CU-NIST ATOMIC PHYSICIST DEBORAH JIN TO RECEIVE SIGMA XI'S HIGHEST HONOR. Deborah Jin, an adjoint professor of physics and a fellow of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, received the same top prize from the international honor society Sigma Xi awarded to animal behaviorist Jane Goodall and oceanographer Robert Ballard. Other prominent recipients of the William Procter Prize for Scientific Achievement include paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould, anthropologist Margaret Mead, cardiac surgeon Michael DeBakey, physicist Murray Gell-Mann and space scientist James Van Allen. For more: http://www.colorado.edu/news/r/e550869100ac5a4bcee14bbee7729f1be.html.

CU-BOULDER STUDENT WINS ASTRONAUT SCHOLARSHIP. Apollo 15 Astronaut Al Worden presented CU senior Riley Pack with a $10,000 scholarship from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation during a presentation in November. The Astronaut Scholarship is the largest monetary award given in the U.S. to science and engineering undergraduates based solely on merit. Seventeen of these prestigious awards were dispersed this year through the ASF to outstanding students majoring in science, engineering or math. More: http://www.colorado.edu/news/r/24a28374e16e7f9340b8a97af2175a24.html.

QUICK TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENT

- **Puksta Scholars Program is Accepting Applications for 2010-11:** The Puksta Scholars Program supports students who have a strong commitment to civic responsibility and high ethical standards. It offers a limited number of $4,500 annual scholarships. This scholarship is available for incoming freshmen, sophomores and juniors. For info and/or an application visit [http://www.colorado.edu/puksta/](http://www.colorado.edu/puksta/). The application deadline is 2/2/2010 so apply now!

- **Peace Corps Meeting:** There will be a Peace Corps General Interest Meeting on Thursday, 12/3, at 6 PM in Hellems 237. The application process can take up to a year, so students who graduate in May should try to attend an information session or complete their application online as soon as possible. For more visit [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov).

- **Things to Consider Regarding Winter Break:**
  - Residence halls are closed from 10:00 AM 12/18/09 until 10:00 AM 1/6/10. Students may not remain in, nor gain access to their, rooms during this period. They may leave their belongings.
  - Denver RTD’s SkyRide bus is a great way to get to the airport and back from campus. The fare for Route AB is only $12 ($6 for students with an Eco Pass). For info visit [http://www.rtd-denver.com/skyRide/index.html](http://www.rtd-denver.com/skyRide/index.html).

CU-Boulder Quick Links

- CU Police Department: [http://www.colorado.edu/police](http://www.colorado.edu/police)
- Athletic Department news (tickets): [www.cubuffs.com](http://www.cubuffs.com)
- Complete CU news: [www.colorado.edu/news](http://www.colorado.edu/news)
- Alumni information: [www.cualum.org](http://www.cualum.org)
- Tuition/fees billing questions: [http://www.colorado.edu/bursar](http://www.colorado.edu/bursar)
- Financial Aid: [http://www.colorado.edu/finaid](http://www.colorado.edu/finaid)
- Student housing issues: [http://housing.colorado.edu/index.cfm](http://housing.colorado.edu/index.cfm)
- Career services: [http://careerservices.colorado.edu](http://careerservices.colorado.edu)
- Academic calendar: [http://www.colorado.edu/academics/calendar.html](http://www.colorado.edu/academics/calendar.html)
- Events calendar: [http://www.colorado.edu/eventscalendar](http://www.colorado.edu/eventscalendar)
- Parents Association: [http://www.colorado.edu/parentrelations/index.html](http://www.colorado.edu/parentrelations/index.html)
- CU Music: [http://www.cuconcerts.org](http://www.cuconcerts.org) or [http://www.colorado.edu/music](http://www.colorado.edu/music)
- Mental Health Resources: [http://www.colorado.edu/mentalhealthresources/](http://www.colorado.edu/mentalhealthresources/)
- CU Parent Fund: [www.colorado.edu/parentrelations/parentfund](http://www.colorado.edu/parentrelations/parentfund)

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