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## **CSU System Accepting Nominations for Chancellor**

**DENVER – December 12, 2011** – The Colorado State University System announced today that it is accepting nominations for chancellor of the three-university system.

Joe Blake announced in July that he would step down as chancellor but continue to work for the CSU System on donor development, alumni relations and teaching. His last day as chancellor will be December 31. An interim chancellor will not be appointed.

An 11-member search committee has been tasked with identifying and recommending chancellor candidates to the CSU System Board of Governors, which will make the final hiring decision. The search committee is scheduled to complete work by March 2012.

“The CSU System experienced tremendous growth and success under Joe Blake’s leadership, and we are looking for a new chancellor who will be able to leverage that momentum and continue to build upon the System’s hard-earned reputation for excellence,” said Joseph Zimlich, chair of the CSU System Board of Governors. “The Board certainly looks forward to selecting a vibrant and effective leader who can be a strong advocate for the CSU System and its individual campuses in Colorado and beyond.”

The chancellor is the chief executive officer of the CSU System, overseeing three distinct institutions:

- CSU: One of the nation’s premier research universities and the System’s flagship campus in Fort Collins. Founded in 1870, CSU is a land-grant institution with more than 30,000 students. It is the “university of choice” for Colorado residents – 30 percent of all Colorado science, math, engineering and technology majors pursue degrees at CSU.
- CSU-Pueblo: A regional, comprehensive university in Southern Colorado that serves approximately 5,000 students and offers 26 baccalaureate and six master degree programs. In 2002, CSU-Pueblo was designated an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by the U.S. Department of Education.
- CSU-Global Campus: A 100 percent online public university that provides innovative higher learning opportunities for nontraditional students and working adults.

The CSU System has an operating budget of more than \$900 million, with annual research expenditures of more than \$330 million. The CSU campuses educate nearly 37,000 new and returning students annually, and graduates number more than 6,800 a year. The CSU System also has extension offices in 59 of the 64 Colorado counties, delivering a wide variety of community-oriented research-based informational, educational and 4-H programs.

The chancellor is responsible for leading the System’s operations, setting legislative strategy, serving as the chief spokesperson and working to increase engagement among the CSU System’s more than 200,000 alumni.

For information, go to [www.csusystem.edu/chancellorsearch](http://www.csusystem.edu/chancellorsearch).

## **ABOUT THE CSU SYSTEM**

The CSU System Board of Governors has nine voting members, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the State Senate, and four non-voting members who are faculty and student representatives from CSU and CSU-Pueblo. The board provides oversight to ensure effective management, accountability and leadership at all the CSU System universities – Fort Collins, Pueblo and the online Global Campus. More information: [www.csusystem.edu](http://www.csusystem.edu).

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