AC Golden donates $50,000 for a Diversity Scholarship in the Fermentation Science and Technology program

AC Golden, a brewery in the Molson Coors Beverage Company’s craft beer division Tenth & Blake, has created a scholarship for fermentation science students to boost diversity in the brewing industry. The Brewing Change Scholarship Endowment will provide a $2,500 scholarship annually. Recipients will also have the opportunity for a paid internship after their junior year with the Molson Coors brewing network.

“Diversity is a big issue in many industries, but it’s especially big in craft brewing,” said Paul Verdu, head of Tenth & Blake. “We believe that education is the key to unlocking opportunity, but there needs to be awareness of that opportunity. Long term, this program will help people who might not be aware that brewing is a career option.”

The driving force behind this scholarship is to increase inclusivity and diversity in the craft brewing world, and to open doors to those who are underrepresented in fermentation science.

“Boosting diversity is something that the brewing industry has been working toward, and this is a huge step for AC Golden Brewing to fund this,” said Jeff Callaway, associate director of the FST Program. “We greatly appreciate this donation, and it certainly aligns with CSU’s diversity efforts.”

Tenth & Blake created similar scholarships at Oregon State University and Middle Tennessee State University, which are located near Tenth & Blake breweries.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
Brandon Alcorn ('18)

Alcorn’s passion for hotel management stems from his grandmother, executive assistant for Master Host International, and personal experience. Alcorn was named one of “30 Under 30” from Hotel Management Magazine.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS
FERMENTATION SCIENCE
Kellan Cowan

Cowan, a veteran, is lead distilling technician and production manager for CopperMuse Distillery while finishing his degree in Fall 2020.

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NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE
Annie Campain

Campain is a CSU Honors student who plans on obtaining her master’s degree in dietetics specializing in eating disorders.

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2020 Graduate Student Showcase Award Winners

Brittney Sly won the Office of International Programs Global Impact Research Award for her project, “Sustainable Nutrition Education: Empowering Rwandan Women with Participatory Action Research.” Sly’s primary goal is improvement in household food security and enhancement of dietary diversity.

Scott Wrigley won the CHHS Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award for his project, “Elucidating Gut Microbiota Drivers of Cardiovascular Disease Comorbidities.” A primary goal of this research is to identify gut microbial signatures that are correlated with vascular dysfunction.

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FSHN Extension Team wins the 2020 NEAFCS National Food Safety Award

The FSHN Extension team was recognized with the National Food Safety Award for their “Preserve Smart: A mobile-friendly home food preservation tool” presentation. The app provides 24/7 mobile access to tested food preservation recipes and processes, search-able by produce type and with customizable elevation adjustments up to 10,000 feet.


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Stephanie Smith Memorial Scholarship

The Stephanie Smith Memorial Scholarship will provide funds for full-time students in Nutrition and Food Science. The donors, Carl and Laine Smith, wanted to honor their daughters life and legacy by creating a new endowed scholarship in her name. Smith had a lifelong passion for the great outdoors, healthy living, and nutrition. She earned her B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. at Colorado State University. Upon completion of her studies, she became an assistant professor at the University of Northern Colorado. After a valiant battle with cancer, Smith passed away peacefully in April 2019 surrounded by family.

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