New Science Building
Catalyst for Collaboration

“Our pioneer forefathers wrested a nation from a wilderness. Our pioneer progenitors will wrestle with the frontier of the mind. I can hardly wait to hear of their accomplishments and discoveries.”

So said the man whose name now graces the new Tracy Hall Science Center, which opened officially Aug. 24 with a ribbon cutting and self-guided tours. H. Tracy Hall earned an associate’s degree at Weber College in the late ’30s. As a young scientist at General Electric, he pioneered the process of manufacturing synthetic diamonds.

During the building’s grand opening, WSU President and physical chemist Chuck Wight joined science faculty to conduct fun experiments and offer interactive demonstrations. They showcased each of the building’s seven departments: botany, chemistry, geosciences, mathematics, microbiology, physics and zoology.

As with all new campus construction, the building is environmentally friendly. Sunshine pours through glass windows and walls in classrooms and labs. Everyone who enters the building will see science on display.

“This facility is a testament to how much we care about the students; we are invested in the students to create the best educational experience possible,”
Great Place to Work

Gene Sessions graduated from Weber State in 1964 and returned to teach history 10 years later. He’s as enthusiastic now as he was more than half a century ago when he began his association.

“Someone once said, ‘Weber has a heart,’” Sessions said. “There is an almost mystical affection that we develop for each other, our students and for the place where we work. We really believe that we are working together to change lives.”

Sessions is not alone in his love of place. For the second year in a row, Weber State was recognized as a “Great College to Work For,” following a survey commissioned by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The results, released in The Chronicle’s ninth annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on an employee survey conducted at 281 colleges and universities nationwide.

In all, only 93 of the 281 institutions achieved “Great College to Work For” recognition for specific best practices and policies. Weber State is the only university in Utah on the list.

The recognition comes as no surprise to Associate Athletics Director Amy Crosbie. She was lured to Weber State in 2009.

“No not only do I work with great people at Weber State, but I hike with them, ski with them, take Pilates with them, and enjoy lunch with them,” Crosbie said.

“We care about each other, and that is extremely validating when it comes to work satisfaction.”

Based on responses from faculty and staff, the university was recognized in five of 12 possible categories. New this year, Weber State was commended for Collaborative Governance and Confidence in Senior Leadership. Those were in addition to the same areas of commendation from 2015: Job Satisfaction and Support; Work/Life Balance; and Facilities, Workspaces and Security.

Assistant Vice President for Human Resources Cherrie Nelson says employees find the campus friendly and beautiful and the work gratifying.

“I worked 11 years in the aerospace industry where I supported the effort to make rocket motors that were eventually armed with warheads,” Nelson said. “I’m much prider now to be supporting the effort to educate our future generations, and I’ve been doing it for 22 years.”

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Along with the HVAC replacement, the library will undergo a complete, two-phase interior remodel. Work on the south side will be finished in December. Construction will then begin on the north side and take another eight months.

With a lot of effort, patience and juggling on the part of library staff, much of the collection and all of the services have remained available to the campus community throughout.

When Stewart Library reopens, it will have a new testing center, collaboration and study spaces, updated technology, significantly more natural light, and compact and mobile shelving to accommodate future collection growth.

University Librarian Joan Hubbard said scholars and students will enjoy the comfort and resources the renovation provides.

“The newly renovated library will be a beautiful, welcoming gathering place for students, faculty and staff to study, do research or just mingle,” Hubbard said.
WELCOME to WSU

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Colleen Cawley, Nursing
David Christafore, Economics
Darcie Costello, School of Accounting & Taxation
Jenna Daniels, History
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Ariel Olson, Student Success Center
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EMAIL YOUR WEBER PRIDE

The university’s tagline changed over the summer from “Worthy of Your Dreams” to “Make Your Dream Happen.”

This change freshens Weber State’s popular “dream” message that debuted in 2012. You may have seen the new Make Your Dream Happen phrase in the recently released commercials airing during the Rio Olympics on KSL or on UTA buses around town.

Show your school pride by personalizing your email signature with new images promoting Weber State. Find out how to update your signature easily by searching Google for “Weber State Signature.” For questions about how to correctly employ Weber State’s brand and/or marks on all your print and electronic material, visit weber.edu/brand or contact Marketing & Communications directly at x7359.

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Isabel Asensio, Spanish associate professor, published the paper “Erotismo, violencia y lenguaje en los cuentos de Pía Barros” in the international literary journal, Orillas Río D’ispanistica, Issue 5, 2016. The paper examines the literary representation of the female body and the power relationships it generates, as well as the intimate and erotic content embedded in author Pía Barros’ texts, in order to claim the female voice that has been silenced and marginalized.

Geography professor Dan Bedford published the article “Does climate literacy matter? A case study of U.S. students’ levels of concern about anthropogenic global warming” in the Journal of Geography, published online, November 2015.

Campus Recreation’s Marketing and Operations Coordinator Kelly Boyce was featured in an article in Campus Rec online magazine, which highlighted Boyce and his work on WSU’s 11th Annual Turkey Triathlon.

Teacher Education professor and longtime diversity advocate Forrest Crawford was honored with the 2016 Salt Lake County Democratic Party Grassroots Award for his years of service to the local democratic community.

Eric Ewert, geography professor, published the article “Searching for the ‘Old West’ in the Theme Towns of the New West” in Review of Social Sciences, January 2016.

Jenny Frame, community partner coordinator in Center for Community Engaged Learning, and Heather Chapman, WSU’s director of institutional effectiveness, won the Best Research Initiative award for their presentation at the OrgSync Conference in Dallas, Texas. Associate history professor Branden Little published “A Child’s Army of Millions: the American Junior Red Cross,” in Children’s Literature and Culture of the First World War.

The University of Tarapacá in Arica, Chile, invited Jon Marshall, associate zoology professor, and two other professors from the U.S. to meet and present information to local educators, political leaders and indigenous peoples. Marshall discussed a group he founded with students at WSU called Multicultural Advancement in Science, which supports students of color and other underrepresented students as they graduate and work in science.

Career Services Associate Director Greg Nielsen received the 2015 Otis McCreary Outstanding Service Award for lifetime achievement from the Northwest Association of Student Affairs Professionals.


Bradford Reyns, criminal justice assistant professor, Ryan Randa and Billy Henson published “Preventing crime online: Identifying determinants of online prevention behaviors using structural equation modeling and canonical correlation analysis” in the journal Crime Prevention and Community Safety, volume 18, December 2015.

Geography professor Julie Rich, associate design engineering technology professor Jeremy Farner, assistant social work and gerontology professor Barrett Bonella, communication instructor Mark Merkley and Center for Community Engaged Learning Assistant Director Mike Moon traveled with 28 WSU students to Chiclayo, Peru, in May. They went to construct a women’s training center and a community preschool and bring clean water to the community. Students also traveled to Peruvian schools and community gatherings to teach English, art, health/hygiene and sports. The projects are in line with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.


Monika Rodie, recently retired associate director of the Shepherd Union, was presented with the Honorary Lifetime Membership award at the annual conference of the Association of College Unions International, held in New Orleans in March. The Board of Trustees confers honorary membership for exceptional service to the association.

History professor Richard Sadler was awarded the 2016 Distinguished Service Award by the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters.

Veterans Upward Bound Director Randy Wilson was awarded the Executive Board Award from the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound.