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Lonald Wishom, a recent graduate of Weber State University, earned his alumni status, and decided to give back to Weber by making a generous donation to the Walker Institute. Through the internship program, Lonnie had the opportunity to serve an internship for U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch in Washington, D.C. As a student, Lonnie knew the importance of serving internships. Employers may be hesitant to hire graduates if they lack experience. Internships are a great way for students to see their education in action, gain experience, and make professional contacts. Lonnie was extremely grateful for his internship experience; he even met his long time celebrity crush, Jada Pinkett Smith!

Although the internship was paid and he was offered subsidized housing, during his stay in Washington, D.C., Lonnie had to pick up a second job so he could have spending money.



The Cost of an Internship

-  Academic Credits-\$400 Each
-  Airfare-\$500
-  Housing-\$2600
-  Transportation-\$300



Lonald Wishom, Legislative Corespondent

He knows how costly internships can be and he wanted to help relieve some of that burden. Lonnie now works in the office of U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch as a Legislative Correspondent. He knows it was the experience and knowledge he gained from the internship that led to his employment.

“I feel that if someone or some group takes a chance and invests time and resources in me, I want them to get a great return on that investment. I just know how much I’ve benefitted throughout my life from opportunities that were made possible by charitable donations...I’ve always looked forward to being in a position to play my role in helping open doors for others.”
--Lonald Wishom



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Dr. Carol McNamara, Director

“A vibrant democracy requires citizens educated about the ideas, principles, theory and practice of constitutional government.”

Governor Walker created the Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service to encourage Weber State University students and community members to become leaders and active citizens. A vibrant democracy requires citizens educated about the ideas, principles, theory, and practice of constitutional government. The goal of the Walker Institute is to inspire individuals to take on leadership roles and to become active citizens in their communities.

Democracy involves a careful balance between the need for good leadership and the energetic defense of democratic principles that secure our rights to liberty and equality. Understanding this balance is at the heart of providing fair, thoughtful, energetic leadership and being an active, insightful citizen. Democratic leadership and civic participation require knowledge and a set of qualities that can be taught and cultivated through education and experience. Knowledge, candor, decision, and

political responsibility are chief among those qualities.

The Walker Institute serves the Weber State community through programs that promote leadership development, civic education, and policy discussion. We recruit and help students apply for and serve internships in Washington D.C., in the Utah State government, both in the executive branch and with the legislature, in local government offices, and non-profit offices. We also sponsor academic leadership courses, speakers on political and policy topics important to Utah’s future, and civic education for students and the community that provide instruction about how to be involved in public life.

Join the Walker Institute this year as we discuss freedom of speech with USA Today, Daily Beast columnist, and Fox News contributor, Kirsten Powers (Constitution Day, September 17), the Role of the Millennial Generation in public life in Utah (Haven J. Barlow Fall Civic Leadership Forum, October 8), and for our Citizens Academy with Ogden City! In the Spring, 2016, the Walker Political Leadership Institute will introduce citizens to the new primary system in Utah and help them understand how to participate in their party caucuses!

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Walker Institute Headline Events Fall 2015



September 17, 12 p.m.
Constitution Day Address:
Kirsten Powers, author of The Silencing:
How the Left is Killing Free Speech
Shepherd Union Building,
Wildcat Theater



October 8, 12 p.m.
Haven J. Barlow Fall Civic Leadership
Forum: Millennials and Public Policy
Shepherd Union Building,
Ballroom A and B



September 23, 30, October 7, 14
Citizens Academy
WSU Campus Downtown, 210
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“The Walker Institute at Weber State University combines two PASSIONS of mine: EDUCATION & POLITICS.”
--Governor Olene Walker

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Zions Bank Supports the Walker Institute

What are the crucial questions donors ask before contributing to an organization: How will this organization impact the community? What is its vision? Is this a

principled organization in which people believe? **Scott Anderson, President and CEO of Zions Bank**, needs this information before making donations. The organization must represent a vision Zions Bank can stand behind and with which it is proud to associate its name. The Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service meets the criteria and is grateful to Scott Anderson and Zions Bank for their support since the time of its founding in 2012. Anderson, who had the honor of working with Governor Olene Walker, said, “I was impressed with her grasp of the issues, her intellect, her common sense approach to problem solving, and her ability to bring people together for the common good.” When Governor Walker first discussed with Anderson her exciting idea to create the Walker Institute at Weber State University, he was thrilled to support her vision for a political and public service institute as a means to honoring her legacy as a powerful leader in Utah. Politics and education are two of Governor Walker’s passions and the Walker Institute combines both. Scott Anderson expects the Walker Institute will continue to grow as a forum for the study and discussion of political and policy ideas, a center for civic engagement on issues important to the state, country, and citizens, and the home of the internship program at Weber State. Zions Bank is taking the lead with its continued support of the Walker Institute, which is essential to its development as it continues to motivate more students and members of the community through education and opportunities.



From Internship to Employment

Sarah Gribble is an inspiration to all Weber State University students hoping to turn their internships into employment. Sarah graduated from Weber State University in 2013 with a degree in Communications, an emphasis in Public Relations & Advertising, and a concentration in International Affairs. Sarah served four daring internships,

but it was the last internship that led her to full-time employment and an adventurous move to our nation’s capital. Sarah served her first internship in Washington D.C., through the Walker Institute, with United States Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah. Sarah put her communication and public relations education to use; she collected news clips for the Senator each day and provided research support for written press releases. She had a chance to edit video and monitor some of Senator Hatch’s social media sites and website. In addition to her press duties, Sarah also helped the office by giving tours of the Capitol to Utah constituents (which was her favorite responsibility) and responding to constituent calls and letters.

Through her experience in Senator Hatch’s office, Sarah acquired an understanding of media work, a greater knowledge of U.S. history and government, and was able to connect with many people from across the state of Utah. During the internship, she fell in love with Washington, D.C. and all it had to offer. After graduation, Sarah decided she was ready for a new adventure. The Walker Institute director recruited her for another internship opportunity in Washington, D.C. and, of course, she jumped at the chance to return. Sarah interned as a social marketing and communication intern for Family Health International, FHI360, which ultimately hired Sarah as a Full Time Program Assistant, where she is currently employed.



“Don’t be afraid to take risks...they want you to take initiative.”

Political Science major, **Stuart Jensen** served a **Walker Institute internship** with Senator Bramble, sponsor of the “Count My Vote Compromise” during the 2014 Utah Legislative Session. Stuart witnessed negotiations and met with people from all the relevant sides. Stuart said he felt more like a personal aid or a chief of staff than an intern. When he was in charge of Senator Bramble’s phone he received a late night call from former Governor Michael Levitt, “That is

one call you make sure you answer!” Stuart said. Becoming acquainted with some of the most powerful people in Utah was a rewarding part of his internship experience. Stuart had the opportunity to observe them at work, in public settings, and on a more intimate level telling jokes over dinner.

The Walker Institute asked Stuart what advice he had for students considering internships:

A. “Do it. Don’t hesitate. A lot of people were hesitant because they were not political science majors, but I had a lot of friends interning from different majors: sociology, history, economics, and communications.”

Q. What guidance would you give potential interns for future sessions?

A. “Don’t be afraid to take risks. The representatives and senators do not want to hold your hand the entire time. They want to you take initiative.”

Q. What was the most challenging aspect of serving an internship?

A. “Remembering faces and names. That is something I wish I’d spent more time researching. The legislative website has profiles of all the senators and representatives, so you can look them up. If you memorize their names and faces, you will be a step above other interns.”

Citizens Academy:“Engage, Envision, and Invest.”

From the Walker Institute’s **CITIZENS ACADEMY**, to running his own campaign, Ben Nadolski, had a decision to make: should he run for a spot on the Ogden City Council? Still unsure of his decision and not confident how to execute a campaign, he attended Citizens Academy hoping to gain insight and guidance about whether political involvement would be right for him, his family, and Ogden. Ben was a Weber State Wildcat and also has a Master’s degree from Utah State University. He is currently serving as a Policy Analyst for the Utah Department of Natural Resources. Ben has impressive credentials and a politically involved family background and yet, he found Citizens Academy to be a useful experience.

The goal of **CITIZENS ACADEMY** is to promote an active and vibrant citizenry. The Walker Institute strives to educate citizens so they can understand more clearly the workings of



Ben Nadolski and Family

government and how they can become more involved in their communities. This idea became the inspiration for Ben’s campaign theme: “Engage, Envision, and Invest” He knows people want to be more involved in decisions affecting their communities, but sometimes struggle to find ways to get involved and stay informed. Ben said he would recommend **CITIZENS ACADEMY** to anyone wanting to get involved, and is hopeful that as time goes on Citizens Academy will become the platform for community awareness, volunteerism, leadership development, and much more.