



Ethics

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Scholarships



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

Richard Richards Institute *for*
Politics, Decency & Ethical Conduct

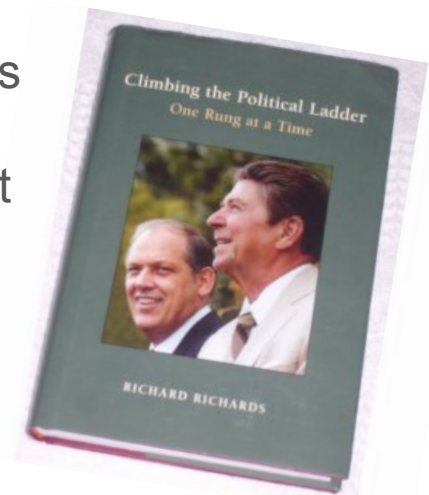


History:

Richard Richards Institute for
Politics, Decency & Ethical
Conduct



- **2006:** WSU collaborates with Richard Richards to publish his memoirs “Climbing the Political Ladder.”
- **2007:** WSU establishes the Institute for Politics, Decency & Ethical Conduct.
- **2009:** WSU officially names the Institute after Richard Richards, a 1958 Weber College graduate and former Republican National Chairman.
- **2009-10:** WSU establishes the Richards Institute Advisory Board.
- **2011:** Under the board’s leadership, a campus-wide “Ethics Day” event is launched for all disciplines.





Richards Institute Funding:



- **Current Operating Budget:**
\$115,000 Endowment
- The Richards Institute was established through a generous lead gift from Richard & Annette Richards.
- Continual funding is needed to increase the Richards Institute's impact among students, faculty and the community.





Mission:

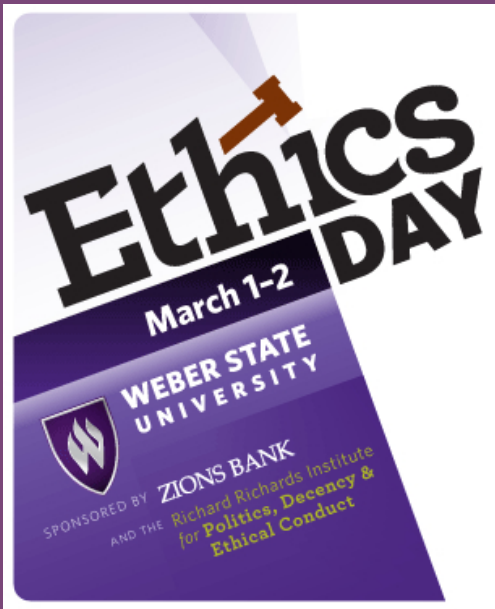
The Institute for Politics, Decency & Ethical Conduct teaches and inspires ethical leadership, encourages active participation in public service, promotes political reform and provides student scholarships.





Ethical Leadership

The main focus of the Richards Institute is teaching and inspiring ethical leadership in all disciplines.



- **Ethics Day** strives to engage Weber State University, its faculty, students and the community in discussions and focused education on ethics across all disciplines.
 - \$1,000 High School Scholarships
 - Classroom lectures on ethics
 - Ethics Scholarship banquet and keynote speaker
- Major Sponsoring Partners:

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Encourage Public Service

Seeks to help and encourage students to get involved in public service.





Promote Political Reform

Students can study, research and evaluate government performance, efficiency and accountability.

- Weber State Student Ethics Committee
 - **2009:** Researched Utah's ethics issue and presented their report to Lt. Governor Gary Herbert.
 - **2010:** Evaluated each state's ethics commission, organizational structure, formation and jurisdiction.





Student Scholarships

Provides scholarships to college and high school students.



- **Ethics Scholarships:**
\$14,000 was raised for scholarships awarded to incoming high school students in 2011.
- **Richards Richards Scholarship:**
An annual scholarship is awarded to a top Political Science and Philosophy student.





Advisory Board Responsibilities



- Promote the mission and efforts of the Richards Institute throughout Utah.
- Actively participate in fundraising.
- Participate, support and encourage others to attend events, lectures and activities.
- Organize and undertake the planning of special projects and events.

