A Banner Year for Wildcat Basketball

Both the Women’s and Men’s basketball teams filled the W column and racked up awards this season.

Ladies first: The women’s basketball team finished the year with the winningest record in school history (23-12). Post season, the team continued its winning ways earning a spot in the Women’s Basketball Invitational championship game against the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The Wildcats fought hard, but lost a heartbreaker to the Ragin’ Cajuns 87-85 in double overtime.

Awards: Brittney Dunbar - Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year. Regina Okoye - 2nd team All Conference and Deeshyra Thomas - Honorable Mention.

Gentlemen next: The men’s basketball team won the Gulf Coast Showcase, the Big Sky regular season title and the Big Sky Tournament Championship. Those performances helped secure them an invitation to the NCAA Tournament where they lost in the first round to Xavier University 53-71. The Wildcats finished the season with an overall record of 26-9, marking the first time in school history the team has won 25 or more games in a five year period.

Awards: Joel Bolomboy earned both the Big Sky Most Valuable Player and the Defensive Player of the Year this season. He was also named the MVP of the Reeses’ College Division I All-Star game among other accolades.

Congrats to both teams and their Head Coaches Bethann Ord and Randy Rahe!
Employee Learning Week 2016

The Pursuit of Wellness

ELW featured a 5K, vendor fair, a celebrity trainer as the keynote speaker, 25 classes and a 2-day Supervisor Conference.

It was Weber State’s version of Trivial Pursuit where events and classes were divided into 6 areas of wellness: career, social, emotional, physical, financial and community. Participants collected colored pie pieces from each area at events and classes during spring break, March 7-11, 2016. Once they filled their pies, they were eligible for a prize drawing. Leslie Loeffel, Dir., Davis Learning Center, went home with the top prize: a Fitbit Charge HR.

The week began bright and early with a brisk morning 5K run, followed by a Vendor Fair with businesses representing the 6 areas of wellness. Attendees were treated to free food, information, massages, and plenty of swag.

After the fair, TV personality, fitness trainer and author of Fit2Fat2Fit, Drew Manning, shared his story of struggling to be heavy. Manning gave helpful tips on how to eat and exercise right and led the group in a short workout session.

The week was capped off with a 2-day Supervisor training with materials from the Arbinger Institute that help people move from an inward or self-absorbed mindset to an outward or others-oriented mindset. The group also worked on improving relationships and teamwork on the job and at home.

For more information contact the FM Business Office at extension 6331.

Come Play in the Dirt and Help Beautify the Ogden Campus!

Facilities Management is gearing up for yet another massive flower power event. The FM shop ordered 12 thousand petunias to go on display for the upcoming commencement ceremonies. The FM crews need help to plant the numerous, colorful blossoms that will greet graduates, families and friends on the big day.

The purple and white petunia planting party is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, from 9:00 am to Noon. If you or a group of employees is interested, meet at the lower quad by the north round-about at 9:00 am. (FYI – The Customer Service Committee is ready to dig!) Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty and make sure to bring your own water bottle, gloves, hat and sunscreen. You may bring your own tools or use those provided by FM.

Shine a Light on Your Coworkers’ Excellence

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The group gathered before lunch to hear President Wight speak on the value of work and education. He also stressed the need to be prepared for surprises in life. The president then conducted a few interactive demonstrations complete with projectiles and fire: much to the delight of the audience. Waldo worked the crowd with high fives, hugs and selfies. Lunch was served.

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It’s that time of year again when you’re invited to nominate a coworker or a group of coworkers who have displayed on-the-job excellence. The Administrative Services Division of Weber State University is now conducting its 14th annual Outstanding Performance Awards. You can nominate an individual or a team for their amazing performance and achievement during the 2015 calendar year. Awardees will collect a cash prize and a plaque presented at the Administrative Services back-to-school breakfast on Monday, August 4, 2016.

Nomination forms and criteria can be found on the Admin. Services website at: http://www.weber.edu/adminservices/Recognition.html

It’s helpful to read the online articles “What Make a Top Performer?“ and “What Makes an Outstanding Team?” on the above website. Please complete nomination forms and send them to Jennifer Evans with the Office of Workplace Learning at MC 1016. The application deadline is April 30.