

Division of Student Affairs

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Division Accomplishments Related to University Initiatives

Initiative 1: Increase national recognition for WSU's teaching excellence and leadership in the areas of undergraduate research, service learning, community involvement and student engagement.

- WSU was awarded the Carnegie Classification in Community Engagement. The Community Involvement Center, which is a collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, played a key role in WSU attaining this designation.
- WSU and Student Affairs Technology were recently recognized by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and Apple for the recent transition of many computer labs on campus from PC computers to dual-boot Mac labs.
- Weber State University held the largest Deliberative Democracy Day in the country in March 2009. This national program, which increases student knowledge of critical issues facing our society, began at Stanford University and involved 16 institutions. It was a joint collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.
- WSU was again named to the President of the United States' Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.
- The Center for Diversity & Unity co-sponsored the WSU 9th Annual Gospel Music Festival, "Make a Joyful Noise," in the Browning Center. Approximately 650-700 attendees heard ten gospel choirs and/or soloists perform.
- Weber State University hosted the 2009 Utah Special Olympics Winter Games on January 30-31. Events were held at Powder Mountain and North Fork Park, and the opening ceremonies were held in the Shepherd Union.

Initiative 2: Revise master plan for the Ogden campus; secure funding for new construction at WSU Davis and the acquisition of new property.

- A housing master plan was developed for the housing area on 4100 South. It outlines plans to renovate existing facilities, provide new up-to-date facilities, and provide more living space closer to campus.
- The Shepherd Union dedication was held on September 9, 2008 after a two-year renovation. The new union has provided a focal point for campus activities and helped foster student leadership and involvement. An average of 7300 people per day visited the Shepherd Union during the spring semester.

Initiative 3: Foster enrollment growth which moves the university toward its vision of 26,000 students in 2030.

- Veteran's Upward Bound instituted online instruction through a program called "Passkey" for pre-college veterans. This will allow students to work at their own pace and

convenience. Veterans Upward Bound is in the process of creating an informational video in cooperation with WSU Multimedia Department.

- In Fall 2008, WSU established a new GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program) partnership with the Ogden School District through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The program allows WSU to further increase educational opportunities for students in Weber County. For 2008, the U.S. Department of Education received 283 applications and awarded 24 grants. The six-year grant works with every seventh grader in the district during 2008-09 and moves with those students through graduation in 2014. Thirty three current WSU students served as mentors and tutors in the GEAR UP program and worked over 2,384 hours.
- The Multicultural Youth Conference in November was held in collaboration with WSU's Major Fest and the Scholarship Day. Almost 300 students from 17 high schools participated in educational sessions and competed for scholarships offered by all of the university's seven colleges. The amount of these scholarships combined is in excess of \$50,000.
- Of the Upward Bound students who were seniors, 100% graduated high school in 2009, and 88% intend to enroll at WSU. Upward Bound seniors have earned \$373,164 in financial assistance for post-secondary education.
- Of the 122 Educational Talent Search (ETS) seniors, 98% intend to enroll at WSU for fall 2009. ETS seniors have earned over \$177,490 in scholarships.
- The Multicultural Student Center and the Smart Start Program held a Summer Bridge Program on campus entitled "DREAMS" in August 2008. Fifty three new incoming first year ethnic minority students benefitted from the motivational and informational college transition sessions.
- The Education Access and Outreach Department implemented the Gateway to Education partnership which involves providing community presentations, information at community events, a community education fair, advisement support, and parent programs in partnership with the Ogden School District and Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College.
- The Utah Scholar pilot program was implemented in 2008-09 through the Community Involvement Center using faculty to mentor and teach math at Mount Ogden Junior High School. In collaboration with the Community Involvement Center, Education Access and Outreach is working to establish a college-readiness training program to be implemented fall 2009.
- The Student to Student Outreach program expanded services into Davis schools and served a student cohort of 55 students.

Initiative 4: Enhance academic, student development and support services to retain students through graduation; develop innovative strategies to meet the needs of diverse learners.

- The International Student Services Office assumed responsibility for international student admissions which will provide "one-stop" service for prospective international student applying and transitioning to Weber State University.
- The Nontraditional Student Center established a literary journal called *Epiphany* which will be a bi-annual publication uniquely geared toward nontraditional students and gives a

venue for unpublished nontraditional student writers to present their work. *Epiphany* will also provide an educational experience in real-world publication for both the writers and the student editors.

- Utilization of the Nontraditional Hourly Childcare Center in the Shepherd Union increased 45%.
- The Student Wellness program was initiated in 2008 in order to expand health education from primarily a drug and alcohol program to more needs-based/evidence-based programming. The Student Wellness program covers topics such as stress management, nutrition, life management, and relationships.
- Campus Recreation experienced an 18% increase in group exercise participation and served 140,460 participants.
- Housing occupancy for 2009-09 increased to 100% in University Village, married housing, and Promontory Tower. Thirty percent of these students have registered to live in housing for 2009-10.
- Dining Services/Sodexo started the Off-Campus Solutions program which allows students to use their Wildcard to purchase food at participating restaurant within the local community.
- The Davis Testing Center and Davis Computer Lab increased utilization with 83% of Davis campus students using the Testing Center and 72% using the Computer Lab.
- The Student Affairs First-Year Student Taskforce expanded a mentor program targeting developmental math and English students. This group of students participating in this program had a retention rate of 82%.
- The Student Affairs Division established a scholarship committee to streamline the way in it provides financial assistance to current and prospective WSU students.
- Career Services collaborated with three MBA students from the Goddard School of Business. A grant was received for \$3000 from the Small Business Group to pay for the redesign of their new website.
- The Women's Center created a student advisory board to help develop leadership opportunities for students while implementing new and existing programs. The Women's Center student volunteers and staff worked together to create the Women's Fair which brought community agencies, organizations, and businesses that deal with women's issues to campus.
- The Testing Centers administered over 200,000 course exams and established a Testing Center advisory committee.
- Student Involvement and Leadership has extended the Emerging Leaders Program to a year long experience from a 35-week program in previous years.
- The Wilderness Recreation Center (WRC) increased revenue for the Adventure Programs (trips, clinics, workshops, and classes) by 53% from FY 2008 to FY 2009. Program offerings are up 34% in the same period.
- Student Veterans of America (SVA) is being initiated on campus as part of a coalition of colleges and universities across the United States. With the large number of veterans entering WSU, Veteran's Services has developed a close working relationship with Continuing Education in order to help students select programs and maximize transfer credit from time working in the military.

- Career Services sponsored the career fair, criminal justice fair, summer job fair, annual statewide teacher fair, and the second annual graduate school fair to provide students with knowledge of post-graduation opportunities.
- With the addition of the Student Affairs Assessment Coordinator, the Student Affairs Division has significantly expanded its assessment and research including a new program review process, the use of a stream-lined model to track goals and student learning outcomes, the tracking of student cohorts using services within Student Affairs, and the use of the assessment tool called StudentVoice.
- The Center for Diversity & Unity partnered with Dr. Forrest Crawford, Assistant to the President for Diversity, to sponsor a Martin Luther King, Jr. Colloquium entitled “The King Legacy: Past Actions, Present Results, Future Hopes” in the Shepherd Union. Additionally, the Center for Diversity & Unity partnered with the Marshall White Community Center to host the largest Annual Community Prayer Breakfast and March in their history with more than 250 participants.
- On April 8, approximately 240 students attended the 2nd annual Stress Awareness Fair, sponsored by the Counseling and Psychological Services Center (CPSC). Attendees had opportunities to experiment with numerous stress management activities.
- Housing and Residence Life and the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs partnered with a faculty member in Interior Design Technology to engage her class in a project to redesign the lobby of Promontory Tower, which is used by many WSU constituencies. The students provided full design services including coordination with the WSU Purchasing Department. Similarly, staff members from Health Services and Campus Recreation partnered with marketing faculty to have a class provide icons/logos for a new student wellness program.
- The Community Involvement Center hosted a Volunteer Fair in the Union Building Atrium involving over 25 community service agencies. Students learned how to get more involved in community service opportunities.

Initiative 6: Extend the high-quality offering of WSU Online and WSU’s hybrid-delivery programs using leading-edge technology.

- Student Affairs Technology established 2 new open student labs in the Shepherd Union Building and Elizabeth Hall with dual booting iMac computers. Over 14,200 students were served during fall 2008-spring 2009 with 204,950 overall sessions.

Student Accomplishments

- Twelve student tutors with Academic Support Centers and Programs and three undergraduate practicum students with the Counseling and Psychological Services Center presented at state, regional, and international conferences.
- Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) had 12 students participate in the Federal Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities this summer. Eleven of these internships were at Hill Air Forces Base and one was located in Virginia.
- Student Government coordinated a Voter Registration drive September 29 – October 3 and registered approximately 600 new voters.
- Hamad Alyami, WSU Saudi Club president, established a Saudi Club with the regional Saudi Cultural Mission where he is also the president. Hamad has made arrangements for a conference at WSU where the Saudi Arabian Cultural Attaché will attend. The conference will include students from all the universities in Utah, Idaho, and Nevada.
- The Weber State Billiards team qualified for Nationals held in Chicago in winter 2009.
- Weber State had two athletes named as Academic All Americans for Bowling.
- Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) finished their campus tobacco policy recommendations report and presented these documents to President's Council.
- Ariana Escalante was selected as the Civically Engaged Student at the 2009 Annual Statewide Recognition Event. This recognition comes from the Utah Campus Compact housed in Salt Lake City Utah.
- Billy Rutter, the chair for Habitat for Humanity for the VIP program, was one of four students honored in this state wide search. As a runner-up to Utah's 2009 Young Humanitarian Award, Billy received \$1000. Billy helped organize Homeless Awareness Week and founded the Freedom Riders, a therapeutic program for children with cerebral palsy.
- Carina Maughan, the student director of service at WSU Davis, set up a 5K Run Fundraiser which raised \$1,700 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and drew 97 participants and 20 community sponsors.
- Eight students participated in the Student Support Services Advisory Board. The Board created and implemented a student leadership conference for SSS students from around the state of Utah. Fifty students attended this inaugural conference.
- The WSU Environmental Club set a world record on Earth Day for planting 180 trees in one hour within the Ogden community.
- Ten student tutors with Academic Support Centers and Programs and 3 undergraduate practicum students with the Counseling and Psychological Services Center presented at state, regional, and international conferences.
- Weber State had two athletes named as Academic All Americans for Bowling.
- Ten representatives from the WSU Student Senate attended the American Student Government Association national conference in Washington, DC from September 24-28.
- Twenty one tutors earned some level of national certification through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA).
- The first group of students was inducted into the National Society of Leadership & Success here at Weber State University.

Division & Individual Professional Accomplishments & Recognition

- The Community Involvement Center at WSU was listed on the President's Highest Honor Roll for Service.
- Campus Living Villages recognized WSU Housing and Residence Life with the Outstanding Team Performance award for their collaboration with WSU.
- WSU hosted the Utah NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) Conference and the Association for College Unions - International (ACUI) Regional Conference.
- The Student Involvement and Leadership Department organized the Utah Leadership Academy in May for over 100 student leaders from colleges and universities in Utah.
- The Division of Student Affairs held a four-day institute for Student Affairs professionals to enhance their knowledge of the profession.
- Campus Recreation facilitated three nationally recognized fitness certifications for student staff, including 15 group exercise instructors and five personal fitness trainers
- The Student Affairs Technology department provided technology for Prevent Child Abuse regional conference in Salt Lake City for 450 professionals in areas such as social services, education, advocacy, nursing, and law enforcement.
- Jean Harding, Counseling and Psychological Services Center, was honored with the 2009 Presidential Outstanding Classified Staff Award. This highly competitive award recognized her excellence in the areas of productivity, work quality, dependability and reliability, creativity and innovation, and relationship skills.
- Adrienne Gillespie, Coordinator of the Diversity and Unity Center, received statewide recognition at the 2009 Utah Campus Compact Award Ceremony. She received the Civically Engaged Staff member award.
- Teri Wood Slaughter, Conference Events and Conferences, was named as ROTC's Outstanding Staff Colleague.
- Monika Rodie, Associate Director of the Shepherd Union, was honored by having an award named in her honor for outstanding new staff member by ACUI Region 13.
- Lynnae Dopp, Coordinator of the Appointment Tutoring Center, received two CRLA awards: "The Karen G. Smith Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Service" and the "ITPC Coordinator Award" for long time service.
- Sarah Trescott, Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life, received the Campus Living Villages outstanding Assistant Director of the Year award.
- Dave Trujillo, Director of Upward Bound, was recognized by the WSU Office of Assistant to the President of Diversity for "Decades of Serving Weber State Students and Our Community" in April 2009. He was also honored as one of Layton's Hometown Heroes and featured in the city parade.
- Nancy Balmert, Tutoring/Disabilities Specialist, received a "Shining Star of Customer Service" certificate during OWL's October Customer Service Month.

Publications and National Presentations

Publications by Staff Members

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National Presentations

- Brett Perozzi, Associate VP, Dianna Rangel, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, and Prasanna Reddy, Director of Tutoring, Testing, and SI, presented at NASPA's International Assessment and Retention Conference.
- Clayton Oyler, Director of Student Affairs Technology, was interviewed by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* during a nationally broadcast webinar sponsored by Apple concerning the recent transition of many labs at WSU from PC computer to dual-boot Mac labs.
- Carol Merrill, Women's Center Director, presented two workshops ("The Power Game of Leadership" and "The Art of Leadership") at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Washington, DC - June 2008 sponsored by NASPA and American Association of University Women.
- Brett Perozzi, Associate VP, presented a half day preconference workshop and a nationally broadcast webinar for the Association of College Unions International.
- Jessica Hickmott, Student Affairs Assessment Coordinator, presented at the Association for the Study of Higher Education, NASPA, American College Personnel Association, and the Association of College Unions - International national conferences.

Professional Organization Leadership Positions

- Jan Winniford, Vice President for Student Affairs, chaired the 2009 NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrator's) National Conference. She also serves on the NASPA Foundation Board through 2011.
- Yvette Rosenberg, Student Support Services Director, was elected to the Utah Chapter of the ASPIRE Board as President Elect for the 2009-10 term.
- Michiko Nakashima-Lizarazo, Director of the Multicultural Student Center, serves on community boards and as a Board of Trustees member (Ogden Regional, UCLR, Image, Zions Bank Multicultural Advisory Board, Ogden City Multicultural Advisory Council Ogden School District Hispanic Advocacy Committee).
- Lindsay Beddes, Coordinator of Educational Talent Search, was re-elected as secretary for ASPIRE-TRiO State organization through October of 2009.
- Lynnae Dopp, Appointment Tutoring Center Coordinator, and Prasanna Reddy, Director of Tutoring, Testing, and SI, planned and hosted the College Reading and Learning Association's (CRLA) state conference at Weber State University. Lynnae continues as an evaluator on the CRLA International Tutor Program Certification Committee (ITPC).
- Daniel Turner, Coordinator of the Wilderness Recreation Center, is the chair for the climbing committee within the Association of Outdoor Education and Recreation
- Carol Merril, Director of the Women's Center, is a member of the American Association of University Women - Utah Chapter Board of Directors and a member of the Your Community Connection Board of Directors.
- Hanalee Hawkins, Health Education/ Drug & Alcohol, is co-chair of Utah State Substance Abuse Prevention Consortium (USSAP).
- Jeff Hurst, Dean of Students, served on the NASPA Region V Advisory Board as the Utah State Representative through 2009. Jessica Hickmott, Student Affairs Assessment Coordinator, has now assumed this role.
- Donna Rigby, Director of Veteran's Upward Bound, completed tenure as Utah ASPIRE President; currently serving as Past President on the state Executive Board; Director appointed to executive board of National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Project Personnel, April 2009.
- Claire Hughes, Coordinator of the Writing Center and Developmental English Learning Center, continued as president of regional peer tutoring organization, Rocky Mountain Writing Centers Association, and served as chair of the International Writing Centers Association conference for 800 people.