



# WSU NEWS

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## New Names, New Degrees

### EAST College

During summer break, the College of Applied Science & Technology (COAST) changed its name and became the College of Engineering, Applied Science & Technology (EAST).

The new name emphasizes WSU's expanding engineering programs, including the new Master of Science in Computer Engineering, approved July 31, by the Board of Regents. Also they approved a new Master of Science in Nursing-Nurse Practitioner program.

With the additions, Weber State now offers 13 graduate programs, including accounting, athletic training, communication, criminal justice, education, English, health administration, business administration (MBA), nursing, radiologic sciences and taxation.

### Computer Engineering

The master's degree in computer engineering complements a new bachelor's in computer engineering. Students who complete the bachelor's can then earn a master's in one year.

The department developed the program after reviewing

similar degrees at several universities across the nation. More than 25 students are expected to begin the program in fall semester, with anticipated growth to more than 110 by 2020.

"WSU has had sustained success in its baccalaureate programs in computer science and electrical engineering," said **Brian Rague**, computer science chair. "Providing a master's degree in computer engineering that draws on the faculty expertise, curriculum and research within both of these established programs emerged as an appropriate and exciting opportunity."

### Nurse Practitioner

The new nurse practitioner master's degree will be the third track in WSU's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program. The other two emphasize nurse executives and nurse educators. WSU graduates approximately 400 baccalaureate nursing students each year. The nurse practitioner program will begin in the fall of 2016.

"We will be on the forefront of advancing the field of nursing," said **Melissa Neville**, MSN program director. "By adding this nurse practitioner program, the School of Nursing will add a higher-level clinical component that will support our present philosophy. We want to prepare nurses who can practice at all levels and meet the demands of changing health care."

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## Introducing Enrique Romo

Enrique Romo's eyes light up when he talks about helping underrepresented students pursue and successfully complete college.



"I want to make sure that, from the very first time we have an interaction with a student, they know they're talking to someone they can trust, someone who wants what's best for them," he said, pausing for a moment to ask if

he was talking too fast. "I'm sorry. I'm just excited, really excited."

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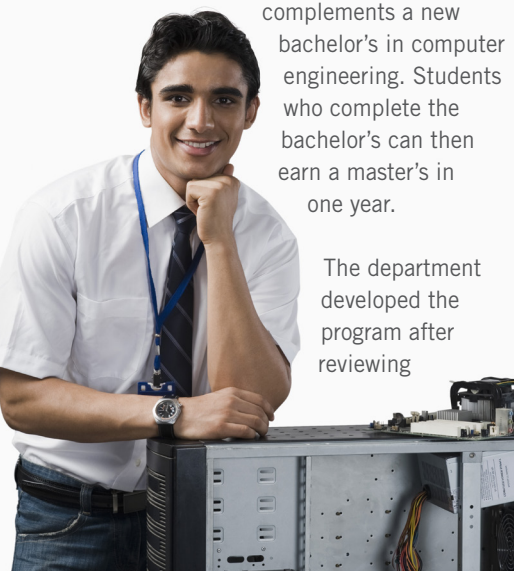
Romo joined Weber State University in August in the newly created role of executive

director for Access and Diversity. He will oversee the following areas:

- Access and Outreach;
- Diversity and Inclusive Programs;
- Center for Multicultural Excellence;
- Transition Programs and Partnerships; and
- LGBT Resource Center.

The former deputy to the vice president of Diversity and Community Engagement at the University of Texas at Austin, Romo brings 18 years of experience to his role at Weber State. At UT Austin, he worked specifically

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# WSU HOMECOMING: A Community Celebration

Alumni, faculty, staff and students will celebrate Homecoming 2015: A Wildcat Tradition beginning Sept. 11 and culminating Sept. 19 when WSU kicks off against Sacramento State.

Athletes, coaches, Waldo, the Pep Band and the nationally award-winning WSU Spirit Squad will highlight the annual pep rally Sept. 14 at 12:30 p.m. at the Stewart Bell Tower Plaza. They will take the excitement downtown Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. with the Wildcat Walk from Union Station to the Ogden Amphitheater.

A pregame tailgating party will begin at 4 p.m. Sept. 19 in the north parking lot of Stewart

Stadium. The football game begins at 6 p.m.

**Tara Peris-Caputo**, Student Involvement and Leadership assistant director, said everyone on campus should take advantage of the fun. "Homecoming's events, festivities and game invite the campus community and surrounding Ogden community to come together and celebrate Weber State being great, great, great!"



For a more detailed list of homecoming activities, visit [weber.edu/homecoming](http://weber.edu/homecoming).

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with programs aimed at increasing the number of underrepresented students in the educational pipeline.

"These types of programs and resources are incredibly important, especially here in Ogden, which has one of the largest percentages of Latinos in Utah," Romo said. "We need to ensure that we're giving the next generation of professionals in our community the tools they need to be successful."

Romo said Weber State's prioritization of diversity and access is one of the reasons he was drawn to the position. "When I came to campus to interview, I felt comfortable. I felt an energy," he said. "The administration's commitment to students from all backgrounds aligned with my commitment, and I knew this is where I wanted to be."

A self-described servant leader, Romo is taking time to get to know the members of his team. He is also making connections in the community. "We have such an important job. Together, we can effect change, meaningful and significant change at the institutional and community level. Working together, the possibilities are endless for our students."

## College Town Relationship Honored

The Weber State University/Ogden City College Town Initiative was honored June 2 with the Larry Abernathy Award given during the International Town & Gown Association conference in Washington D.C.

Weber State has worked with Ogden City and local organizations for more than 125 years to offer quality programs and educational opportunities to students and citizens. A charter signing Oct. 1, 2013, formalized the partnership and provided a structure to sustain relationships and coordination.

"Throughout its history, Weber State has been committed to serving our surrounding



community," said President **Charles A. Wight**. "This College Town Initiative with Ogden City is the linchpin in our recent efforts to nurture the university's

ongoing relationship with our region. I am delighted that Weber State and the city have been recognized with this award."



# WELCOME TO WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

**Olga Antonio**, Center for Multicultural Excellence

**Robert Ball**, School of Computing

**Krystal Banner**, Student Success Center

**Aaron Bateman**, University Police

**Micah Bauer**, Visual Arts

**Cynthia Beynon**, Nursing

**Kelly Boyce**, Campus Recreation

**Randall Boyle**, Business Administration

**Rachel Brock**, Athletic Training and Nutrition

**Marijo Burkes**, Nursing

**Brandon Burnett**, Chemistry

**Christopher Chapman**, Counseling &  
Psychological Services

**Bonnie Christiansen**, Provost's Office

**Jeffrey Clements**, Business Administration

**Rebecca Coombs**, Business Administration

**Brian Cottle**, Health Administrative Services

**Jami Cottle**, Nursing

**Jami Daly**, WSU Charter Academy

**Veronica Dawson**, Communication

**Kristin DeLucia**, Sociology

**Charles Dunn**, Child and Family Studies

**Brett Fowers**, Facilities Management

**Lindsay Garr**, Health Administrative Services

**Shanice Gipson**, Admissions Office

**Lewis Grant**, Enterprise Business Computing

**Marcy Green**, Dental Hygiene

**Jorden Gustin**, Athletics Admin and Support

**Sang Hyuk Ha**, Enterprise Business Computing

**Vicky Hansen**, Nursing

**Christopher Herb**, Health Promotion and  
Human Performance

**Silvia Higueros**, Continuing Education

**Jennifer Hill**, Wildcat Store

**Tiffany Hogan**, Athletics Admin and Support

**Lindsay Holland**, Academic Support Centers

**Scott Horsley**, Visual Arts

**Eric Howerton**, English

**Jordan Hyde**, Psychology

**Lisa Jamison**, Admissions Office

**Baylee Jemison**, Admissions Office

**Daniel Jensen**, Student Success Center

**Benjamin Johnson**, Nursing

**Daniel Jonas**, Performing Arts

**Jean Kapenda**, Criminal Justice

**Andrew Keinsley**, Economics

**Randall Kent**, Mechanical Engineering Technology

**Jesse King**, Business Administration

**Alexander Lancaster**, Communication

**Heeuk Lee**, Criminal Justice

**Peter Loebach**, Sociology

**Margarita Lopez**, Registrar's Office

**Rebecca Mabile**, Campus Recreation

**Taylor Mason**, Admissions Office

**Jacob Matson**, Facilities Management

**Stephanie McClure**, Women's Center

**Lori McPherson**, Visual Arts

**Rachel Middleton**, Library

**Cora Neal**, Mathematics

**Joshua Nelson**, College of Arts & Humanities

**Blair Newbold**, Automotive Technology

**Marvin Orrock**, Health Sciences

**Jody Perkins**, Access and Outreach

**Kristin Rabosky**, Physics

**Sandeep Rangaraju**, Economics

**Douglas Richards**, Psychology

**Mark Roberts**, Athletics Admin and Support

**Enrique Romo**, Access and Diversity

**Christopher Sawaya**, Academic Tech  
Training and Planning

**Kiley Spirito**, Physics

**Jeffrey Stuart**, Continuing Education

**Victoria Thatcher**, Dental Hygiene

**Julie Thompson**, Academic Support

Centers – Programs

**Bradley Vieth**, Performing Arts

**Alan Walker**, College of Engineering,  
Applied Science & Technology

**Jill Walker**, Student Success Center

**Andrew Wright**, School of Business & Economics

**Lixuan "Grace" Zhang**, Business Administration

## Promoted/Transferred

**Lori Aston**, Development

**Sharon Bowman**, Continuing Education

**Jennifer Brustad**, Admissions Office

**Nathan Clark**, Development

**Derek DeBruin**, Health Promotion and  
Human Performance

**Debra Hansen**, Payroll

**Madonne Miner**, Provost's Office

**Jessica Oyler**, Student Affairs Strategic Initiatives

**Brenda Smith**, Development

**Megan Sheets Smith**, Continuing Education

**Michael Vaughan**, Poverty and Inequality Center

## Retired

**Roger Anderson**, Manufacturing Engineering Tech

**Ronald Anderson**, Printing Services

**David Bishop**, Campus Recreation

**Bradley Carroll**, Physics

**Michael Chabries**, Criminal Justice

**Kenneth Cuddeback**, School of Computing

**Richard Dahlkemper**, Health  
Administrative Services

**Shirley Dunford**, Academic Support Centers

**Jeffrey Eaton**, Geosciences

**Linda Eaton**, Sociology

**Bill Fruth**, Shepherd Union

**Joyce Garcia**, International Student Services

**Helen Handley**, Continuing Education

**Mary Hansen**, Developmental Math Program

**Carol Michelle Heward**, Criminal Justice

**Dorothy Hill**, Women's Center

**James Jacobs**, Visual Arts

**Julie Killebrew**, Nursing

**Nancy Kuncel**, Nursing

**Susan Makov**, Visual Arts

**Richard McDermott**, School of  
Accounting & Taxation

**Fred Meaders**, Shepherd Union

**Melody Neely**, Dental Hygiene

**Mark Peterson**, Continuing Education

**Joann Reynolds**, College of Social & Behavioral  
Sciences

**Chris Rivera**, WSU Davis

**JoAnne Robinson**, President's Office

**Thomas Root**, Performing Arts

**Donalyn Sessions**, Academic Support Centers

**Richard Sirke**, Facilities Management

**Zhuolin Yu**, Business Administration

**Betty Zaleski**, Enterprise Business Computing

# Faculty & Staff Accomplishments

Following wins at the area and division levels, **Shelly Belflower**, Academic Technologies, Training and Planning director, took third place at the District 15 Table Topics International Toastmasters Competition. Competitors in the speech event came from 85 clubs in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada.

**Kirk Hagen**, engineering department chair, authored the text "Introduction to Renewable Energy for Engineers." The book, published by Pearson, was released in August and is specifically geared for entry-level engineering students.

Communication department chair **Sheree Josephson**

co-presented a paper titled "How Reader Comments on News Websites Influence User Behavior" with Jennifer Toomer-Cook, a 2015 graduate of the Master of Professional Communication program, at the 29th annual Visual Communication Conference in Cannon Beach, Oregon, in June.

Assistant engineering professor **Christopher Trampel's** paper "Eddy-current coil interaction with a perfectly conducting wedge of arbitrary angle" has been named the 2015 Outstanding Journal Article by the American Society for Nondestructive Testing. Trampel and co-author John Bowler, from Iowa State University, will be recognized

at a banquet in Salt Lake City this October.

Zoology professor **Sam Zeveloff** has published a paper in the international journal *Mammalia* called "Unique loss of cheek teeth and subsequent ossification in a mountain goat (*Oreamnos americanus*)." The article describes the unprecedented occurrence of the virtual complete loss of cheek teeth in an elderly adult male mountain goat from northern Utah that survived for several months without these teeth. The paper was co-authored by Christopher R. Schulze, a conservation officer with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, who graduated from Weber State in 2007.

## EXCELLENT WORK FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

The Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) honored Weber State's Facilities Management (FM) team with its highest international honor, the "Award for Excellence," a designation that remains valid for five years.

To qualify for the award, FM submitted an extensive report outlining its innovations in leadership, strategic planning, customer and employee relations, which have led to beautiful buildings and grounds. A team of judges visited campus and interviewed FM staff and campus community members. What they found was "a culture within the Facilities Management department that enables their employees to excel, and translates into creativity and pride in their work as they tackle challenges on campus."

For example, creative employees have implemented innovative strategies to reduce energy consumption. Weber State was the first institution of higher education in Utah to meter every utility in every building on campus. That, along with many other improvements, has helped reduce energy consumption by 30 percent — a savings of \$1.4 million in 2014 alone.

Two-hundred and fifty employees help maintain buildings and grounds on 500 acres in Ogden and Layton. Kevin Hansen, associate vice president of Facilities and Campus Planning, said the goals are to prevent failure, operate at the lowest reasonable cost and make customers happy.

"Weber State is an inviting place. It's a place where people feel welcome, and they enjoy being here," Hansen said. "That's what we want them to feel. We want them to feel that joy, that happiness."

## Back in Business: Miller Administration and Browning Center

With a few days to spare before the beginning of fall semester, the president, his staff, human resources, payroll, purchasing and all other tenants moved back home to Miller Administration.

Residents were displaced during this summer's major remodel. New energy-efficient windows, ceilings, paint, carpet and bathroom fixtures are easy to see. What's underneath is great as well, including the most efficient heating and air-conditioning system available with controls in every room, LED lighting, fire sprinklers, alarms, new electrical wiring and copper piping throughout.

The 92-day, \$4-million dollar project was the fastest major Weber State renovation on record and should last the university another 30 years. Project manager Travis Hogge said he was pleased to transform a drab building into a dynamic work space.

"Previously if you walked in, it was like walking into a dungeon," Hogge said. "Now it's bright; it's inviting. It looks like a business office ready to greet the campus and its guests."

The Val A. Browning Center for the Performing Arts is receiving its finishing touches before the first major community concert scheduled for Sept. 24.

"We want to provide our faculty and students the most up-to-date theatrical learning environment possible," said Frank Bradshaw, Browning Center director. "We want our patrons to have a theatrical experience that wows them, allows them to enjoy creative talents and instills in them a desire to return."

### Theatergoers are sure to enjoy the new amenities, including:

- Wider, more comfortable seats
- Wheelchair spaces with companion seats
- State-of-the-art assistive-listening system
- Upgrades to sound, lighting and paint
- Center and cross aisles in the Austad Auditorium
- Digital displays in the lobbies
- New roof over the building's theater sections