



Congratulations, graduates!

Congratulations to 105 students who are graduating this spring with master's, bachelor's and associate's degrees in Communication. Graduating from Weber State University with a Communication degree is a major achievement.

For those of you not graduating, please let us know if you need help registering for either Summer Semester or Fall Semester. We are happy to help. Please contact your academic adviser. If you encounter any registration problems or can't get into the classes you need, please contact Sare Gardner at saregardner1@weber.edu or Dr. Sheree Josephson at sjosephson@weber.edu.

This is the May edition of the monthly email to majors. At least once a month during the regular school year, we will email you to let you know about meetings of student organizations, guest speakers, important deadlines, opportunities, student and faculty achievements—and more. If you have information you'd like us to distribute, please email department chair Sheree Josephson at sjosephson@weber.edu.

What's Happening

May

- **May 7:** Summer Semester begins

Student News

88 students graduate with bachelor's, associate's degrees

Congratulations to the 81 students graduating with bachelor's degrees in Communication and the seven students graduating with an associate's degrees in Communication.

- **Civic Advocacy:** Alex Dosier, Marin Tarbox
- **Digital Media:** Chloe Bloom, Matthew Child, Barbara Dille, Emily Eldredge, David Harris IV, Ryan Hauser, Daniel Hernandez, Shannon Hulet, Scott Jordan Jr., Ana Patricia Morales, Alec James Peters, Makenna Smith, Spencer Teramoto, Montana Thompson, Alyssa Vallejos, Marissa Wolford
- **Interpersonal & Family Communication:** Kelly Bingham, Brooke Dahlberg, Kimberly Derrick, Jamie Godfrey, Colin Hooten, Bianca Morales, Lincoln Merrill, Jaclynn Murphy, Sara Parker, Hannah Tuttle
- **Multimedia Journalism:** Emilee Dawn Atkinson, Evan Brown, Harrison Epstein, Derrick Gainsforth, Cameron Gifford, Jennifer Guzman, Christina Huerta, Raychel Johnson, John Keeffer, Colton Pack, Hillary Reilly, Joe Traub, Kelly Watkins, Kayla Winn
- **Organizational Communication:** Raechel Clark, Brock Reed Embley, Marissa Hansen, Robert Hunsaker, Ryan David Lloyd, Lindsay Reed, Shelby Robinson, Lisa Rules
- **Public Relations & Advertising:** Jordyn Allred, Gregory Benson, Nicholas Cordon, Parker Crawford, Ryan Cross, Jessica Driggs, Trent Ferrin, Christie Fewkes, Isabella Gomes, Savannah Goodall, Madison Hardy, Mitchell Hardy, Ashlee Hinds, Jared Kitchen, Kathryn Lintzenich, Stefany Marquez, Kara Mitchell, Zachary

Newhall, Amber Plant, Paige Robertson, Hector Rodriguez, Sidney Rogers, Timothy Romney, Madison Samuels, Nicholas Sells, Morgan Stonehocker, Micah Van Sickle, Chloe Walker, Hollie Webster, Gerald Williams-Robinson, Charley Whitney

- **Associate's:** Nefi Alulema, Evan Brown, Juliette Cordero, Kristen Fidler, Aimee Rose Hoster, Ryan Marion, Rylie Porter

17 students graduate with Master of Professional Communication degree

Congratulations to the 17 students graduating with a master's degree in Professional Communication. Graduates include Caitlin Anderson, Naomi Anson, Eric Bischoff, Lyndsay Carter, Dalan Hilton, Troy Hudson, Dayton Martindale, Lindsey Chisholm, Tawnie Moore, Eva Oseguera, Katrina Peek, John Pincock, Ryann Ramos, Eric Rigby, Heather Sachs, Amy Sather, and Areli Thomas.

Outstanding graduates in Communication honored

The outstanding graduates have been selected for the Department of Communication for the 2018-2019 academic year. They were honored at a ceremony on April 18.

- **Outstanding Academic Achievement:** Noelle Roskelley Lee
- **Civic Advocacy:** Megan Kendell
- **Digital Media:** Emily Eldredge
- **Interpersonal & Family Communication:** Jamie Spackman Godfrey
Multimedia Journalism: Cameron Gifford
- **Organizational Communication:** Lindsay Reed
- **Public Relations & Advertising:** Kara Mitchell, Shaundra Rushton
- **Associate of Science in Communication:** Ashton Corsetti
- **Master of Professional Communication:** Caitlin Anderson

Five students graduating with Honors in Communication

Five students are graduating with Honors in Communication. To graduate with Honors, students must earn a 3.75 GPA in the Communication major and have a 3.5 GPA overall. They must also present original research at a conference. They were honored at the awards ceremony on April 18.

- **Cameron Gifford:** "A History of Violence: Video Games and the Media"
- **Noelle Nicole Lee:** "An Exploration of Workplace Romance Participant Perspectives"
- **Elizabeth Wharton:** "Best Practices of ESL Tutoring"
- **Jamie Spackman:** "Children's Toys and the Media"
- **Barbara Dille:** "Disability Just Is"

20 inducted into national honor society for Communication

Twenty Communication majors were inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national honor society for Communication, in a ceremony on April 18. To be eligible for Lambda Pi Eta, students must (1) complete 60 semester credit hours, (2) have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all courses taken, (3) complete the equivalent of 12 semester credit hours in Communication, (4) have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all Communication courses, (5) currently be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution's policies, and (6) rank within the highest 35 percent of one's class in general scholarship. The inductees include Jordyn A. Allred, Collins C. Blakely, Rebecca L. Brown, Barbara Rose Dille, Jessica N. Driggs, Mallory S. Gallegos, Elissa B. George, Devon A. Jennings, Lucy A. Kunzler, Tammy L. McCray, Kara Mitchell, Sara Catherine Parker, Paige L. Robertson, Alexa Sepulveda, Makenna Smith, Morgan M. Stonehocker, Ian M. Syme, Hannah Tuttle, Deborah L. Wilber, and Natalie Wilson.

Weber State Debate wins numerous awards at CEDA tournament

Weber State Debate won numerous awards at the 2019 Cross Examination Debate Association National Debate Tournament, including the first place West Sweepstakes and the national award for public debate. Communication graduate Bianca Morales also was named the second-best speaker in the nation. In addition, students won a number of competitive and academic awards. They include:

- Bianca Morales, second-place speaker in the nation, becoming the first Chicana woman to achieve this honor (received four of eight perfect speaking scores)
- Bianca Morales and Hannah Phelps, double-octofinalists, 19th place
- Bianca Morales, National All-American Team
- Roey Sellouk, National Debate Scholar Magna Cum Laude, 3.5 GPA
- Zachary Baker, National Debate Scholar Cum Laude, 3.25 GPA
- Jordan Stephens, National Debate Scholar Cum Laude, 3.00 GPA

Speech Showcase to feature Top 5 speakers from Spring's public speaking classes

The Department of Communication hosted the Spring 2019 Speech Showcase on Thursday, April 18, from 7-8 p.m. in the Eccles Lecture Hall in Elizabeth Hall Room 229. Five finalists delivered speeches and the other top speakers from Fall Semester's sections of COMM 1020 Principles of Public Speaking were honored. Jennie Taylor, the widow of former North Ogden Mayor Major Brent Taylor who was killed in Afghanistan in 2018, accepted the Freedom through Rhetoric award on his behalf. Everyone is invited to attend. The finalists include:

- Brycen Whiteley – The Effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Colten Clark – Our Responsibility: Protecting Natural Resources
- Mallory Thomas – Self-Care: Not a Luxury, But a Priority
- Cameron Clifford – Open the Door on Mental Health Issues
- Cade Denton – Our Troops

The other top speakers included Jereniss Alcantar, Jasmin Balahadia, Briana Bassett, Donald Beard, Miranda Bolick Preston, Noah Bridge, Tyler Browning, Summer Garlick, Angela Mayerle, Jaxson Metcalfe, Catie McIntosh, Catherine Sanchez, Steven S. Sandoval, JC Sessions, Alexia Stanbridge, and Lyle Stewart.

Wildcat Student Film Festival features lineup of student work

A number of student films were featured in the Wildcat Student Film Festival on April 12. The Film Festival also featured a number of high school films. It was sponsored by Studio 76, the Weber State Department of Communication, and Grounds for Coffee. The students with featured films included:

- Chloe Bloom, Hope Lytle, Emily Eldredge: "Saturday Night" (COMM 4750)
- Logan Gossett: "Family Documentary" (COMM 2250)
- Shelby Robinson: "Off the Rails" (COMM 2250)
- Marissa Wolford: "90-Second Passions" (COMM 4760)
- Studio 76: "Extra Life" (Studio 76)
- Cameron Till: "I'm Not Falling Asleep" (COMM 4750)
- Tyler Peterson: "Utah Punx" (COMM 4500)
- Chelsey Shuman and Studio 76: "Sad Vape Bois Trailer" (Studio 76)
- Preston Miller: "Preston Miller VIP" (COMM 2250)
- Emily Eldredge: "Balloons Music Video" (COMM 4750)
- Jessika Clark: "Zet Interview" (COMM 2250)
- Montana Thompson: "Stop Motion Tetris" (COMM 2250)
- Alyssa Vallejos: "Tattoo and Temple" (COMM 4500)
- Studio 76: "Schuylar on the Streets" (Studio 76)
- Andrew Mott: "August Music Video" (COMM 4750)
- Chloe Bloom, Hope Lytle, Emily Eldredge: "Confession" (COMM 4750)
- Ryan Hauser: "Occlupanids Trailer" (COMM 4500)
- Studio 76: "If the Shoe Fits" (Studio 76)

WSU debater gets full scholarship to Kansas State's master's program in Communication

Weber State debater Zachary Baker received a full tuition scholarship to Kansas State's master's program in Communication. This includes full funding for two years plus a \$16,000 stipend per year. While not a

Communication major, his experience in debate over the past year inspired him to pursue a degree in Communication.

Graduate accepted into Western Oregon Law School

Communication graduate Trent Ferrin has been accepted into the University of Western Oregon Law School. He said talking about intellectual property rights in Dr. Sheree Josephson's Communication Law class inspired him.

Interpersonal & Family Comm student hired by VASA Fitness to implement training ideas

Kimberly Derrick, an Interpersonal & Family Communication major, completed her internship at VASA Fitness Center, where she worked part time to create a new employee training program binder. She has now been offered a full-time position working with corporate to implement her training ideas throughout the company.

Announcements

Summer 2019 grants and scholarships are available

The federal government has reinstated Pell grants for Summer Semester, providing about \$3,000 for students who qualify for a full grant. In addition, Weber State University has set aside limited scholarship funds for students attending full time (12 or more credit hours). There is also some funding for students enrolled part time (at least six credit hours). WSU will award these scholarship funds to qualified students in the order students complete the summer interest form. Students can indicate their interest in scholarship funds by going to weber.edu/summer then clicking on the link "Qualify for Summer Aid" and completing the summer interest form. Students seeking Pell grant funds should also fill out the summer interest form and register for the classes they plan to take Summer Semester.

Multimedia Journalism opportunity: Two classes, one time

Multimedia journalism majors who need COMM 3130 News Reporting and Writing and COMM 3780 Broadcast News Writing and Production will have the chance this fall to kill two requirements with one timeslot. Both classes will be offered Mondays 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. and will be team-taught by Assistant Professor Jean Norman and university spokeswoman and former television journalist Allison Hess. It is an experiment to encourage the creation of multimedia news packages, and students who choose the option to take them both at the same time will need an override to complete their registration. Students who need just one or the other may still register for a single class. Students requesting an override should email department administrator Sareah Gardner (sgardner1@weber.edu) or Assistant Professor Jean Norman (jeannorman@weber.edu) and include their W number in the email. Those with questions about the class can email Norman or Allison Hess (ahess@weber.edu).

Organizational Communication Audits & Consulting offered in Fall

A Special Topics class (COMM 4500) called Organizational Communication Audits & Consulting will be offered Fall Semester on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. taught by Dr. Michael Ault. Management consulting is a \$250 billion industry and is growing quickly. The purpose of this course is to explore how to conduct Organizational Communication assessment and consulting methodologies. The class will cover the main positions of assessment strategies in the field of Organizational Communication. Some of the main topics included in this course represent the methods of organizational assessment, contemporary means of conducting assessments and case studies. The class can count toward the Organizational Communication emphasis or may be used as an elective in other emphasis areas. See your academic adviser to learn where this class may count.

Classes part of new associate's in Workplace Communication to be offered in Fall

The Communication Department will offer two courses in Fall Semester that are part of the new associate's degree in Workplace Communication & Writing. Writing for Workplace Communication (COMM 1140) is a required writing course for the new degree. It can also be substituted for Media Writing (COMM 1130) for students in the Organization Communication and Interpersonal & Family Communication emphases. Communication in

Professional Settings (COMM 2550) will provide an introduction to theories and research in organizational communication and public relations. It will be offered online. The classes are part of the new interdisciplinary associate's degree offered by the departments of Communication and English. These classes may also be used to fulfill requirements for the Associate of Science in Communication degree as well as the department's bachelor's degrees.

Tips on registering if you want to do an internship in the summer

If you are planning to do an internship in the summer but not taking any other classes, you can avoid paying for those 3 credits just for summer registration by enrolling in COMM 4890 in the Spring. That will give you access to the Canvas course. You will receive an Incomplete at the end of Spring semester, which will not affect your GPA, but you have a year to complete your online internship assignments. You can NOT do an internship in the summer, but enroll in COMM 4890 in the Fall.

Faculty Achievements

Public relations professor named Master Teacher at Crystal Crest

Dr. Nicola Corbin, a professor of Public Relations & Advertising, was named this year's "Master Teacher" at Crystal Crest. The award honors a faculty member who has demonstrated scholarly excellence, dynamic teaching style, availability to students and high quality interaction with students, and who has enhanced the learning environment at WSU in the past year. Amy Crosbie, senior associate athletic director and a graduate of the Master of Professional Communication program, was named "Friend of Student." Communication graduate and 2News reporter Morgan Briesmaster Saxton was the emcee for the program.

Assistant professor named co-adviser to community research team for CCEL

Dr. Bobbi Van Gilder was named a co-adviser to the community research team at the Center for Community Engaged Learning at WSU. Dr. Alexander Lancaster holds this same position.

Professor publishes article on 'Young Love at Work'

Dr. Hailey Gillen has co-authored "Young Love at Work: Perceived Effects of Workplace Romance among Millennial Generation Organizational Members," an article published in *The Journal of Psychology Interdisciplinary and Applied*.

Public relations professor to present paper at international conference

Leslie Howerton, faculty member in Public Relations & Advertising, has been selected to present a paper at the International Association for Media and Communication Research in July in Madrid. Her paper is titled "Family Planning in Global Health Governance: A Political Economy Analysis of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Campaign for Contraception in Developing Nations." It was accepted by the Heath Communication and Change/Communication and HIV and AIDS Working Group.

Interim director of forensics named Critic of the Year in Western Region

Ryan Wash, interim director of forensics, was ranked as the top adjudicator for the Western Region of the Cross-Examination Debate Association. This honor means fellow coaches and students believed Wash's feedback after debates was insightful, educational and entertaining. It also reflects that he was the most preferred judge. As a result, Wash judged the final round of CEDA Nationals, a privilege bestowed to the top-ranked judges in the nation.

Department chair to present introduction for 'Handbook of Visual Communication'

Dr. Sheree Josephson, chair of the Department of Communication, will present "The Visual Age" at the national conference VisCom 33 in Mammoth Lake, California, in June. The presentation is part of the introduction for the

second edition of the “Handbook of Visual Communication,” which Josephson is editing for Routledge. The book is expected to be published in 2020.

Get Involved

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