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Olene S. Walker

"The Walker Institute at Weber State University combines two passions of mine: education and politics." – Olene Walker



Selfless public servant, Weber State alumna

Born and raised in Ogden, Utah, Olene Walker is widely respected for her selfless public service on behalf of Utah's citizens. After attending Weber State, Olene received her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from Brigham Young University, Stanford University, and the University of Utah, respectively. She served the state of Utah for 22 years in various capacities, most prominently as both Lieutenant Governor and Governor, the first woman in Utah to hold either office. While in office, she vowed to keep education as the highest funding priority and to provide a nurturing environment for Utah's students. Governor Walker's ongoing legacy of advocacy and engagement continues at the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service, founded together with Weber State University, to cultivate and inspire Utah's future leaders. ❖



Mission

The Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service is a non-partisan center dedicated to promoting leadership and public service among Weber State University students and in the community at large. To this end, the Walker Institute provides opportunities for civic education, public forums on current issues, and ideas for political reform. Also central to the Walker Institute mission is a robust program of internships in local, state, and national politics, government, and public service organizations. ❖



Mandie Barnes, Pal Tech intern

"The CEO, my mentor, really took the time to get to know me, and taught me how to think differently about the world."

-Mandie Barnes

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Internships

Intern Today, Lead Tomorrow

Applying classroom knowledge and skills to practical learning experiences introduces students to the practice of politics, the process of government, and the variety of public service opportunities available to them at every level of government, and in the private and nonprofit sectors. Walker Institute interns from Weber State University are preparing to lead Utah into the future.

According to the [Collegiate Employment Research Institute](#) and the [Millennial Branding Student Employment Gap Study](#):

- 75% of university graduates will have one or more internship experiences
- 91% of employers expect internship experience



Sarah Gribble, Senator Hatch press intern

Sarah Gribble served as a press intern with U.S. Senator Orrin G. Hatch during the summer of 2013 in Washington, D.C. Sarah worked side by side with Senator Hatch's communications director, writing news releases, accompanying the Senator to press interviews, in addition to her regular internship responsibilities with constituent service. Sarah developed her communication and organizational abilities and acquired valuable contacts, all of which enhanced her leadership skills and her post graduate employment prospects. Sarah is graduating December 2013, with a degree in Public Relations and Advertising Communication, with an emphasis in International Affairs.



Walter Rosio, Sarah Gribble, India Nielsen, Abe Saucedo, Mandie Barnes, and Shaylee Owen showed their Wildcat pride while waiting for fireworks on Independence Day.

Scholarships

Walker Institute scholarships are available to supplement student expenses or unpaid internships at local, state, and national levels. Abelardo "Abe" Saucedo (pictured above) is an Accounting major. A Walker Institute scholarship supported Abe's unpaid internship with Senator Hatch on the Finance Committee. ❖

Meet an Intern: Stuart Call

"The internship opportunities that I have had at all levels of government have increased my knowledge of the political process, given me greater confidence in participating in government, and helped me cultivate a great appreciation of public service and leadership.

Since I started attending Weber State, I have completed internships at the local, state, and national levels. Working with Ogden City's Community and Economic Development Department has given me a greater appreciation of the importance of being involved in politics locally. Working on the state level, with lobbyist Spencer Stokes, has introduced me to many people with whom I can network and find potential employment after graduation. Working on the national level, as an intern in Senator Mike Lee's office, has helped me have a greater appreciation of my country and representative democracy. In addition to these internships, I have also been able to intern for the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service. It was a wonderful experience that gave me a sense of the importance of helping other students fulfill internships and learn the value of becoming more civically engaged." ❖



Stuart Call

"Spending a semester in Washington, D.C., was an incredible experience that helped me see my education in action."

-Stuart Call

Leadership and Civic Education

What are the necessary qualities of leadership in a constitutional republic? In a democratic community? How are students to seek out and lead a life of consequence? The practice of politics aims at securing the common good and happiness for any community or state. Leadership in the American constitutional order requires not only decision, caution, and independence, but also wisdom and prudence. The Walker Institute provides opportunities that prepare students for leadership in government, politics, and public service through internship experience, political participation, and active citizenship. ❖

Research

The Walker Institute supports student and faculty research projects. The title of the current Walker Institute research team project is “Responding to the Nation’s Call for Improving Teacher Effectiveness: Box Elder and Davis School Districts as Case Studies.” The project is a study of teacher effectiveness policies being developed in Utah and, more specifically, the implementation of those policies in Box Elder and Davis School Districts in response to federal and state legislation. ❖



India Nielsen, presenting at “WSU Day at the Capitol” in Salt Lake City

Donations

HELP GROW GOVERNOR WALKER’S VISION AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS BY GIVING TODAY.

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1. Select “College of Social & Behavioral Sciences.”
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUSTAINING SUPPORT!



Abe Saucedo, Shaylee Owen, Sarah Gribble, India Nielsen, Mandie Barnes, and Walter Rosio, the Walker Institute summer 2013 interns

LEADERSHIP & THE POLITICAL LIFE LECTURE SERIES

SOCIAL SCIENCE BUILDING 278

September 24, ALAN DAYTON, Lobbyist and President of Government Relations for Intermountain Healthcare

October 15, MIKE CALDWELL, Ogden City Mayor

October 29, ROBERT HUNTER, CEO of Northern United Way

November 5, BRAD WILSON, State Representative, District 15, and Weber State University graduate

November 19, CODY STEWART, Energy Advisor to Governor Herbert

November 26, WAYNE BRADSHAW, Regional Director, U.S. Congressman ROB Bishop's Office

FALL 2013 EVENTS

September 20

FREEDOM AND CIVIL SOCIETY, WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER
Shepherd Union Wildcat Theater

Senator Mike Lee was the keynote speaker for this event, which was part of Constitution Week and co-sponsored by the American Democracy Project.

October 3

LET’S CLEAR THE AIR

Shepherd Union Ballroom C

Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell and Alan Matheson discussed air pollution as part of the Engaged Learning Series, “On Air.”

To see the complete video, visit:

http://www.weber.edu/video/play_single.html?videoTitle=%20&fmsInst=wi&fmsFile=lets_clean_the_air.mp4

November 12

HAVEN J. BARLOW FALL LEADERSHIP FORUM

Shepherd Union Ballrooms A & B

Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow: “A report from the Legislative Task Force on Education in Utah.” Panel discussion with Speaker Rebecca Lockhart, Senate President Wayne Niederhauser, Senator Stephen Urquhart, Senator Gene Davis, and Representative Francis Gibson. Co-sponsored by Prosperity 2020 and Education First.

FUTURE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

March 6, 2014

SALLY JEWELL, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Sustainability Conference

December 2013 – April 2014

WALKER POLITICAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

PAST EVENT: SENATOR LEE DELIVERS CONSTITUTION WEEK ADDRESS

September 20

U.S. Senator Mike Lee spoke at Weber State University in an address titled “Freedom and Civil Society, We’re All in This Together.” It was the keynote lecture of Constitution Week, which was co-sponsored by the Walker Institute, the American Democracy Project, and supported by a generous Constitution Day Development Grant from the Jack Miller Center. Senator Lee spoke for an hour and then answered audience questions on topics ranging from lowering veteran suicide rates to government involvement in student loans.

To see the complete video, visit

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVsFf4oTTWU>. ❖

Executive Board of Directors

An independent Board of Directors, nominated from members of the Weber State community and leaders in Utah's government, business, and public service sectors, governs the Walker Institute. It is also Governor Walker's vision to convene a Walker Institute Student Board of Directors on the Weber State campus, to involve students in the governance and direction of the Walker Institute. ❖

Student Board of Directors

The students who serve on the Student Board of Directors have the opportunity to help shape the direction of Walker Institute programming and assist in developing and enhancing the Walker Institute internship program. These student leaders are necessary to the development of the Walker Institute as a center for engaging students and the community in a discussion of the important issues confronting the state of Utah and the nation as a whole. ❖

Meet a Student Director: Ashlee Cawley



Ashlee Cawley is a Junior, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science and English at Weber State University. She works at the Multicultural Student Center and serves as Director for the American Democracy Project. As Director, she works closely with faculty to plan and oversee initiatives to promote civic engagement. This year, she has focused on student-

oriented issues and the importance of student involvement in the democratic process at the campus-level. As Director of the American Democracy Project, Ashlee has enjoyed partnering with the Olene S. Walker Institute to bring Senator Mike Lee to campus to deliver the Constitution Week address. Her service on the Walker Institute Student Board of Directors has enabled her to make connections on campus, develop her executive and communication skills, and examine ideas and views from alternative perspectives.

Meet Our Director

Carol McNamara, the new Director of the Walker Institute, arrived at Weber State University in January 2013 from Utah State University, where she was the Co-Director of Operations for the Institute of Government and Politics and taught for 22 years. She received her PhD, in Political Science from Boston College.

Carol shares Governor Walker's vision to (1) develop the Walker Institute into a vital center of civic and leadership education and dialogue for Weber State students and the adjacent community, and (2) expand the internship program to provide life changing opportunities for students from across campus in Washington, D.C., at the Utah State Capitol, and in local offices. ❖



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Student Board of Directors

Back row: Adam Gardiner, Stuart Call, Jake Thompson, Abe Saucedo
Front row: Ashlee Cawley, India Nielsen, Carol McNamara (Director)