Progress Report: The Miller Admin. Project

Early Return Date for Employees

The Miller Administration building’s massive renovation project is more than half-way completed and on schedule for a mid-August employee return date. That’s good news for the President’s office and other departments that have set up shop in the residence halls for the summer. WSU Director of Plant Operations, Jake Cain, said, “The 92-day venture is Weber State’s quickest turnaround project on campus to date.”

“We’re extremely pleased with the contractor and workers as they’ve done a fantastic job of finishing tasks quickly and correctly,” Project manager Travis Hogge added. Cain and Hogge said the MA building will feature a new, high-tech VRF-HVAC (with individual room controls), LED lighting, energy efficient windows, electrical wiring, copper piping, data cabling, bathroom tile, fixtures, fire sprinklers, alarms, and filtered drinking fountains with bottle fillers. The corridors will also sport new carpeting, drywall and paint as they warmly welcome people to the university.

Cain believes the upgrades make the building good to go for another 30 years with very few issues. The renovation price tag is $4 million, while a complete rebuild would have cost $20 million. The MA will continue to save the university money in lower energy costs. The next big renovation project on campus is the Stewart Library scheduled to start spring 2016.

Be sure to check out the latest photos of the MA project at the following link: http://tinyurl.com/MAphotos2015
SPOTLIGHT

Jennifer Hill grew up in a small farming community in southern Idaho. She’s excited to join the Wildcat Store team as their Course Materials Manager. Jennifer has nine-plus years in the Campus Store industry. She said, “I love working with faculty, staff and students. In my spare time I love to shop, garden and spend time outdoors with my family.”

The Weber Women’s Soccer team is getting a national attention for it’s academic achievements. The NCAA recently recognized the team, which led all WSU squads with a perfect 1,000 APR (Academic Progress Report) score. It marks the second-straight year the soccer team has achieved a perfect score. The Wildcat women are the only soccer squad in Utah or the Big Sky Conference to achieve this honor. Go Wildcats!

KUDOS!

Mary Kay Amicone - Coach of the Year
WSU head softball coach Mary Kay Amicone was named the 2015 Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year in a vote by the league’s head coaches. It is Amicone’s first Coach of the Year award in the Big Sky Conference. In just her second season at the helm, Amicone led the Wildcats to a Conference-record 38 wins, with a 38-19 overall mark. The team capped off the season with its first-ever NCAA Division I Regionals appearance.

Isaac Wood – Making a Difference Through Service
Assistant track coach Isaac Wood has been volunteering his personal time at the Utah State Correctional Facility in Draper training and mentoring inmates on the fundamentals of running. Wood responded to a letter from an inmate seeking advice on training for a marathon. As a result, the coach now conducts running clinics at the facility for a group of inmates. To see a full video report of this inspiring story, go to washingtonpost.com and search “Isaac Wood.”

Faster & Easier Online Shopping

Procurement/Payments at Weber State (PAW) is new, improved and electronic! As of July 1, departments and employees can enter PAW Place through the eWeber portal to shop and place catalog orders directly with state and university contracted vendors. These vendors have lower prices and many offer quick and free delivery. Purchasing Director, Nancy Emenger, is excited about the new system which she says is faster and easier to use than Banner; and it’s paperless!

In addition to shopping punch out catalogs, departments can submit non-catalog requests (requisitions) through PAW Place, as well as petty cash and mileage reimbursements. “Many other institutions in the state have followed our lead and are either implementing or looking to purchase the same system,” said Emenger. “The eventual goal is to establish a consortium with other higher education institutions across the state, consolidate our spend and sourcing efforts, which will result in lower prices for WSU.” PAW Place is set to become a one-stop, smart shopping destination for departments across campus. This project has been more than a year in the making and promises many enhancements such as internal service request forms and even a mobile app.

For demonstration and training opportunities, sign up for classes on Training Tracker. For further information, contact Purchasing at ext. 6014.