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CSU honors professors at annual luncheon

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Colorado State University honored eight professors today at its annual Celebrate Colorado State! luncheon for their work in teaching and research.

Four professors earned the university distinguished professor title, the highest recognition awarded for outstanding accomplishments in research and scholarship:

- Jan Leach, professor of plant pathology in the Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management, College of Agricultural Sciences;
- Karolin Luger, professor of biochemistry, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, College of Natural Sciences;
- Jorge Rocca, professor of electrical engineering and physics, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering; and
- John Sofos, professor of animal sciences, Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural Sciences.

The group has taught students for a collective 100 years, published and presented hundreds of papers and received tens of millions of dollars in research grants, according to CSU.

Two professors earned the University Distinguished Teaching Scholars honor, which goes to 12 outstanding faculty members. Their newest winners were:

- Douglas Hoffman, in the Department of Marketing;
- Nancy E. Levinger in the Department of Chemistry.

Richard Knight, a professor in the Department of Forest, Rangeland, and Watershed Stewardship in the Warner College of Natural Resources, earned the Board of Governors Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award. Knight has been a CSU faculty member since 1989.

Dr. C. Wayne McIlwraith, professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, took home the university's Scholarship Impact Award, one of CSU's top annual honors for research accomplishments.

The award includes \$10,000 to support the McIlwraiths' research.
