



**STRAAYER CENTER FOR
PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP**
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Straayer Center for Public Service Leadership offers access to internship and professional development opportunities. Explore how the Straayer Center is helping create future leaders in public service.



OUR MISSION

The Straayer Center for Public Service Leadership was founded in 2017, with a mission to equip student leaders with the education, skills, and experience to be successful public servants, while connecting with communities across the State of Colorado. We oversee internship programs with Local, State, and Federal Government partners, and we host events, workshops, and forums for student and community audiences. At CSU, we recognize that democratic systems require participation, and that results are more representative of our communities when community members are engaged and involved in decision making. At Colorado State University, we believe that our students are both current and future civic leaders, and that the State of Colorado, and Country, are well served when students from across the political spectrum choose to engage, listen, and participate in our democracy.

CONNECT WITH THE STRAAYER CENTER

Whether you're an alumnus looking to give back, or an individual with a student opportunity, there are many ways to get involved with the Straayer Center. Volunteer your time or expertise by contacting Program Director Sam Houghteling.

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CREATING LEADERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

The center aims to provide thought leadership on public matters through University and community partners with a focus on three main areas of activity.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP



SPECIAL PROJECTS & CURRICULAR INNOVATION

JOHN STRAAYER'S LEGACY

For more than 50 years, John Straayer has been a fixture in CSU's political science classrooms and the hallways at the Colorado State Capitol. He directed the department's Legislative Internship Program for more than 40 years. Today, he is a professor emeritus in political science. He exemplifies the ideals of the scholar-teacher-civic servant and is deeply committed to the ideals of academic freedom and shared governance as a foundation of the University's excellence and advancement of American civil society.

The Center honors John's commitment to teaching, research, and outreach activities designed to prepare future leaders for public service roles that will serve the citizens of Colorado, the United States, and the world.



INTERNSHIPS

The Straayer Center connects students to internships, fellowships, and professional development opportunities with local, state, and federal government partners, plus non-profit, international affairs, law, and more.

CSU IN D.C.

The Straayer Center and the Department of Political Science have collaborated with The Washington Center to create an undergraduate semester in Washington D.C. Students will enroll in 15 credits through CSU and complete a professional internship, seminar, and colloquium. CSU enrolls up to 10 upper-level undergraduate students in this program. The program is open to students in all colleges and majors.



The Straayer Center provides a range of internship and professional development opportunities for public service careers in:

- **CITIES AND COUNTIES** - Working with a local government office or community organization on important local issues.
- **STATE GOVERNMENT** - Learning the art of legislative governance by interning at the state capitol.
- **STRAAYER FELLOWS** - Our fellowship program provides access to exciting professional development opportunities on campus.