

# The Communicator

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## The Classified Personnel Council (CPC) is on Facebook!

We are always looking for better ways to connect with the State Classified Staff at CSU, and in 2020 how can we look past social media as a means to do that?! We will be sharing out information that is important to State Classified employees as well as some “nice to know” type of information and lighthearted content, too. We hope to see you there and encourage you to join in on conversations that take place whether that be through questions, comments, memes, or some other way.

You can find us [here!](#)

## Call for Nominations: State Classified Employee Awards

The Outstanding Achievement Award | This award recognizes State Classified employees for their meritorious and outstanding achievement in regard to their job skills and/or service to CSU. A maximum of five award recipients are selected each year, and these amazing individuals each receive a commemorative plaque and an award of \$1,000. [Nominations due January 29th.](#)

Positive Action Award | This award recognizes any individual, group, unit or department that has made a positive contribution to State Classified employees at CSU by fostering a supportive work environment, improved campus climate, and/or positive work experiences. [Nominations due January 29th.](#)

Educational Assistance Award | This award is intended to assist State Classified employees seeking to advance in their jobs/careers. In each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), up to ten (10) awards may be given in the amount of \$500 – taxes will be taken out of this amount. This award may be utilized for any professional development or educational activity, including university courses, workshops, certificates, or trades related courses. Additionally, funds may be used for tuition, technology, books, childcare, gas for traveling to class, etc. If selected for the award, applicants may be asked to submit enrollment verification before funds are released.

Everyday Hero | This is a special program sponsored by the Classified Personnel Council to recognize the day-to-day achievements of all Colorado State University employees (state classified, administrative professionals and faculty). [Nominations can be made year round!](#)

The CPC now meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 1-3pm, via Microsoft Teams. All meetings are open to the public! Our next meeting will be 11/17. If you would like to join us as a guest, please email [cpc\\_chair@colostate.edu](mailto:cpc_chair@colostate.edu) to be given the link. We would love to virtually see you there!



## CSU Mental Health Resources

If you are a State Classified Employee, you have access to several mental health resources.

First is ComPsych, which entitles you to 6 free counseling sessions per person in your family, per issue, per year. Employees can call 1-800-497-9133 anytime for crisis services and to get referrals for counseling. ComPsych will give you a list of licensed professionals to contact in the community to set up services. The ComPsych phone number is staffed 24/7.

Second is EAP, which strives to offer inclusive support to all employees at CSU. The on-site EAP Coordinator offers assessment and referrals, management consultation, and outreach to employees who may be struggling. Please contact our EAP Coordinator, [Jan Pierce](#), for help or more information.

Additional mental health, financial and additional assistance benefits that can be accessed by State Classified employees can be found at <https://cseap.colorado.gov/>.

## New “Day in the Life” Column Features SC Employees

Did you know that CSU has over 1,800 State Classified employees? Classified employees contribute significantly across numerous fields at CSU’s multiple locations. Can you imagine all the different ways those work days play out—from animal and human health care, to structural and engineering trades, to security, accounting, sales, utilities, and so on? What is a materials handler? What does a data specialist do? The expertise within CSU’s classified community is immense, and yet we are generally not exposed to the range of positions held by fellow State Classified employees outside our own departments. We may not have an opportunity to meet a colleague in the role of “Environ Protect Spec II” or “Grounds and Nursery I,” let alone know who they are and what they do. If we work on Main Campus, we may not know of the 4 State Classified employees who work at the Mountain Campus. Alternatively, if we work on South Campus, we may not have the chance to meet any of the 14 State Classified employees who work at the bookstore.

Watch for a new feature via the Communicator, SOURCE, and Facebook called “Day in the Life”. The aim of the articles is to introduce us to the stories of State Classified colleagues, to get to know and recognize the diverse responsibilities and duties that make up our workdays.

So, who are State Classified employees? Who don’t we know about, though we should? What classified work have you wondered about recently or think others should hear about? Please direct your suggestions [here](#) and together we will explore the complexity of CSU’s amazing State Classified community!

## Food Assistance Resources at CSU

[CSU Mobile Food Pantry](#) | All members of our community (students, staff, and faculty) may access the RAH Food Pantry through the lobby of the Lory Student Center Theatre. Please bring your CSU ID card. We ask that all visitors work with us to maintain social distancing guidelines and health protocols to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Fall schedule hours of operation will be as follows: Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 4 – 7 pm, Fridays: 9 am – 12 pm

[RamRide Food Ops](#) | RamRide Food Ops delivers boxes of free food from the CSU Mobile Food Pantry to on-and-off-campus students, faculty, and staff. Deliveries will take place on Fridays. Students, faculty, and staff can choose up to 2 Fridays each month for delivery. Deliveries will arrive in the afternoon, between 2 and 4 pm. RamRide Food Ops is designed for students, faculty, and staff who cannot come to, or transport food home from, the Mobile Food Pantry. To request food delivery through RamRide Food Ops, please complete the short application [here](#). Please note, The RAH Pantry will be closed for two weeks beginning Dec. 21.

[Rams Against Hunger Pocket Pantries](#) | Rams Against Hunger offers a limited selection of food items to all members of the Ram community at the following Pocket Pantry locations: •Lory Student Center- level 200 - ASCSU Plaza-side entrance, University Housing – Aggie Village Family Apartments, Aggie Village Family Center – 501 West Prospect St, Building 24, University Housing - University Village Center, Apartments – 1600 West Plum, Building 24.

Please “swipe” your CSU ID to enter the Pocket Pantry doors