



Hello! Guess that Saturday's email was what happens when you try and send newsletters through the part of the system you can access from home. Let's try this again.

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS to our December Graduates -- Amanda Gentry (Geol), Chris Kelson (Geol), and Michele Sanders (AEG):** Amanda is applying to graduate schools and will be taking additional course work at WSU next semester, Chris is busy applying for geoscience-related jobs, and Michele will start a full-time position at North American Exploration in January as a reclamation specialist. They will all be participating in WSU's 140th Commencement on Friday, December 14. We wish them the best as they begin (commence) the next phase of their lives and careers.

**Good Luck on Your Final Exams:** [The schedule can be found here.](#)

**Geoscience Club T-Shirt Contest:** Help the Geoscience Club design a new t-shirt! 1st place - \$50.00 and free t-shirt. 2nd place - \$25.00 Please see the attached flyer for rules and watch out for the due date of January 7, 2013 which is already fast approaching.

**College of Science Scholarship Applications are Now Available:** Attention all science majors! You can now access the COS scholarship applications on the web [by clicking here.](#)

**Groundwater (GEO 3880):** There are plenty of seats available in this important, applied geoscience class for Spring 2013. Please consider welcoming Dr. Marek Matyjasik back from his sabbatical leave by registering for GEO 3880.

**GeoCorps America:** The Geological Society of America (GSA) has posted nearly 100 new GeoCorps America positions for summer 2013 on the GeoCorps website! Applications can be submitted online from now through February 4, 2013 (noon, MST). GeoCorps offers short-term, paid geoscience positions on America's public lands, including National Parks, National Forests, and Bureau of Land Management sites. Summer positions generally last three months and take place May through October. For more information, please visit [www.geosociety.org/geocorps](http://www.geosociety.org/geocorps), [www.facebook.com/geocorps](http://www.facebook.com/geocorps), or contact Matt Dawson at 303-357-1025, or [mdawson@geosociety.org](mailto:mdawson@geosociety.org). You should also speak with our own Justin Williamson about his experience as a GeoCorps intern last summer at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in Oregon.

**Critical Needs for the 21st Century -- The Role of the Geosciences:** The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) has recently released an [informative report](#) that outlines the critical role that geoscientists will play in providing the knowledge, experience, and ingenuity to meet society's demands for natural resources, environmental quality, and protection from natural hazards. Bottom line -- our country needs well-trained geoscientists.

**Spring Semester 2013 classes begin on Monday, January 7.**

**Next "News & Updates" will be published on Friday, January 4.**

**Photo of the Week:**



*Congratulations to our 3 grads, from left; Chris Kelson, Michele Sanders, Amanda Gentry.*

**\*\*\*\*\* From all of us in the Department of Geosciences, HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR \*\*\*\*\***

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