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## FACULTY CERTIFIED IN EFFECTIVE COLLEGE INSTRUCTION

Twenty-seven faculty recently became certified in Effective College Instruction through the Association of College and University Educators.

The [ACUE](#) course aims to improve classroom instruction, build community and belonging, and equip professors with the latest teaching strategies.

“These courses offer opportunities for teachers to rethink how they’ve always done things,” said **Nicola Corbin**, associate professor of communication and director of the [Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning](#).

Corbin wants to replicate positive results seen at other universities. A study at the University of Southern Mississippi found that first-year students who took at least one course taught by ACUE faculty were significantly more likely to return to USM the next academic year.

Corbin said the ACUE courses can help better prepare WSU professors to teach at a school already renowned for “teaching excellence.”

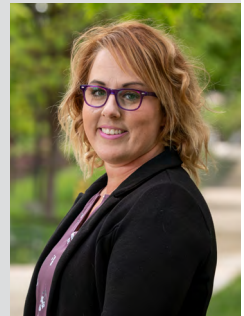
“When students come to Weber State,

1. **Micah Bauer**
2. **Cynthia Beynon**
3. **Eric Bottelberghe**
4. **Monica Bottelberghe**
5. **Nicola Corbin**
6. **Rachel Cox**
7. **Ryan Evans**
8. **Azenett Garza Caballero**
9. **Youn Soo Goldstein**
10. **Timothy Herzog**
11. **Aubrey Jones**
12. **Justin Kani**
13. **Miranda Kispert**
14. **Diana Meiser**
15. **Kyra Neeley**
16. **Jose Otero**
17. **Andrew Rice**
18. **Debi Sheridan**
19. **Melinda Russell Stamp**
20. **Hannah Stedge**
21. **Brandon Stevenson**
22. **Kelley Trump**
23. **Kathryn Van Wagoner**
24. **C. David Walters**
25. **Jamie Wankier**
26. **Stephanie Wolfe**
27. **Stephen Wolochowicz**

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## WSU ANNOUNCES NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ACCESS & SUCCESS DIVISION

On June 1, **Jessica Oyler** became the inaugural vice president of Student Access & Success.



The SAS division aligns areas of Enrollment Management & Student Success with areas that

fell under the former Student Affairs division. SAS focuses on recruiting, retaining and graduating students from all walks of life, while also providing educational experiences outside the classroom.

The vice president of SAS position replaces the vice president of Student Affairs and reports dually to the president and provost.

Oyler is charged with simplifying processes for students to navigate the university and to find support through inclusive programs.

“I’m excited for the challenge and the opportunity to bring different areas together with the ultimate goal of providing equitable access to higher education and positively contributing to student success,” Oyler said. “For people who have worked in a university setting for many years, certain things make sense to them that don’t always make sense to others. We need to do things in a way that makes sense for the students. There’s room to improve and grow when it comes to meeting people where they are.”

Oyler previously served as associate provost of Enrollment Management & Student Success.

## Weber State launches EDUCATIONAL LIFESTYLE CAMP FOR YOUTH WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES

Weber State University's free REACH Weber program is providing youth with Type 1 diabetes guidance on maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

REACH Weber, which stands for Recreate, Educate, Advocate and Climb Higher, was brought to WSU this year by **Eddie Hill**, associate professor and REACH program director. The camps combine fun activities with education on Type 1 diabetes for youth and their families.

"When I brought the program to Weber State, there was huge support for it because of the need for a year-round program," Hill said. "There are only about three or four other programs in the country that offer services year-round for youth with T1D, so we're one of the few."

REACH Weber will host monthly day camps throughout the year on the Ogden campus. Camps include activities such as diabetes education, rock climbing, mountain biking, swimming and hiking to help youth learn to effectively manage their blood sugar.

The program is run by faculty, staff and student volunteers in the Jerry & Vickie Moyes College of Education.

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they know they're getting the best teachers," she said. "Students who transfer here from other schools always note the difference in our teaching, how professors know their name, meet them where they are, and get them excited about learning."

**Kelley Trump**, assistant professor of nursing, has been teaching for six years and is one of the 27 faculty who earned the certification. She's already incorporating new teaching strategies into her classes: "It's moving from the old model, where instructors spend their time presenting material, into a new form of teaching which incorporates active learning classrooms," she said.

Trump said teachers nationwide who apply principles from the ACUE course are seeing better retention, better grades and fewer withdrawals.

Corbin is also partnering with WSU Online's instructional designers to promote [its course offerings](#) that help professors innovate their classrooms.

Faculty can get more information and register on the [CETL website](#).



## PROFESSOR HEADED TO POLAND ON SECOND FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

When **Marek Matyjasik** taught in Poland as part of his first Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award, the COVID-19 pandemic cut his time short. In his eyes, there was much more to accomplish.

Now, the professor and chair of Weber State University's Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences has the chance to finish that work. Matyjasik is heading back to Warsaw, Poland, in January after receiving his second Fulbright award, where he will collaborate and teach about water resources and quality.

"International collaboration is extremely important," Matyjasik said. "We need to compare thinking to make sure we're making progress in important areas of education and science."

The Fulbright program places awardees in more than 135 countries to teach, conduct research and complete projects. Matyjasik will be teaching at the University of Warsaw, where he also served in 2020.

In addition, he will examine how remote learning and rapidly advancing artificial intelligence have changed teaching and learning in the country.

Matyjasik said through this opportunity he's confident he can bring what he learns in Warsaw to Weber State, teaching students complex concepts and preparing the next generation to tackle critical issues.

"It's very uplifting to see the young generation of scientists trying to improve our quality of life on our planet," Matyjasik said. "Through this scholarship, I hope to motivate even more young people to solve the problems our planet faces."



## United States Space COMMAND GETS TASTE OF WEBER STATE'S ROLE IN AEROSPACE INNOVATION

Weber State University engineering students demonstrated the progress of their senior capstone project to U.S. Space Command official Thomas A. Lockhart as he toured WSU's Miller Advanced Research & Solutions Center on June 26.

Lockhart is a member of the Senior Executive Service and the Director of the Capability and Resource Integration Directorate at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado.

As part of his visit, Lockhart learned about the MARS Center's ongoing materials and additive manufacturing projects with local aerospace partners, and proposed layout changes to the facility that will accommodate additional high-tech equipment.

To showcase the real-world studies conducted at MARS, WSU graduates joined mechanical engineering professors **Dustin Birch** and **Spencer Peterson** and current students to test the heat tolerance of a carbon composite rocket nozzle under extremely high temperatures.

The team said they're testing materials and technologies never before used for rocket nozzles, which could help cut time, labor and cost for organizations working with rockets.

Several of the recent WSU grads now work at the MARS Center, located near Hill Air Force Base. Opened in August 2022, MARS gives WSU students and faculty opportunities to research and apply innovative solutions to problems in aerospace and national defense.



## HALVERSON TO SERVE AS INTERIM VP OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



WSU President **Brad Mortensen** designated **Mark Halverson** to serve as interim vice president for the Information Technology division while the search for a permanent VP advances.

Former vice president **Bret Ellis** stepped down from the position on Aug. 31 to serve alongside his wife, Andrea, as missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bangkok, Thailand.

Ellis served WSU for 15 years, leading the university through significant shifts in technology in an increasingly digital world. Mortensen said Ellis' leadership shined during the COVID-19 pandemic, when classes quickly shifted online, and his team's behind-the-scenes work to fend off cybersecurity threats during the transition to the cloud was crucial.

Halverson has worked at Weber State for 16 years, most currently as associate vice president for Facilities and Campus Planning.

# PROVOST Message



**RAVI KROVI**

Fall is a wonderful time of year with the change of season, stunning foliage and the arrival of our students on campus. I hope you had a restful summer and were able to take some time for yourself.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you back to campus. As I've mentioned before, last year was our first "normal" year in a while. The last three years witnessed significant and enduring changes in higher education. While declines in undergraduate enrollment have stabilized nationally, overall enrollment is still significantly below pre-pandemic levels. The Higher Learning Commission publishes a list of trends and challenges every year. What is quite dramatic are some of the new items on this list: student mental health, inclusion and belonging, changing credential landscape and relevance to workforce needs, and the impact of new technologies such as generative artificial intelligence, to name a few.

Navigating enrollment, shrinking budgets and other turbulent shifts in higher education are challenging. It was important for us to come together as a campus community and I'm proud of all we accomplished last year. Specifically, I want to recognize the following academic departments for their outstanding contributions and best practices:

<b>OVERALL PERSISTENCE</b>	Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering
<b>FIRST YEAR RETENTION</b>	Communication
<b>DEGREE COMPLETION</b>	Microbiology, School of Radiological Sciences
<b>CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT MATRICULATION</b>	Geography, Environment & Sustainability
<b>90+ CREDIT HOUR COMPLETION RATE</b>	Dental Hygiene, Professional Sales
<b>STARFISH PROGRESS COMPLETION RATE</b>	Health Administrative Services
<b>HIEE STUDENT PARTICIPATION</b>	Annie Taylor Dee School of Nursing
<b>HIEE IN THE CURRICULUM</b>	Geography, Environment & Sustainability
<b>SIGNATURE ASSIGNMENT COMPLETION RATE</b>	Mathematics, Health Sciences, Wildcat Scholars
<b>STUDENT BELONGINGNESS</b>	College of Education
<b>BEST BIENNIAL REPORT</b>	Social Work, Earth and Environmental Sciences
<b>PROGRAM INNOVATIONS</b>	Entrepreneurship
<b>STUDENT MENTORING</b>	Rachel Hubler
<b>OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE ADOPTIONS</b>	World Languages & Cultures
<b>COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS</b>	Supply Chain & Management Information Systems
<b>SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING</b>	School of Accounting & Taxation

Congratulations to all the individuals who were involved in these efforts.

This academic year, the focus of my office will be on four key topics:

- Recruiting: Recruiting and transitioning learners
- Retention: First Year programs and experiences
- Personal Connections: Increasing faculty-student engagement
- Completion: Developing alternatives for students who have 120 credit hours without significant progress to degree completion.

This past summer, I engaged with our deans, chairs and other administrators on these issues. In the spirit of continuing collaborations, I invite you to join our working groups as we engage in further strategic thinking and move forward as a university.

Best wishes for a wonderful fall semester.

Sincerely,

Ravi

## FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Vincent Bates**, teacher education professor, published “Capital, class, status, and social reproduction in music education: A critical review” in *Action, Criticism, and Theory for Music Education* 22 (1): 54–82.

“Online Modules for Community Engaged Learning During a Global Pandemic” was published in *Metropolitan Universities Journal*, a collaborative work by **Barrett Bonella**, associate professor of social work; **Rich Fry**, computer science professor; **Becky Jo Gesteland**, English professor; **Alexander L. Lancaster**, associate professor of communication; and former WSU employee **Patrick Tadlock**.

Recognized for their service on Staff Advisory Council are **Jamie Call** (2021–2022), Office of the Registrar; **Luke Jenkins** (2018–2022), Infrastructure Services; **Gail Niklason** (2019–2022), Office of Institutional Effectiveness; and **Alex Ward** (2019–2022), Academic Support Centers & Programs.

Zoology professor **Jonathan Clark** has been recognized as a Sigma Xi Fellow, one of the highest honors bestowed by Sigma Xi, the scientific research honor society. Fellows are nominated at the national level based on research accomplishments, teaching innovation, mentoring and science advocacy.

Student Success Center staff **Diego Dominguez**, senior academic advisor, and **Tyler Yeaman**, first-year exploratory advisor, presented “Free Range Inquiry: A Guide to Major Exploration” at the Utah Advising Association Conference.

Dual Enrollment staff **Noah Erb**, assistant director of data and technology, and **Jacqueline Perez**, academic advisor, presented “Concurrent Enrollment Myth Busters” at the Utah Advising Association Conference.

**Kyle Feuz**, computer science associate professor, is recognized for holding monthly meetings for faculty to exchange ideas to improve their teaching and methods.

**Carie Frantz**, associate professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and co-director of the Environmental Science Program, co-wrote “Desiccation of ecosystem-critical microbialites in the shrinking Great Salt Lake, Utah (USA)” with a group of WSU students, and it will be published in *PLOS Water*.

**Jesus Garcia**, academic advisor for the College of Science, and **Amy Huntington**, learning communities program director, presented “A Life Design Approach to First-Year Wayfinding” at the Utah Advising Association Conference.

**Joanna Gautney**, assistant professor of anthropology, published “A new approach to exploratory data analysis in hominin phylogenetic reconstruction” in the *Journal of Human Evolution*, September 2023.

**Tamara Goldbogen**, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Endowed Chair in Arts Learning, traveled to Taiwan to co-facilitate Innovative Teaching workshops hosted by the National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology, National University of Tainan and the National Cheng-Chi University.

**Ernesto Hernandez Jr.**, Stewart Library associate professor; **Gail Niklason**, executive director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness; and **Katy Paulson**, director of data and analytics in the Office of Student Success Analytics, completed a fellowship for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities highlighting the university’s efforts to become an emerging Hispanic-Serving Institution. The project is “Hispanic & Latino Student Focus Group: Student Support Services & Programs.”

**Valerie Herzog**, professor and chair for the Department of Athletic Training, began her first term on the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Board of Directors and will represent Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Wyoming.

**Karen Hicks**, academic advisor for the John B. Goddard School of Business & Economics, presented “Gettin’ Gritty and Growing: How to Foster a Growth Mindset & Develop Grit” at the Utah Advising Association Conference.

**Bridget Hilbig**, chair of the Department of Botany & Plant Ecology, was selected as the Ambrose Amos Shaw endowed chair recipient for the 2023–24 academic year.

**Huiying Hill**, professor and chair for the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, presented “From ‘Model Minority’ to ‘Model Target’” at the Utah Academy of Letters, Arts and Sciences Conference. Hill also presented an ongoing research paper, “Loud Thunder but Little Rain Fall,” at the Pacific Sociology Association annual conference.

**Jim Hutchins**, health sciences professor, appeared on *Academic Minute* produced by WAMC Northeast Public Radio. The segment features his undergraduate research titled “The Brain is Maintained by Chance the Gardener.” He was also named the 2022–23 Ambrose Amos Shaw Endowed Chair for the Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions.

**Rainie Ingram**, graduate enrollment director for the College of Engineering, Applied Science & Technology, is recognized for empowering students and creating a sense of belonging to increase engagement and retention in STEM education.

**Lisa Jamison**, assistant director of the Student Success Peer Advisor program, and **Jennifer Wright**, director of First Year Exploratory Advising, presented “Leading with a Coaching Mindset” at the Utah Advising Association Conference.

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## FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONT.)

Criminal justice assistant professor **Michelle Jeffs** organized a training with the Ogden City Police Department to improve students' investigative techniques and skills.

Political science professor **Gary Johnson** presented "The Colorado: A River in Decline" at the Midwest Political Science Association.

Criminal justice instructor **Jean Kapenda** presented "Bridging Two Continents: Finding Lost Cousins Through Historical Data and DNA Research" for the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences' Black History Month Lecture.

**Loisanne Kattelman**, accounting instructor, and students were featured in *The Journal Entry*, published by the Utah Association of CPAs.

**Sachini Kodi**, assistant professor of exercise and sport science, co-authored "Physiological and Subjective Measures of Anxiety with Repeated Exposure to Virtual Construction Sites at Different Heights" in *Safety and Health at Work*.

**Madeline Mackie**, assistant professor of anthropology, co-authored "The Geochronological and Geoarchaeological Context of the Clovis-Age La Prele Mammoth Site (48CO1401), Converse County, Wyoming" in *PaleoAmerica*.

**Jonathan Marshall**, zoology professor, published "New localities and lineages of the Atlas dwarf lizard *Atlantolacerta andreanskyi* identified using mitochondrial DNA markers" in the *Herpetozoa*.

**Ana McMurry**, administrative specialist for the Department of Emergency Healthcare, was selected for the Staff of the Year Award.

**Alyssa Mock** and **Avery Tye Gardner**, assistant professors in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, are recognized for their efforts in female and minority retention through undergraduate research.

Medical laboratory science associate professor **Scott Moore** was recognized as a Fellow of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, awarded to less than 50 people in the U.S.

**Cory Moss**, associate professor in the Department of Health Administrative Services, and **Sherri Vasas**, assistant professor for the Department of Respiratory Therapy, were named teachers of the year.

Assistant professor of teacher education **Katarina Pantic** co-authored "Utah K-12 teachers' perspective: Challenges and changes with technology integration during COVID-19 pandemic" in the *Journal of the International Society for Teacher Education*, 27(1), 15-31 with her colleague from Teacher

Education, **Ryan Cain**, and student Natali Gonzalez. She also co-authored "Social Interactions and Practices that Positively Influenced Women's Retention in their Computer Science Major" in *Computer Science Education*.

**Kyle Peterson**, Information Technology, earned his Master of Business Administration.

Political science professor **Richard Price** was recognized as the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences Endowed Professor for 2023–2026.

**Beth Rhoades**, executive director of programs for the Division of Online & Continuing Education, is recognized for leading The Rosie Project, a partnership enabling military spouses to gain high-demand tech skills, which graduated the first cohort of students in August 2023.

**Matthew Romaniello**, associate professor of history, edited "Transnational Approaches to Race and Racism" and introduced "Race and Racism beyond National Borders" for the *Journal of World History*.

**Corina Segovia-Tadehara**, associate professor of social work, and faculty completed the final accreditation benchmark for the Master of Social Work program.

Psychology professor **Leigh Shaw** developed a new associate's degree in psychological science for the 2023–2024 catalog. She also co-presented "Exploring the developmental underpinnings of wisdom in adolescence: a short-term longitudinal study" at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development.

**Abraham Smith**, associate professor of English, published the poetry collection *Insomnia Sentinel* with Baobab Press.

Athletic training instructor **Hannah Stedge** earned her Ph.D. in health sciences and a graduate certificate in health professions education.

**Story Sutton**, academic transition advisor for the Student Success Center, presented "The Foundational Nature of Trust Relationships in Academic Advising" at the Utah Advising Association Conference.

**Deborah Uman**, Dean of the Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities, co-edited *Liberating Shakespeare: Adaptation and Empowerment for Young Adult Audiences*, published by Arden Shakespeare.

Teacher education professors **Shernavaz Vakil** and **David Byrd** co-authored "Making connections with families of English learners: Promoting culturally and linguistically diverse classrooms" in the *Journal of the International Society for Teacher Education*, 27(1), 5-14.

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## FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONT.)

**Lizbeth Velazquez** and **Corina Segovia-Tadehara**, assistant professors in the Department of Social Work & Gerontology, presented “Authentic Cariño Between Students and Educators: Voices From Latinx Students in Utah” at the Latino Social Workers Organization national conference.

**Steven Vigil**, assistant professor of social work, spoke on a mindfulness approach to inclusivity as keynote speaker at the Utah College and University Professional Association for Human Resources Conference.

**Ed Walker**, chemistry professor and chem tech program director, is recognized for helping the program graduate around 60 students each year, which is 5% of the chem tech associate of applied science degrees awarded nationally. He helped increase the percentage of women receiving the degree at WSU by 22%, along with the number of Hispanic and Latino students joining the program.

**Cathy Wells**, graduate enrollment manager for the School of Radiologic Sciences, received the Dumke College of Health Professions Staff of the Year Award.

**Paul White**, adjunct faculty in the Master of Science in Systems Engineering program, was one of three people in Utah to earn the Expert Systems Engineering Professional certification from the International Council on Systems Engineering, which is valid for life and recognizes White’s 23 years of professional systems engineering experience,

endorsement by references and his performance during a technical interview.

**Stacie Wing-Gaia** and **Saori Hanaki**, assistant and associate professors of exercise and sport science, co-authored “Using experiential learning in undergraduate exercise science to provide university worksite wellness programs” in the *Journal of Physical Activity Research*. 2023, 8(1), 47-51.

**Stephanie Wolfe**, political science professor, published the co-edited book *In the Shadow of Genocide: Justice and Memory with Rwanda* and interviewed with *New Books Network*. She also co-wrote the chapters, “Through the Eyes of Children: The 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda” and “Rwandan Youth Speak! Memory and Justice Through Poetry.” Wolfe was also elected First Vice President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars for 2023–2025.

**Ezgi Yesilyurt**, assistant professor of life sciences education, collaborated with the National Science Foundation to organize a five-day professional development program for Utah teachers, which helps teachers design and implement a computer science curriculum for elementary classrooms.

**Paige Young**, instructor of professional sales, is honored for staying up to date with current trends and statistics and contributing immensely to the Department of Professional Sales, earning the highest first-year retention in the university.

## EAST EXPANDS RETENTION EFFORTS

The College of Engineering, Applied Science & Technology supported Weber State’s retention and completion goals throughout the 2022–23 academic year by stepping up efforts to keep students engaged.

The School of Computing’s Retention Teaching League held monthly meetings for faculty and staff to exchange ideas to improve teaching and retention. Discussion topics included classroom late policies, scheduling office hours on Google Calendar, online discussion boards and more.

The Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering used Research, Scholarship and Professional Growth Committee and industry partner funding to engage underrepresented and female students through faculty-led research, peer mentorship and showcasing equipment and laboratories.

Women in Computing, Engineering & Technology, a community of students, faculty and staff committed to increasing engagement and retention in STEM,

held events on and off campus for all students. They included guest speakers, hands-on learning and networking opportunities. Students in the group also attended Women Tech Council events at Adobe’s Utah headquarters and The Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City.

In July 2022, Weber State recognized the Department of Professional Sales for having the university’s highest first-year retention rate. The work to achieve the honor included staying up to date on retention data, advisors staying in touch with students, promoting departmental honors, bringing employers to classes, increasing course accessibility and continuing to offer online degrees.

WSU’s strategic plan outlines goals to reduce the eight-year completion gaps between the overall student population and low-income, first-generation, BIPOC, minority and developmental math and English students, as well as to increase retention for first-time students.





## WEBER STATE RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL LEADER IN SUSTAINABILITY

Weber State University is being recognized for its success in proactive efforts to become carbon neutral by 2040, a decade ahead of its original goal.

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities selected WSU to receive the 2023 AASCU Excellence & Innovation Award for Sustainability and Sustainable Development.

The university earned the honor specifically for its [5-point Carbon Neutrality Strategy](#) initiative.

“We’re extremely proud of this achievement,” said **Brad Mortensen**, WSU president. “We’re 10 years ahead of schedule in reaching our carbon neutral goal, but we’re even more excited that our model is catching the eye of other institutions across the country who take sustainability seriously and are looking to replicate our success here in Utah.”

In 2007, Weber State formalized its dedication to sustainability by signing the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, aiming to eliminate emissions and become carbon neutral by 2050, now moved to 2040.

As of last year, Weber has cut electricity consumption by 35%, natural gas consumption by 43% and total greenhouse gas emissions by 42%, saving over \$21 million. By 2038, WSU anticipates having converted every building to all-electric systems.

WSU has also incorporated sustainability across its curriculum, with [key faculty and staff](#) sharing the knowledge and skills students need to contribute to sustainable communities and providing opportunities to learn more, even outside the classroom.

“Our sustainability work has garnered a lot of attention because we’ve significantly cut our greenhouse gas emissions, saved millions, and we have a detailed strategy for transitioning our campuses to carbon neutral by 2040,” said **Jennifer Bodine**, WSU sustainability manager. “We all win when we share best practices, so we’re thrilled to get the word out and see more people follow suit.”

In July, Mortensen joined **Justin Owen**, WSU energy manager, and **Jacob Cain**, operations director, to present Weber State’s key successes at AASCU’s Sustainability Solutions Symposium in Washington, D.C.



## WEBER STATE POLICE PRACTICE COORDINATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Weber State police hosted a multiagency active shooter response training at the Ogden campus on Aug. 23.

During the exercise, law enforcement and emergency personnel from Weber County, Davis County and Hill Air Force Base practiced quickly and effectively responding to an emergency. It also tested how they communicate and coordinate in these efforts.

Responders were called to a simulated shooting incident in a university building, where patients with mock injuries were transported by ambulance and helicopter to local hospitals.

WSU police said regularly practicing these scenarios ensures the university and nearby community stand ready to prevent and respond to real-life emergencies.



**WELCOME TO WEBER STATE**

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Administrative Services

**Jishan Ahmed,**  
Mathematics

**James Almeida,**  
History

**Lindsey Anderson,**  
Athletics Admin and Support

**Charlotte Andrus,**  
Nursing

**McKayla Argyle,**  
Bursar & Collection Services

**Ryan Ash,**  
Marketing & Communications

**Raegan Baird,**  
Stewart Library

**Kelly Barnes,**  
College of Science

**Andressa Bertolazzo,**  
Chemistry & Biochemistry

**Alicia Blackard,**  
Financial Aid

**Victor Blocher,**  
College of Social Science

**Kellie Bornhoft,**  
Visual Arts

**Katherin Bowman,**  
Chemistry & Biochemistry

**Alexis Bucknam,**  
Center for Community  
Engaged Learning

**Evan Call,**  
Microbiology

**Morgan Call,**  
Foreign Language

**Hillary Carlson,**  
Athletics Admin & Support

**Christina Chapman,**  
Student Success Center

**Rachel Child,**  
Business Administration

**Mathew Christiansen,**  
Developmental Math Program

**Tamra Clark,**  
Human Resources

**Emily Coddling,**  
Athletics Admin & Support

**Douglas Conorich,**  
Information Security

**Breana Cutler,**  
Athletics Admin & Support

**Leslie Davis,**  
Campus Recreation

**Amber Dennison,**  
Counseling - Psychological Services

**Emilee Erickson,**  
Athletics Admin & Support

**Nikki Fender,**  
Nursing

**Jessica Fisher,**  
Diversity, Access and Inclusion

**Eugene Frazier,**  
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Nursing

**Nicholas Ghiglia,**  
Facilities Management

**Viviana Grant,**  
Human Resources

**Sarah Grunnah,**  
Performing Arts

**Cody Hadfield,**  
Facilities Management

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Stewart Library

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Foreign Language

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**Bryn Larsen,**  
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Athletics Admin & Support

**Boyd Mattson,**  
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**Michael McMerrick,**  
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**Ashlynn Miller,**  
Accounting Services

**Francesca Mintowt-Czyz,**  
Performing Arts

**Maria Misal Medina,**  
Stewart Library

**Kenneth Mortensen,**  
Manufacturing -  
Systems Engineering

**Emily Murray,**  
Nursing

**Abby Musgrove,**  
University Housing

**Brett Nelson,**  
Purchasing

**Jessie Nixon,**  
Teacher Education

**Sunita Pargass,**  
Marketing & Communications

**Gennie Parkman,**  
Zoology

**Daniel Paul,**  
English

**Shellene Payne,**  
Payroll

**Kalel Paz Kalel,**  
Facilities Management

**Nicolas Perez Consuegra,**  
Earth & Environmental Sciences

**Amy Perry,**  
Stewart Library

**Annita Peterson,**  
Botany

**Lance Powell,**  
Developmental Math Program

**Lauren Remy,**  
Bursar and Collection Services

**Lance Rhodes,**  
School of Computing

**Erin Riching,**  
Dumke College of  
Health Professions

**Pedro Rico,**  
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**Jessica Robison,**  
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**Rylee Ross,**  
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**Douglas Routh,**  
Criminal Justice

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## Notable Moments

### ➔ NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS, LEADERSHIP

Weber State welcomed four new members to its Board of Trustees: **Lori Belnap Pehrson**, retired Northrop Grumman executive and member of WSU's National Advisory Council; **Casey Hill**, a partner with Lincoln Hill lobbying firm; **Monet Maggelet**, a former elementary school teacher and program officer at Call to Action Foundation & Call Foundation; and **Tammy Gallegos**, executive vice president and chief strategic engagement officer with America First Credit Union. The newly elected chair is Ogden native and former corporate executive and legal counsel for Citigroup **Karla Bergeson**, and vice chair is WSU alum **Keith Titus**, president and CEO at MarketStar.

### ➔ WSU BRINGS ARTS, SCIENCE TO OGDEN PARKS

This June, Weber State continued its tradition of hosting Arts in the Parks and Science in the Parks summer programs in Ogden. For over 10 years, the programs have provided children with hands-on activities that encourage them to learn. "Each program provides a low-pressure environment that allows kids of all ages to explore new things, old things and maybe even make a brand new invention," said **Amanda Gentry**, director of Science in the Parks. "Each day is different, and there are always new experiments that help excite and inspire kids to keep exploring."

### ➔ SCHOOL OF NURSING TURNS 70

This year marks the 70th birthday of the Annie Taylor Dee School of Nursing. Since September 2022, faculty in the nursing program have contributed a monthly op-ed to the *Standard-Examiner* discussing topics such as addiction, suicide prevention, disaster preparedness, technology in the field and the history of nursing.

### ➔ WILDCARDS ON YOUR PHONE

Students, faculty and staff can now add their Wildcard to Apple Wallet or Google Pay and use mobile devices to access campus buildings, purchase meals and more. With mobile IDs, you can complete any action that previously required a physical card with an iPhone, Apple Watch or Android phone. To set up, download the eAccounts app, authenticate with your university credentials and then add your Wildcard. Further instructions are available on the [Wildcard website](#). For help setting up mobile Wildcard, visit Wildcard Services & Information Desk in Shepherd Union or the Davis Student Services in D2 on WSU Davis.

### ➔ 'THE COLLEGE TOUR' WORLD PREMIERE

Weber State stars in a new episode of the streaming series *The College Tour*, which highlights colleges and universities across the country. The show is produced and hosted by Alex Boylan, best known for winning season two of CBS's *Amazing Race* and as an Emmy-nominated producer. During the week of graduation, a production crew followed nine WSU students and one alum from various fields of study, learning why they chose Weber and how the university supports their ambitions in aerospace, medicine, teaching and beyond. The 30-minute episode is streaming now on *The College Tour website* and premieres Oct. 17 on Amazon Prime Video.

**FACULTY AND STAFF ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE WORLD PREMIERE EVENT OCT. 10 AT 6 P.M. AT PEERY'S EGYPTIAN THEATRE IN OGDEN!**



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