Division of Student Affairs
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Weber State University
Access

- Access and outreach programs served approximately 4,108 high school students across Weber and Davis counties, including approximately 808 seniors, through intentional programs and conferences. Because of conferences, some of the 4108 students may be duplicated.
- Upward Bound was awarded $1,887,005 with an annual grant of $377,401 for each of the upcoming five years. Currently in its 50th year at WSU, Weber State's Upward Bound project is one of the longest continuously running pre-college programs in the nation.
- WSU has joined 100 colleges and universities in creating a *You Are Welcome Here* video to support underrepresented students and international students specifically on our campuses. Many departments participated in the video that is being shared in Ogden and in our international community.
- College Access and First Year Transition utilized SignalVine text messaging platform to provide timely updates to over 558 incoming underrepresented or first generation freshmen students from June 2016 through the fall to ensure they are prepared and ready to start the fall semester successfully. 78% of students engaged in the platform by texting back at least one time.
- The Latinos in Action Conference hosted 1200 students and the Multicultural Youth Conference hosted 500 students from across the state to learn about college opportunities, leadership, and advocacy skills to effect change in their communities and prepare for college.
- WSU Veterans Services has been approved for a two-year grant of $30,000 per year for a Peer Veteran Specialist. Funding from the SLC VA Medical Center’s VITAL program will provide a part-time Specialist to promote retention and persistence of students who are veterans or veteran family members.
- Area/Marketing Coordinator, Kyle Reinhardt in Residence Life, collaborated with Admissions to go to New York and New Jersey for college recruitment fairs for the second year in a row. Six students enrolled and lived on campus from the first admissions trip he attended.
- Disability Services enrolled 65 college-bound students in the Creating Achievement Through Transition (CATT) program, which paired students with a peer guide to increase their success throughout the college transition process.
- The Student Health Center (SHC) created a new partnership with the WSU Nursing/Nurse Practitioner (NP) programs. Three NP faculty will begin providing clinical services at the Davis SHC beginning Fall 2017. This arrangement will increase
the number of hours health services are available for Davis students while also providing NP faculty with necessary clinical hours.

• The International Students and Scholars Center continued recruitment efforts to focus on Southeast Asia and Central America. In fall of 2016 the ISSC teamed with US Commercial Services to recruit in one new market, Ecuador and Honduras. This has been a success as they have applicants from both countries.

• Student Support Services served 285 students with a total number of 2,069 interactions. Student Support Services’ First Generation Club membership grew to 97 officially registered members, approximately triple the previous membership.

• The State GEAR UP program provided approximately 820 hours of tutoring to 80 economically disadvantaged students at Clearfield, Layton, and Roy High Schools. WSU student workers provided 100% of those tutoring hours, assisting students during class time in addition to offering after-school services to students.

• Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) expanded to Salt Lake County by extending services to Westminster College. The Veteran Affairs Department approved two 20 hour-per-week work study positions for VUB. These positions will be paid by the VA and placed in WSU’s Veterans Services working at the front desk and orienting veterans to VUB services. VUB also implemented its annual Shoeboxes for Veterans event and provided over 400 shoeboxes filled with donated personal items for veterans in Davis, Salt Lake, and Weber counties during holiday season.

• The Money Management Center presented to 26 classrooms throughout the year and held 88 one-on-one sessions with individual students.

• The Testing Centers successful implemented the ALEKS placement exam, which replaced Math Mastery. This was a collaborative effort, in which Testing often took the lead. They worked with Developmental Math, Admissions, Student Success Center, Student Affairs Technology, and Information Technology. They also had the task of training and certifying all of our staff on the Ogden and Davis Campuses. 133 ALEKS exams were given throughout the semester.

• A comprehensive campus resource guide, including commonly used terms, was created and distributed to students attending orientation.

Learning and Engagement

• Davis Student Services held a Student Services Showcase in partnership with the Enrollment Services’ event called “Meet the Advisors.” Fifteen Student Affairs departments participated.

• The Nontraditional Student Center held “Parent Enrichment Night” for parents to learn about a variety of topics facilitated by many different departments on campus.

• In October, the Women’s Center partnered with 10 campus and community partners on the Empowering Students to Social Action event, where 487 individuals attended morning and evening lectures both in-person and via Facebook live stream.

• Through a collaborative effort between Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and IT, the Ask Waldo chat was piloted for 17 days at the end of the spring semester. This chat, which was not advertised, was included on the bottom of WSU webpages with other university contact information. A total of 214 individuals utilized the chat during that
time. Enrollment Services plans to continue to operate the chat in the coming year until a larger RFP is conducted.

- Tutoring programs served 4,729 students in 24,731 sessions and 427 class sections.
- The Division of Student Affairs launched a “Don’t Cancel Class” initiative, which shares information with faculty about potential workshops that can be offered in their classes.
- With a USHE grant, the Wildcat Scholars Initiative was developed to provide underrepresented students who placed into developmental Math and English with specially designed academic coursework paired with co-curricular experiences in order to enhance student success and retention. This was a joint partnership between Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and the Chief Diversity Office and also included an inclusive excellence pedagogy retreat.
- The Division held a day-long Student Affairs Conference, the Wildcat Exchange, to provide an in-depth professional development opportunity for Student Affairs staff. Almost 100 Student Affairs staff attended the morning breakout sessions followed by the afternoon conversation on student success with keynote Kevin Kruger (NASPA President), which was attended by approximately 200 staff and faculty from across campus.
- Academic Affairs and Student Affairs have worked together over the last year on an unwavering focus on student success. Over the last year, we have created a campus vision for student success and have worked to create six subcommittees moving forward. Some of the initiatives include Ask Waldo, Wildcat Scholars, and campus conversations about student success.
- Counseling and Psychological Services Center participated in the match program sponsored by the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) for the first time in AY 2016-17.
- The Center for Multicultural Excellence organized the Hispanic Heritage Month with the Hispanic Area Council, involving over 1,180 students within Ogden-Davis school districts. Over 450 people participated in the open house featuring Agustín Casasola and the Mexican Revolution Exhibit and Day of the Dead altars with various folkloric performances, live Spanish music, and an educational panel discussion.
- The 11th Annual Native Symposium, "Reconciliation After Appropriation: Healing Conversations with Indigenous People" was held on November 10. The event began with a sunrise blessing ceremony conducted by Ute tribal elder. The ceremony was followed by keynote Dr. Darryl Tonemah from the Kiowa/Comanche/Tuscarora nations.
- The Student Wellness Center overhauled the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Program, formerly known as the Health Education Drug and Alcohol (HEDA) program. Upon receiving a drug or alcohol violation, students must attend an initial intake appointment with the Student Wellness Coordinator. From there, they will need to schedule a time to attend a 1.5 hour educational workshop. They will also need to complete an online module that matches up with their sanction type.
- Safe@Weber was awarded the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault Program Partner of the Year (2017).
Community

- For fiscal year 2017, the Scheduling, Events, and Conferences office brought 50 conferences to Weber State’s campus. This included nearly 4,000 overnight guests and totaled $1,005,768.
- The LGBT Resource Center and Access and Diversity rolled out the inaugural Jane and Tami Marquardt Peace and Possibility Speakers Series featuring Kate Kendell, Executive Director of the National Center of Lesbian Rights, as the keynote speaker.
- The new Sodexo Contract was signed in 2017 with some exciting changes including the addition of Einstein Bros. Bagels, Tres Habaneros, Union Sushi, Stone Pizza Co., Garden Artist, a hydroponic garden, and a Global Starbucks. In total, Sodexo will be putting forward $1.7 million in renovations.
- Housing and Residence Life partnered with Outdoor Programs and Powder Mountain to supply any student who lived in Wildcat Village Residence Hall 3 with a free season pass to Powder Mountain.
- The Annual Utah Juneteenth Festival was held on June 17-19, 2016 at Weber State University, with Gov. Gary Herbert conducting a ceremonial signing of the Juneteenth Holiday Bill, HB334. The event had 5,000 attendees.
- Black Scholars United partnered with the Ogden NAACP, Diversity Board, and CCEL to co-sponsor the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Breakfast, March, & Service Project. Over 200 people along with 50 volunteers supported this event.
- The Shepherd Union hosted the 3rd Annual Taste of Weber event as a part of Block Party. 350 students received passports to visit each of the dining locations in the Student Union and try free food samples. The Union also hosted the first Annual Peanut Butter & Generosity Drive on November 14. Student and staff volunteers made almost 2,000 sandwiches, which were distributed to local elementary schools, shelters and charitable organizations.
- During 2016-17, 5,264 students engaged in the community through the CCEL for a total of 141,543 hours. These community engagement hours are estimated to be worth $3,416,848 according to Independent Sector.
- The CCEL's Engaged learning Series, focused on the theme Privilege, included 22 events and more than 1,000 participants (faculty, students, community members, staff) total.
- Campus Recreation (lead by the Outdoor Program) facilitated the second annual “Experience Weber” overnighter at Pineview Reservoir for student orientation. 77 (126% increase) new Weber State students participated in paddle boarding, swimming, aquatic inflatables, hiking, Kan Jam tournament, volleyball, spikeball, overnight camping, and reflection activities.
- Veterans Services organized their annual Veterans Day Celebration at the Davis Campus on November 11 with several guest speakers. Community members and NUAMES (Northern Utah Academy of Math, Engineering, and Science) students and teachers attended.
- Student Involvement and Leadership hosted the 2016 Rock the Vote concert at the Ogden City Amphitheater. This event was free to Weber State Students as well as the community and featured Bob Moses with the Brocks. 400 WSU and Ogden Community members were in attendance. SIL also celebrated the Grand Opening of Waldo’s Corner Pocket, where 40 students were in attendance.
• Davis Learning Center coordinated a Utah Women in Higher Education (UWHEN) event on October 7 with 83 registrants from across Utah’s institutions of higher education. The event focused on career development and personal leadership growth. Sara Jones presented a workshop on “Growth Hacking Mentorship”
• In an effort to capitalize on the Pokemon Go craze of Summer, 2016, the Student Wellness Center integrated its existing Weber Walks maps to be specific to those playing Pokemon Go. The map was redesigned to feature the locations of Poke-Stops, gyms and recommended routes in kilometers, rather than miles.
• The Tutoring Program piloted the Peers of Excellence (POE) system for student employees to acknowledge one another’s contributions. Throughout the year, 25 staff were awarded through the system.
• 588 students attended the annual Career and Internship Fair, which featured 99 local and national companies. Career Services also formed an employer advisory council with eight employer partners. They also brought on four new corporate partners (Enterprise, ARUP, RC Willey, Vivent) contributing an additional $10,500 annually to help students with internship and career opportunities.

Staff Accomplishments
• Tashina Barber, Multicultural Advisor, served on the Annual Governor’s Native American Summit Planning Committee.
• Jamie Bernstein, Outdoor Program Assistant Coordinator, serves as Secretary for the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) Access Committee
• Teri Bladen, Director for Campus Recreation, served on the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Annual Service Award Committee, the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Committee on Certification and the Registry Boards - Group Exercise Instructor sub-committee.
• Charlie Chandler, Director for Veterans Services, was elected to the National Association of Veteran Program Administrators (NAVPA) Board during the October 2016 Conference in San Diego, CA.
• Rochelle Creager served as Co-chair for Utah Substance Abuse and Prevention (USAAP).
• Paige Davies, Safe @ Weber Survivor Advocate, served on the American College Personnel Association Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness Directorate Board: Director of Convention Programs (June 2016 - present). She also serves on the following community committees: Community Allied Resources to End Sexual Violence of Davis County, Weber Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Davis SART, Davis County Domestic Violence Coalition.
• Morgan Fradley, Competitive Sports Coordinator, served on the 2016-17 All-Tournament Committee for the NIRSA Region VI NIRSA Championship Series (NCS) Flag Football tournament. She also served on the 2016-17 Officials Committee for the NIRSA Region VI NCS basketball tournament and the Officials Committee for the 15th annual NIRSA National Basketball Championships at The Ohio State University.
• Eddie Hoyle served as ASPIRE-Utah Alumni Committee Chair
• Leslie Loeffel served as the WSU Institutional Representative to Utah Women in Higher Education Network (UWHEN).
• Stephanie McClure, Women’s Center Director, serves on the Weber Morgan County Domestic Violence Coalition as secretary. She also serves on the following community committees: Weber Morgan County Domestic Violence Coalition and Community Allied Resources to End Sexual Violence of Davis County.

• Wayne Miller, Director of Veteran’s Upward Bound, served as special advisor to committee chairs for Wounded Warriors special interest group of the Association on Higher Education and Disability.

• Brett Perozzi was awarded the Pillar of the Profession distinction through NASPA and served as the North American Representative for the NASPA Global Advisory Board.

• Monica Rodriguez-Mesa, Multicultural Advisor, served as a Board Member of the Utah Humanities Council since 2016.

• Enrique Romo, Executive Director for Access and Diversity, serves on the Ogden City Diversity Commission, Spring 2017 – present and the Ogden City Community and Business Development, Citizen Advisory Committee, Spring 2017 - present. Enrique also serves on the following committees: ACTION, Americans Coming Together for Immigrants in Ogden and Nationwide, Fall 2016- Present and LUPEC, Latinos United Promoting Education and Civic Engagement, Board Member, Fall 2015 – Present

• Betty Sawyer, Community Engagement Coordinator, served as a Board Member for Utah Cultural Alliance, Utah State Advisory Committee of the US Civil Rights Commission, Appointed member of newly established Ogden Diversity Commission and recently elected as Vice Chair, 1st VP Ogden NAACP.

• John South, Student Support Services Advisor, served as ASPIRE-Utah Scholarship Committee Chair.

• Rebecca Tierney, Director of Talent Search, was recognized at the national Council on Opportunity & Education for grant award/completion of video project. She is also the current President of Utah ASPIRE (completed second year), and ASPIRE Regional Conference Chair for 2017.

• Daniel Turner, Campus Rec Assistant Director/Outdoor Program Coordinator, obtained the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) Advanced Rock Guide certification


Presentations


• Cragun, Debbie. “Utilizing a Program Review for Department Assessment and Strategic Planning”. ANTSHE conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 25, 2017.
• Moon, Mike, Pam Brainin and Alexis Bucknam. “Are We Relevant? Policies Must Evolve to Quantify Community Engagement.” Presented at Continuums of Service. Denver, CO. April 8, 2017.
• Nielsen, Greg. Let There Be Many Windows; Using Play to Facilitate Learning Mastery and Teamwork in Student Affairs. Northwest Association of Student Affairs Professionals. 2017.
• Sawyer, Betty, Crawford, Forrest, Barker, Marco, Land, Roderic; “Blacks in Higher Education” Panel, State of Utah Black Affairs Summit, April 15, 2017, University of Utah
• Tanner Telford, “A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of Student Experiences in a University Writing Center,” Western Regional Honors Conference, Ashland, OR. April 8, 2017.
• Wilkinson, Noel. Developing the Early Stages of a Male-Identified Student Initiatives Program, a Special Focus on Nontraditional Male Students. ANTSHE conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 25, 2017.


Publications


