Educational Outreach Programs

During the past year, 1273 K-12 students were provided with ongoing services through educational outreach programs in Student Affairs (Gear-Up, Talent Search, Upward Bound, Student-to-Student, etc.). Of those students, 411 were high school seniors. Through the support of these programs, these students have received a combined $708,818 in scholarships for next year.

Cultural Conferences

Weber State University partnered with Latinos in Action to host its annual Northern Utah Conference on March 12 for almost 1500 Latino students, 8th through 12th grades. Over 75 volunteers and faculty/staff members from WSU and local schools collaborated to support this successful event.

The 20th Annual Multicultural Youth Conference was held on January 8 in the Shepherd Union. Education Access and Outreach and numerous other partners within WSU and the community planned the event for approximately 450 students from 12 high schools and two junior high schools, primarily from Davis, Weber, and Ogden School Districts.
2014-15 Graduate Survey

Through a collaborative effort between Student Affairs, college deans, and the Alumni Association, a graduate survey is administered each semester. Findings from the 2014-15 survey revealed that 61 percent of bachelor’s degree recipients seeking full-time employment were employed at the time of graduation with an average salary of $43,574.

Analysis of Underrepresented Students

This past year, the Division of Student Affairs, with input from the College Participation and Success Committee, conducted an in depth analysis of the retention and success of our underrepresented students. Through this analysis, five working groups were developed to explore family workshops, scholarship opportunities, additional mentoring opportunities, campus climate training across campus, and the development of the WSU Pilot Coach Certification program. This analysis also led to the restructuring of programs and services within the division to create the Access and Diversity area led by a new position, the Executive Director for Access and Diversity.
Student Satisfaction

When aggregating student satisfaction data with events and department support across the division, the 16,560 students who used our programs and services consistently reported that they were satisfied with an overall rating of 4.6 on a five-point scale.

LGBT Resource Center

This spring marked the opening of the LGBT Resource Center. Jayson Stokes was hired as the center’s first coordinator and has quickly begun connecting with and supporting our LGBT students and promoting awareness and acceptance.

The center has received two significant donations -- the Jane and Tami Marquardt Peace and Possibilities Speakers Series as well as the Lawrence J. Hall and Patricia I. Weckel LGBT Resources Advocate Scholarship Endowment.
Student Engagement Rubric

The Student Affairs Student Engagement Taskforce created a rubric as a guide to help departments enhance student engagement opportunities. The rubric details what low, medium, and high impact engagement connections look like. This tool will be used in the annual and strategic planning processes within the Division of Student Affairs to increase the number of high impact opportunities for students.

Supporting Student Academic Success

The Division of Student Affairs continues to explore innovative ways to support student academic success. This year, working in collaboration with the Math department, the Supplemental Instruction program offered SI sessions for Calculus courses. Pass rates were nearly twice as high for SI participants. Throughout the division, 29,235 tutoring appointments were held over the year, with 4,983 unique students using these services. The Testing Centers facilitated approximately 331,654 exams this year.
Center for Community Engaged Learning

The Center for Community Engaged Learning had a very successful year, and WSU was reclassified for the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. CCEL plays a key role in the Carnegie application process and the facilitation of community engagement on campus. This year 6,554 WSU students engaged in 163,060 hours of service to the community and registered their hours through CCEL.

Outstanding Service Project

Weber State University and Wildcat Lanes received the Outstanding Service Project of the Year Award at the 95th ACUI (Association of College Unions International) national conference for its work with the Weber Ogden Adaptive Program. The program is a partnership with the Special Education departments for the Ogden School District, the Weber County School District, and the Ogden campus of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind.
**Thailand Service Project**

Student Affairs Computer Labs and the Center for Community Engaged Learning collaborated on a service project in Thailand building a dining hall, kitchen and water reservoir for an orphanage. A former computer lab aide arranged the project, which was a collaboration with faculty in the School of Business & Economics, Construction Management and the Geography department.

**Conferences**

In the past year, Weber State hosted 56 conferences through the Scheduling Events and Conferences area. One significant new conference is the MESA competition, a national engineering competition for middle and high school students. Over the last year, summer conferences raised over $450,000 and had over 178,000 attendees.

**Ogden Climbing Festival**

Campus Recreation Outdoor Program partnered with GEAR:30 and The Front Climbing Club to facilitate the 8th annual Ogden Climbing Festival. This year’s event was the largest yet (1900 Participants) with events including free gear demo, the Ogden premier of “Jeff Lowe’s Metanoia” film shown at Ogden High School, educational climbing clinics, and the largest climbing competition ever hosted in Ogden Utah.