



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: Starting this week, we will include a welcome to our new majors. If you see any of them around the department, please offer them a warm welcome and help them learn the lay of the land. This week we'd like to welcome Bart Hancock (AEG), Thomas Ruffing (EST), Michele Sanders (AEG), Brett Stahl (AEG), Allison Wilson (AEG). *Glad to have you with us!*

3rd Annual Rock, Mineral & Book Sale: The 3rd Annual Rock, mineral and book sale will be Feb 7th from 3 to 6pm (arrive early and help set up and get first choice!) and Feb 8th from 8am to 5pm in the Science Lab Building SL328. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Geosciences Club, SGE, and the department's field trip fund. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to contact Dr. Wilson at 801-625-6208 or jwilson@weber.edu

Sigma Gamma Epsilon is Accepting New Members: Students interested in joining SGE, the national honor society for students majoring or minoring in the geosciences, should contact Dr. Ford (chapter advisor) before January 30. The requirements for membership are a 3.00 GPA in GEO courses (10-credit minimum) and a 2.67 overall GPA. The WSU chapter is a very active student organization involved in science-related volunteer and outreach activities. Please contact Julie Taylor (Chapter President) or Joe Schlichter (Secretary) for more information. National website: <http://www.sigmagammaepsilon.com/>

In The News Again! Check out the [article in the WSU Signpost featuring our Geoscience students](#) and their hard work on those rock boxes for Weber School District's 4th graders! Yep - can't say it enough, you guys are awesome!

Call for Volunteers for Science Fair Judges: The Weber School District needs judges for the 2013 Weber School District Science & Engineering Fair. Many judges in 10 different categories for 2 age groups (6th-8th grade on Feb 11th & 9th-12th grade on Feb 12th) are needed. For more information, please see the science fair attachment.

Applications being accepted for NASA Planetary Geology and Geophysics Undergraduate Research Program (PGGURP): This program pairs NASA-funded researchers with qualified undergraduates for 8 weeks during the summer. NASA pays for intern housing, travel to-and-from the researcher's home institution, and a cost-of-living stipend. Applications include 2 letters of recommendation, official transcripts and completion of an on-line form and are due on 1 February, 2013. Please see the attached file for more information.

Presentation about National and Local Strategies for Women in STEM: Mimi Lufkin will be presenting on February 4th at 3pm in the CSME Classroom (LL 231). Please contact: Dr. Palen (Physics), at 801-626-7030 for more info. Brief Biography: Mimi Lufkin has over 30 years of experience as an educator advocating for access, equity and diversity in education and workforce development. She has been a high school teacher, teacher educator, founder and executive director of a micro enterprise development program for low income rural women, director of a statewide gender equity professional development program and a community college director of development. Since 1994, Mimi has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity, a consortium of state and local education and workforce development organizations. NAPE's STEM Equity Pipeline provides professional development for educators to transform institutions and classrooms to increase the participation, achievement and completion of under represented students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs of study.

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.

Have a wonderful week!

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