Farewell...

Jody Perkins

Although he was only here for a couple of years, it’s pretty hard to forget what he brought to the Multicultural Student Center and to Weber State University. He assisted in establishing the S.T.E.P.S. program as well as implemented other programs within the center. We thank him for all the laughter, humility, and contributions he enlightened us with. We wish him well in pursuing his higher education and future goals in life. We will miss you, Jody!!

Gideon "Lawi" Lomiiko

Lawi has been a major part of the Multicultural Student Center. By contributing as a peer mentor and a Team Leader the past two years, he has led by example and work ethic towards his coworkers and students. We thank him for always being responsible and positive and wish him well in starting his future.

KWAHERI, LAWI!!

Monica Rodriguez Mesa

Monica has illustrated examples of commitment and service in the Hispanic community as well as Weber State University by her involvement and contributions made as an advisor for the Hispanic Area Council (HAC) and with the Multicultural Student Center. It definitely will not be the same without her. The students and people that she had helped will definitely follow her footsteps in pursuing their education and goals because of her guidance.

We wish you good luck, Monica!!!

Welcome Back!

By Stephanie Olson

The air is getting crisp, the leaves are transitioning from vibrant greens to fiery shades of red and orange, and the Weber State University campus is alive once again. Fall semester is officially in session. The Multicultural Student Center would like to welcome everyone back to school. We hope that you are doing well in your classes so far and are prepared to take on the rest of the semester. Fall semester offers the opportunity for students to make a fresh start to the new school year and establish good study habits that will set them on the right path for a successful year. Good luck to everyone and once again, welcome back to school.

Farmers Market Experience

By Jaspreet Paddu

On Saturday, September 15 the Farmers Market was held at the historic 25th Street in Ogden. There were over 50 vendors selling everything from different foods to clothing and crafts. The Farmers Market has been going on for over 12 years. It originally started down by the Union Station, but has worked its way up to the Ogden Amphitheater. The Farmers Market coordinator, Kadi Benagan said “the purpose of the Farmers Market is to give the local produce and people the opportunity to buy locally and to connect the Ogden community and make it a better place.” Overall, the Farmers Market is a fun environment to be in. It is held every Saturday starting July 14th to September 29th.

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Dr. Forrest Crawford has worked for Weber State University since 1977. A native of Oklahoma, he has been an active resident of Utah since 1972; earning his bachelor’s from Weber in 1975, masters at the Graduate School of Social Work-University of Utah in 1977 and Education Doctorate at Brigham Young University in 1990. Dr. Crawford is a member of and has affiliation with an array of State, National, and International civic and academic boards including (in summary): Image de Northern Utah, NAACP, Phi Kappa Phi and Utah Alliance for Black School Educators. He served on the board of directors for the Utah Inclusion Center (formerly national conference for Community and Justice NCCJ) for 10 years, the Family Summit Foundation: A Center For Grieving Children and has served as Education Section Chair for the Utah Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters. He is currently president of the Board for Northern Utah HIV/AIDS Coalition, Utah Humanities Council Vice Chair and completed chair duties at Education, Training and Research Associates located in Santa Cruz, California. His international work includes, Executive Board for the International School of Teacher Education (ISSTE), where he is now presiding Secretary General through 2013, and Children’s Heaven, an orphanage for teen girls in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Dr. Crawford was one of the major catalysts behind establishing a variety of local groups including: The Utah Coalition for the Advancement of Minorities in Higher Education (1990) where he serves as its first president, Delta Sigma Theta Inc. (1998), a professional society for Black Women, The Utah Black Leadership Forum (2004), The Gandhi Alliance for Peace, and was co-founder of the state of Utah’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission (1991) serving as its Chair for five years. Dr. Crawford is the recipient of awards too numerous to list. He has researched, lectured and authored many speeches, editorials and essays on Human Rights, Teacher Education Development and Multicultural Education. He has presented papers (summaries) in Israel, Holland, South Africa, France, Kuwait, Brazil, England, and Taiwan to name a few, and was a visiting lecturer 2006-2007, at the University of Navarra in Pamplona (Northern), Spain. In addition, Crawford is currently a Professor of Teacher Education at Weber State University where he also serves as its Assistant to the President for Diversity.
FEATURING OUR 2012-2013 MSC STAFF EMPLOYEES

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Black Scholars United

Hello and welcome to a thrilling new school year! We are very excited to get started on our events and activities we have coming up. First off, we’d like to introduce the new advisor for BSU, Carey Francisco! She was born in Austin, Texas and has lived all over the state like Dallas and Houston in the ghettos. She finally moved to Ogden in 2009. Carey was a student at Weber State and she had participated in the EFA Thesis Exhibition, which is an art exhibit about her artwork reflected on her life in the ghettos of Texas. We are proud to have such a wonderful lady on board with us and we are looking forward to all her success with BSU.

We have meetings every Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:30 PM in the Union Lair.

For more information text BSU at (435) 579-2390 or contact Mo at (801) 548-4056 or at Maffein@gmail.com and she will be able to answer any questions.

Lastly, we’d like to announce T-shirts that members will be able to purchase! We are currently working on it so look forward to seeing it in our next newsletter. We hope things are starting off with a blast and we’ll see you out at our events!

American Indian Council

The American Indian Council (AIC) has a lot of changes coming this year. Council meetings are starting this week and there is a lot to be discussed. AIC Senator, Stephanie Quinn, has a primary goal to organize the council by creating stronger bonds and developing a more cohesive community among Native American students at Weber State.

According to AIC advisor, Jeff Simons, an issue in the past is that the council has not had many activities. Senator Quinn plans on realizing her goals by having the council host one or more activities each month. On September 23, new officers were elected and will immediately begin work on creating a better and stronger student advocacy group at Weber State.

For all wanting to get involved, the council will be meeting every other Wednesday at 1:00 PM in room 233 of the Student Services Building.

Hispanic Area Council

The new school year has begun, and it’s time to start looking for fun clubs and organizations to join. HAC (Hispanic Area Council) is one of the many organizations that students can join.

Students do not need to be Hispanic to be a part of HAC. They are planning many events, but most of them are still in progress. One event that is coming up is Artes de Mexico, which will be held at the Union Station in October. HAC members will teach high school student about the history of the Mexican Revolution. Artes de Mexico will come teach HAC about this subject, so the student can be well informed.

For those that want to be part of HAC they meet every other Friday from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the Union Building room 321.

For any questions or concerns e-mail Senator Viviana Felix, vivianal Felix@mail weber.edu.

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Talofa Lava, I am Owen Tipa. I am a peer mentor in the Multicultural Student Center at Weber State University. I am Polynesian and am a very happy person. You’ll get to love me when you get to know me. So if ya, ofa atu!

Kim Phan

I will be graduating this semester with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. I am looking forward to being finally done with school so that I can start my career. Being at Weber State and working at the Multicultural Student Center I’ve made so many new friends and have learned so much. It has been a wonderful experience that I will cherish throughout my life.

Isaac Farley was born and raised in Ogden, Utah. He is 21 years old studying Visual Arts with an emphasis in VisCom (graphic design). His future plans include becoming a designer for a creative firm and working with non-profit organizations. He likes Matizyuah.

Hi, my name is Timmy Posomovanh and I am a Junior majoring in Information Systems and Technology. My hobbies are mountain biking, snowboarding, basketball, fishing, and golfing. One day I will be working at google.