DEAN’S LETTER
Innovations highlight the classrooms of today
Classrooms are obviously the heart of any university. The College of Arts and Sciences is partnering with other units on our campus to upgrade many of our classrooms, creating some of the world’s best places for teaching and learning.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/deans/

Features

Children who are deaf can get better start on life
CU-Boulder researchers demonstrated that early identification and treatment were key to helping children remain in the normal cognitive range & helped launch adoption of newborn hearing screening.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/children-who-are-deaf-can-get-better-start-on-life/

NASA team probes function, implications of ‘rock-powered life’
Alexis Templeton, associate professor of geological sciences at the CU-Boulder, leads a team of scientists who recently landed a $7 million, five-year grant from NASA to study “rock-powered life.”
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/nasa-team-probes-function-implications-of-rock-powered-life/

Education-innovation guru preaches well-being through tech
English prof known for massive open online course on comic books and graphic novels tapped to help university navigate uncertain waters.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/education-innovation-guru-preaches-well-being-through-tech/

Old Main Cottonwood finds new life through cloning
The Old Main Cottonwood, the oldest and tallest tree on campus, is being cloned!
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/old-main-cottonwood-finds-new-life-through-cloning/
News

Painstakingly connecting pottery to ancient politics
Ancient Greece has been intensively studied, but there is still much to learn, particularly in some rural parts of the country. CU-Boulder students, under the guidance of a CU assistant professor, are among those unearthing new artifacts.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/painstakingly-connecting-pottery-to-ancient-politics/

Web-based mindfulness therapy shows promise in treating depression
Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy, which has been shown to help people avoid recurring bouts of depression, can be delivered effectively online and could be more effective than traditional forms of therapy.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/web-based-mindfulness-therapy-shows-promise-in-treating-depression/

Theater students prepare to bite the Big Apple
A dozen senior CU-Boulder performance majors auditioned before casting agents through the Actors Connection in New York City this year. The trip was so successful, another group of CU-Boulder seniors returns next year.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/theater-students-prepare-to-bite-the-big-apple/

Brain imaging might help predict risky behavior
A team of researchers at the CU-Boulder has used neuroimaging techniques to understand associations between brain function and risky behavior in adolescents, moving one step closer to definitively diagnosing dangerous predispositions to risk-taking.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/brain-imaging-might-help-predict-risky-behavior/

Shy kids may need help speaking up, study suggests
CU-Boulder research adds to evidence that kids’ hesitation to speak up does not indicate a lack of language ability.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/shy-kids-may-need-help-speaking-up-study-suggests/

Ferguson activists need ‘megaphone,’ scholar reports
CU-Boulder Associate Professor Hillary Potter went to Ferguson, Missouri, to research the protests surrounding the death of Michael Brown, who was killed by a police officer. Potter visited Ferguson to pursue knowledge and to help spread the message of the town’s black people.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/ferguson-activists-need-megaphone-scholar-reports/
Donors/Alumni

Economics alum leaves $3.7 million to endow chair
Gift also funds student sabbatical program, because Eugene Eaton believed ‘studying economics in an international setting would add a lot to the student’s appreciation for the discipline’
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/economics-alum-leaves-3-7-million-to-endow-chair/

Alums’ Ignyte Lab sparks new-business success
Ryan Ferrero helps startup businesses find success through Ignyte Lab, which helps entrepreneurs take their business to the next level.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/alums-ignyte-lab-sparks-new-business-success/

CU legend still pushing physical, intellectual limits
Joe Romig spent his life pushing limits, whether on the football field as an undersized but overachieving All-American for CU, in the classroom as a Rhodes Scholar with an eye for astronomy, or even in outer space as part of the NASA Voyager Missions.
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/cu-legend-still-pushing-physical-intellectual-limits/
**Kudos**

**Child Learning Center wins $25k from Millennium Trust**
For more than 40 years, the Child Learning Center (CLC) CU-Boulder’s Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences has been helping Boulder County children get the most out of their education. That work will continue thanks in part to a $25,000 grant. 
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/child-learning-center-wins-25k-from-millennium-trust/

**Ethnic studies celebrates key milestone at CU-Boulder**
The Department of Ethnic Studies this year celebrates the 20th anniversary of its genesis. After a tumultuous beginning, it has grown into a prominent and respected department that has great support from the university administration. 
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/ethnic-studies-celebrates-key-milestone-at-cu-boulder/

**CU alumnus wins Sabin Prize for primate conservation**
A CU-Boulder alumnus who found a previously undiscovered population of critically endangered monkeys in Vietnam has won the 2014 Sabin Prize for Excellence in Primate Conservation. 
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/cu-alum-wins-sabin-prize-for-primate-conservation/

**Sociologist named NIST Disaster Resilience Fellow**
In a project designed to help communities cope with extreme events, Liesel Ritchie, associate director of the Natural Hazards Center at CU-Boulder, has been chosen by the National Institute of Standards and Technology to serve as a Disaster Resilience Fellow. 
http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2014/12/sociologist-named-nist-disaster-resilience-fellow/