



Hello Geosciences Students - we are on the home stretch this semester! Please feel welcome to reply back with any questions you may have. Alternatively, there is contact information specific to each blurb below, should you want more information and/or have some questions.

The Mountains Are Falling Apart-Monday April 15: [James McCalpin](#), with the [Jahns Distinguished Lecturer Series](#), will be presenting, *The Mountains are Falling Apart; a Spectrum of Mass Failures from Landslides through Deep-Seated Gravitational Spreading (Sackung), to "Unfolding of Folds,"* on Monday, April 15th, 11:30am-12:30pm in Lind Lecture 124. Interested students and faculty are invited to join James McCalpin for an informal meeting in the GEO Majors' Room (SL 332) beforehand, at 10:15am. He must leave campus very quickly after his presentation, so there will not be time for this great opportunity afterward. Please see the attached flyer for more information. James McCalpin's bio and abstract are also attached for anyone who is interested.

Geosciences Club Picnic is Thursday, April 18th: You and your families are invited to the annual Geosciences Department year end picnic on April 18th. It will be held 4:30pm - 6:30pm at Beus Park (Activities will begin at 5pm.) A map is attached to this email for you, and more copies can be picked up in the majors room and in the department office. The club will provide tacos and drinks - and if you would like and are able to, please bring any potluck style dish and/or your best salsa. You'll get to nurture your competitive spirit with some fun geoscience-themed games (must be a GEO student to claim prize, but everyone can play!) and everyone who attends will receive a free gift. Also, each attending WSU GEO student will receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a Geo-Tools Pouch Kit, valued at over \$60!

Award-Winning Students: On Wednesday evening the Department of Geosciences announced its outstanding graduates at the annual College of Science Awards Ceremony. **Cassie Grether**, an Earth Science Teaching major, was named the **Outstanding Geosciences Graduate** for 2013. **Brailee Saunders** was named the **Outstanding Earth Science Teaching Graduate** and **Sara Yearsley**, also an Earth Science Teaching major, was awarded the **W.A. Tarr Award** by the student members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. Congratulations Cassie, Brailee, and Sara!

Award-Winning Students Part 2: Several Geoscience students also received college-level awards during the the ceremony. **Sara Yearsley** was named the **Outstanding Science Teaching Graduate** for the College of Science. **Kari**

McLaughlin, a geology major, was awarded the *Paul and Carolyn Thompson Research Fellowship* for next year, which she will use to support her undergraduate research with Dr. Jeff Eaton.

Suzi Nicholson Memorial Scholarship: Dewey Nicholson, and other members of the Nicholson family, attended the awards ceremony to award the first *Suzi Nicholson Memorial Scholarship* to **Julie Taylor**, a geology/botany major. We are very thankful to the Nicholson family and everyone else who contributed to this scholarship dedicated to the memory of Suzi Nicholson, former Geosciences secretary and inspirational friend to many.

All 2013-14 GEO Scholarship Awardees: Geology Majors, **Rhett Howell & Kari Godfrey**, were awarded the *Norman and Barbara Tanner Geosciences Scholarship*. **Julie Taylor**, also a geology major as mentioned above, was awarded the *Suzi Nicholson Memorial Scholarship*. **Mechelle Clinger**, an earth science teaching major, received the *Richard and Belva Moyle Scholarship* while **Joseph Schlichter**, an applied environmental geosciences major, received the *Thomas Neff Memorial Scholarship*. **Brady Boyter, Shalane Crosland, Michael Garlick, Michael Hess, Geoffrey King, Stephanie Mitts, Jeffrey Perkins, Nicholas Pinnau, Chad Price** were all awarded *Questar Scholarships*. Congratulations and we look forward to working with you toward your goals next year.

Award-Winning Faculty: In recognition of his 30+ years of dedicated teaching in the College of Science, **Dr. Jim Wilson** received the *Dr. Spencer L. Seager Distinguished Teacher Award* for 2013. Congratulations Jim!

New Club Presidents Recruiting Student Officers for 2013-14 Academic Year: Joseph Schlichter, 2013-14 Sigma Gamma Epsilon President, and Kari Godfrey, 2013-14 Geosciences Club President, will be recruiting students for the positions of vice president, secretary & treasurer of their respective clubs. If you are interested in any of these positions, please be sure to let Joseph and/or Kari know of your interest on or before this Monday, April 15th.

Final Exams: Final exams begin in just 11 days. [Here is the final exam schedules from the registrar's website.](#)

Salt Lake City Hiring Seasonal Intern: A season GIS intern position is open with Salt Lake City. Applications will be accepted through April 12, 2013. A copy of the job description and application instructions is attached.

Autoliv Environmental Engineering Internship: Autoliv, a world leader in the manufacture of automotive safety systems, is currently accepting resumes for an intern student to assist with Environmental projects at their Promontory, Utah location at 16700

W Highway 83, Promontory, UT 84307. The time frame will be summer 2013. Work schedule is negotiable. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Photo of The Week:



Cassie Grether, the Outstanding Geosciences Graduate for 2013, with her son on a Spring Break trip to Arches National Park

Have a stupendous weekend!

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