alumni and classmates
- Sign up for lifetime e-mail forwarding

**Alumni Groups** – We have active groups of alumni and friends throughout the country. This is a great way for new grads to build their network and stay in touch with fellow Rams. We also encourage parents and families to get involved and attend events whenever possible.

**Alumni Services & Discounts**

The Alumni Association offers a variety of services and discounts to our alumni and friends. These programs in turn provide financial support back to the Association for student and alumni programming efforts.

- **GradMed**® short-term health insurance – great for the new graduate needing coverage between college and that first job
- Liberty Mutual renters, homeowners and auto insurance
- NorthAmerican Van Lines moving discounts
- Diploma frames – three great designs, including a classic fall photo of the Oval
- Official Colorado State Ring

**Alumni Association Membership** – makes a great gift!

CSUAA membership is open to alumni and friends of CSU. It supports student and alumni programming and provides access to:

- Career services – exclusive access to CareerBeam
- Networking events and game watch parties
- Members-only publications and newsletters
- Business directory listing
- Discounts to CSUAA events
- Travel, entertainment, and shopping discounts
- **New Grads** can join for only $25/year...that’s ½ price!

**Colorado State License Plates and Vanity Plate**

Proceeds from the license plate program support the Legacy Scholarship Fund and alumni programming. To date we have awarded $40,000 in scholarships to deserving legacy students. Check out our **New Grad Special** – save $25 with a Colorado license plate/Alumni membership combo. Visit [www.CSUAlum.com/newgrad](http://www.CSUAlum.com/newgrad) for details.

For more information on all the CSU Alumni Association’s programs and services visit [www.CSUAlum.com](http://www.CSUAlum.com) or call (800) 286-2586.
RAMFAM Association Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Greg and Glenna Brissey, Sally Goodnight, Jeff Wood, Ed and Linda Carpenter, Cecelia Luhrs, Jody Donovan, Kacee Collard

- Jody asked folks to sign up for the Preview Social evenings (see attached spreadsheet and if you are still interested, let me know your availability). 6:45 – 7:25 p.m. in the Clark Lobby
- Jody provided additional information to the members for the Preview Social responsibilities:
  - Introduce yourself and the event
  - Talk about RAMFAM and encourage parents and families to fill out the application on the brochure and drop it off in the specified location (likely a box or basket at the event) – Kacee and Jody will send out bullet points to hit on during this piece of the evening
  - Provide opportunities to get to know each other through ice breakers
  - Allow parents and families to socialize
  - Help answer questions with Jody and Kacee
  - Members reminded to each other to try to be positive in responding to parent and family requests.
- Jody reviewed the second day of preview events, in case parents and families have questions about what will be happening.
  - We’ve asked Kerry Wenzler to provide a schedule with details to assist parents and families with answering questions.
  - We’ve also asked Kerry to spread information about the catalog being on line and to notify students that their photo ID will be taken during Preview.
- Sally, Glenna, and Cecelia volunteered to sit on the Family Weekend Subcommittee – if you are interested in helping plan the events, please let me know. We are happy to have input!
- We will order dark green polo shirts through the CSU Bookstore for RAMFAM members to wear at university events. Attached you’ll find a document asking for shirt sizes. We will be ordering gender-specific sizes, so please let us know which size you’ll want!
- In addition to the shirts, we’ll have RAMFAM buttons and ribbons for first time parents and seasoned parents (green and gold, of course!)
- We also spoke about RAMFAM Association at Ram Welcome in the fall. Ideas for involvement include:
  - A table at the Street Fair with a banner, at 11:30a.m. on Friday, August 22, 2008.
  - Dr. Blanche Hughes to mention the association during the Parent and Family Reception
  - Provide boxes for application drop-off across the student center
- RamFamily Celebration dates and specifics
  - Jeff went over the details of the Fort Collins Send-Off
- Social for Fort Collins High School graduates who have been accepted and confirmed at CSU
- Hosted at Tamasag Ranch
- 1-4 pm
- Ice Cream
- Students, families, RAMFAM members (and bring your current students!) and alumni
- Wear RAMFAM polos
- Invitations to be sent

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**RAMFAM Hosted Parent and Family Social for Preview Sessions, beginning at 6:25 pm**

Please note it is not necessary to stay the entire time - we know it is later in the evening and folks have to travel

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