



Hello again from the Geosciences Department! We hope you find these weekly emails informative and helpful. Please feel welcome to reply back to these emails, or contact the person listed within any given piece of information, with any questions that you may have.

Welcome to Our Newest Majors: Please welcome Michele Coleman and Stephanie Mitts, both AEG majors, to the department. -- glad to have you with us! **WE NOW HAVE 100 MAJORS!** WSU's Geosciences Department has not had this number of majors since the petroleum boom (and bust) of the late 1970s to early 1980s. Our dramatic increase (up 85% since 2009-10) in enrollment parallels a national trend, recently reported on by the American Geosciences Institute <http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/Currents/Currents-068-EnrollmentsDegrees2012.pdf>

Special Guest Lecture: Professor Ken Golden (Department of Mathematics, University of Utah) will give a special interdisciplinary presentation next Wednesday evening, February 27 (7 pm, LL 125/126). The title of his talk is "Mathematics and the Melting Polar Ice Caps". Come learn how mathematical models and statistical physics are being used to help forecast the rate of geological processes -- the melting of Earth's Arctic and Antarctic pack/sea ice. This event is co-sponsored by the Departments of Mathematics and Geosciences. A flyer is attached.

Department Scholarship Applications DUE FRIDAY: GEO Majors be sure to get your applications for department scholarships in soon. The deadline of February 22nd is fast approaching. Please note there are two processes to follow depending on the scholarships you wish to apply for. Both are attached to this newsletter, and extra copies may be picked up from the office (202M).

GEO Newsletters are Now on Geosciences Department Website: Now you can view our weekly newsletters on the Department of Geosciences website at <http://weber.edu/geosciences/Newsletters.html>! The current newsletter is embedded in the page so that you can read it right then and there, as well as immediately archived on the right for easier printing. You can [view any past newsletter](#) by clicking on the date of those you wish to see.

Party! The next SGE & GEO Club meeting will include a Geo Club T Shirt Unveiling Party. Come to the Art House Cinema at 158 25th Street in Ogden on Friday, February 22nd at **1:30pm**. You'll have your own private screening of the movie, "Chasing Ice" (see attached flyer) and there will be generous food and drinks but there is only room for 28 so please sign up in the majors room so you are sure to get a seat. For more information, please email Julie Taylor at julietaylor7@mail.weber.edu.

Mount Ogden Junior High Science Fair Needs More Judges: MOJH will be holding their Science Fair on February 21st. They are in critical need of judges and are asking for all students and professors to please consider if they can help. Judges will meet at 1:45pm in the gym, then judge from 2pm until approximately 4:30pm. If you can help, and to get more information, please email wolfem@ogdensd.org as soon as possible.

Student Research Seminar Series: These seminars are presented by the [Office of Undergrad Research](#). Learn how to conduct, present, and disseminate research as an undergraduate student by attending these sessions. Free lunch is provided at each one hour seminar listed on the attached flyer. They start soon, so check this out right away.

Photo of the Week:



Geosciences Majors & Department Chair enjoy lunch together. From left: Justin Williamson, Amanda Gentry, Sara Yearsley, Josh Poulsen, Dr. Rick Ford, Cassie Grether.

Watch for our next newsletter on Friday, March 1st.

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