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An Arm's Reach

Circuit boards, nuts, bolts, batteries, wires, remote controls, light sensors and stainless steel tongs were the materials that middle and high schoolers used to design and build prosthetic arms during the 2016 MESA USA National Engineering Design Competition. Hosted by Weber State University's College of Engineering, Applied Science & Technology (EAST), the event featured the creativity and intellect of students from nine states.

Each prosthetic arm was required to perform several different exercises, including distance, object relocation and dexterity tasks. They were also evaluated on design efficiency.

Two teams from New Mexico — Red Mountain Middle School and Demming High School — took home top honors in the middle school and high school categories.

MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement), an organization that partners with EAST, is nationally recognized for its innovative and effective academic development program. MESA engages thousands of educationally disadvantaged students, so they excel in math and science and graduate with math-based degrees.





Digging Deep

Students parking in the newly resurfaced W4 lot on the north side of Stewart Stadium don't know they are also parking on top of a significant source of energy savings.

Over the summer, crews bored more than 200 wells 275 feet deep into earth to take advantage of the consistent temperature underground.

Since the 1960s, Weber State has heated and cooled its buildings with super-heated steam or chilled water circulated through 1.5 miles of pipe in tunnels connected to every building.

The university will continue to use those pipes, but now part of the water's path will travel through the wells where the temperature will be restored to 57 degrees.

The project was one of a number of sustainability efforts mentioned by the Utah Association of Energy Users when it presented Weber State with its Outstanding Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Conservation award.

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Bienvenue, Scott Sprenger

On July 1, 2016, **Scott Sprenger** officially became the dean of Weber State University's Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities. Sprenger came to WSU from the America University of Paris, where he was provost. He also previously served as associate dean of Brigham Young University's College of Humanities.

"I am thrilled to return to Utah as dean of one of the most progressive arts and humanities programs in the West," Sprenger said.

Sprenger succeeds **Madonne Miner**, who served as dean of the Lindquist College for eight years before accepting the position of Weber State University provost.



Weber State: An NBA Pipeline

For the second time in five years, Weber State men's basketball sent a player to the NBA when star forward **Joel Bolomboy** was selected No. 52 overall by the Utah Jazz in June's NBA draft. Just three months removed from helping the Wildcats win the Big Sky Conference championship, the Big Sky MVP heard his name called in the second round by a professional franchise that is just 45 minutes down the road from Weber State.

Being so close to his home of the past four years comes as a pleasant surprise.

"It's going to be real cool," said Bolomboy, who the Jazz officially signed in August. "I'm always going to be in the gym watching (the Weber State team) practice, and when I have time, I'm going to come watch them play. I'll be just down the road, so we'll see each other a lot."

Bolomboy follows WSU alumnus **Damian Lillard BS '15**, who was drafted by the Portland Trailblazers in 2012.



"I have something in common with Joel Bolomboy," **Steve Starks** tweeted the day after the Utah Jazz selected Bolomboy in the second round of the NBA draft. Like Bolomboy, Starks, the president of the Utah Jazz and Larry H. Miller Sports & Entertainment Group, is also a WSU alumnus. Starks served as student body president and graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Integrated Studies degree.

March Madness, Affordability Style

While Villanova may have won the 2016 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship, Weber State claimed the victory in a bracket based solely on tuition, being named the most affordable university of all the institutions participating in the NCAA Tournament. According to the website attn.com, where the March Madness affordability bracket was first posted, "A student paying full "sticker price" at Weber State would graduate having paid over \$50,000 less than the most expensive school competing in 2016 March Madness." For that, we say, "Weber State, Weber State, great, great, great!"

Success ...

For **Riley Cook**, success was winning the 2016 Ogden Marathon, earning his MBA and providing for his family, working as a cost analyst at Hill Air Force Base.

A former Weber State track star, Riley says his 2007 bachelor's degree in business economics and 2011 MBA put him on the right track.

"Everything I learned in the program correlated perfectly with my work, and the flexibility helped me achieve work-life balance."

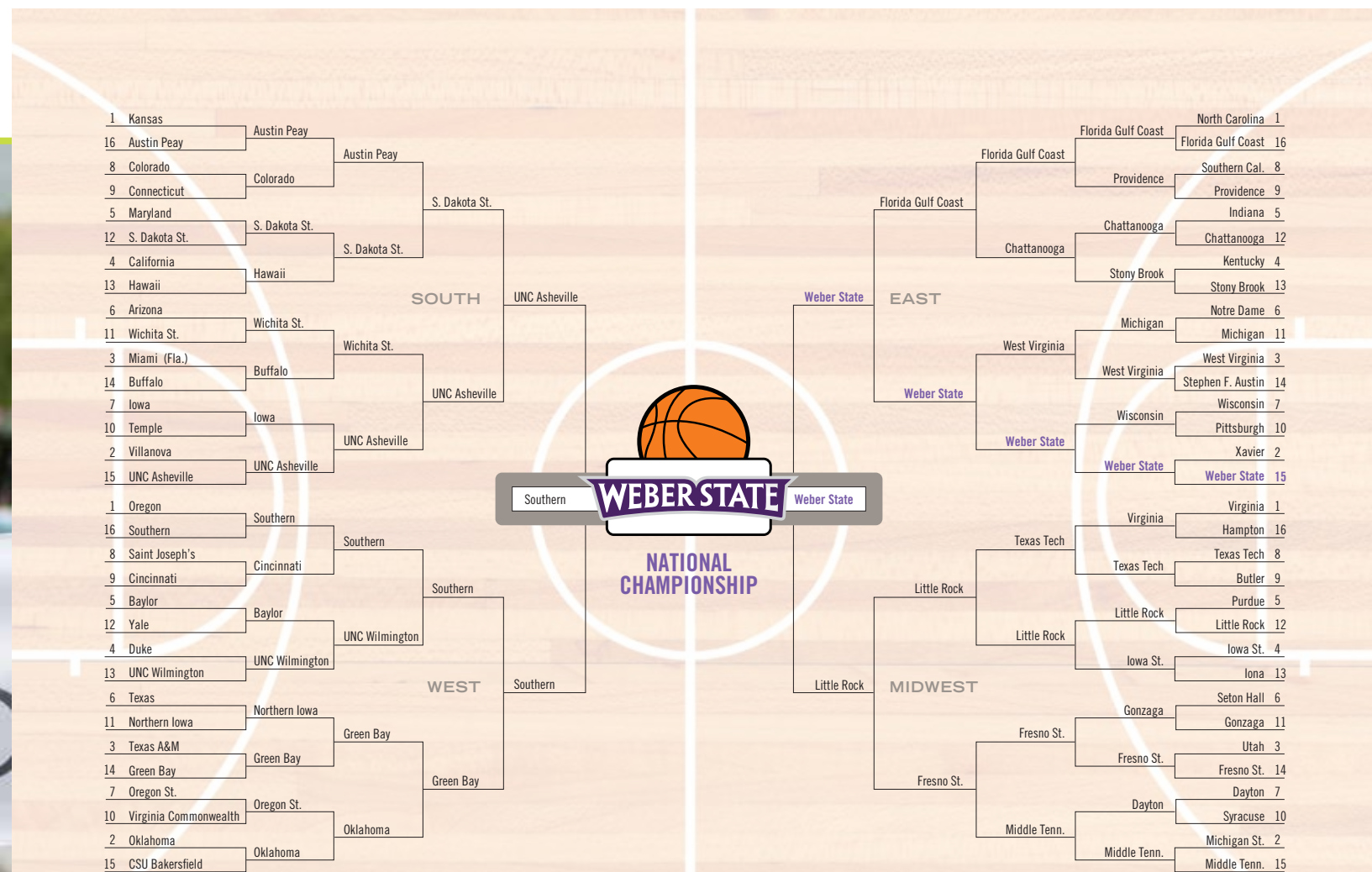


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Professors to Associate Provosts

Eric Amsel and **Brenda Marsteller Kowalewski** recently took on new roles at the university: associate provosts.

Amsel, a psychology professor since 1996, is associate provost for academic programs and assessment, and is responsible for leadership of regional accreditation, program review, assessment of learning outcomes and administrative oversight of general education.

Kowalewski, whose focus since 2006 has been community engagement, is associate provost for high-impact programs and faculty development. She will provide oversight for interdisciplinary undergraduate programs, including the Center for Community Engaged Learning, Honors, Bachelor of Integrated Studies and the Office of Undergraduate Research.



The sound of hammers and drills echoed across campus this summer, with the completion of the new Tracy Hall Science Center (see more on page 32) and renovation of the Wattis Business building and Stewart Library.

Wattis Business reopened in August with a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, added fire suppression on the second floor, and high-efficiency LED lighting.

The Stewart Library's renovation will continue through 2017. When finished, the building will feature quieter study and collaborative spaces for students, offices for faculty research, better natural lighting, easier elevator accessibility, a testing center and improved collection shelving.

The library is open to students and community patrons during normal hours throughout the renovation. The south wing of the library will be finished in December 2016, and the north wing will reopen in June 2017.



This program prepared me for a leadership role because the faculty are industry leaders with years of real-world experience. There's only so much you can learn from a textbook.

—*Jordan Clemente, MHA*

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When Coach **Mary Kay Amicone** said it would be cold in the dugout, she wasn't kidding. Despite my base layer and Weber State sweatshirt, I was shivering. Amicone tossed me a jacket; it helped, a little. It was a freezer box down there on this particular windy April afternoon, but the Wildcats weren't cold. Quite the opposite actually — they were on fire. This was the third and final game in the series against Sacramento State, and the Wildcats were looking for a sweep.

Amicone gathered everyone for a pregame huddle to report that the Hornets had changed their lineup. "They've put three lefties in a row. Remember, number 84 is the slapper, just to let you know what you're up against. All right? Let's have a great day," she said, clapping, and the girls dispersed to warm up.

I took my spot on an upturned bucket. Athletic trainer **Nancy Weir** looked over and calmly said, "I'll be sure to let you know who tends to smack foul balls this way." And I scooted my bucket a little farther back. The stands were packed, and Eminem's song *Lose Yourself* blasted over the loudspeaker ...

"Look. If you had one shot or one opportunity to seize everything you ever wanted, in one moment, would you capture it or just let it slip?"

For the Wildcats, Eminem's question was a no-brainer. They would capture it. Hot on the trail of a second consecutive Big Sky Conference championship, they would let nothing stop them — *nothing*.

For three hours and 45 minutes (the second-longest game in Weber State softball history), the Wildcat women battled the Hornets in a marathon 14-inning game, eventually winning 4-3 on a walk-off RBI single



by senior shortstop **Aubrey Whitmer BS '16**. It was exhausting, but never did they show signs of giving up. Never did they show how tired they were. Like so many of our women athletes, they stayed strong because they are Wildcats, because they are ...

FIERCELY COMPETITIVE

Weber State's women's teams power their way to the top

Amy Renner Hendricks MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
Photos courtesy of WSU Athletics Department

ALY KULP

Photo by Justin Johnson

In 2014, Procter & Gamble aired a groundbreaking ad during Super Bowl XLVIII. It started simply, with a director asking a few young women and men to show what it was like to run, throw or fight like a girl. Each responded stereotypically, prancing around, dropping the ball and slapping instead of hitting. The director then asked pre-teen girls to do the same. They reacted differently. They ran fast. They threw hard. They punched forcefully.

The commercial ended with a young woman looking directly into the camera, telling more than 111 million viewers worldwide, "If somebody else says that running like a girl or kicking like a girl or shooting like a girl is something that you shouldn't be doing, that's their problem. Because if you're still scoring and you're still getting to the ball on time and you're still being first, you're doing it right. It doesn't matter what they say."

The commercial turned an age-old insult into a compliment. After all, who wouldn't want to

PLAY LIKE A GIRL

when that girl can smack a softball out of the park like Whitmer (having braved the batting cages after my interactions with the softball team, I can tell you it's not easy), knock down three-pointers like **Deeshyra "DeeDee" Thomas**, make a half-court shot backward on your knees like **Kailie Quinn** (visit weber.edu/wsumagazine to see it), sprint into the record books like **Aaliyah Crawford**, slide into home and come up bloodied and dirty, but smiling, like **Alyson "Aly" Kulp BS '16**?

Each of these young women, and so many others, succeed because they're focused and determined. In Thomas' words, they "work hard to prove and improve themselves."

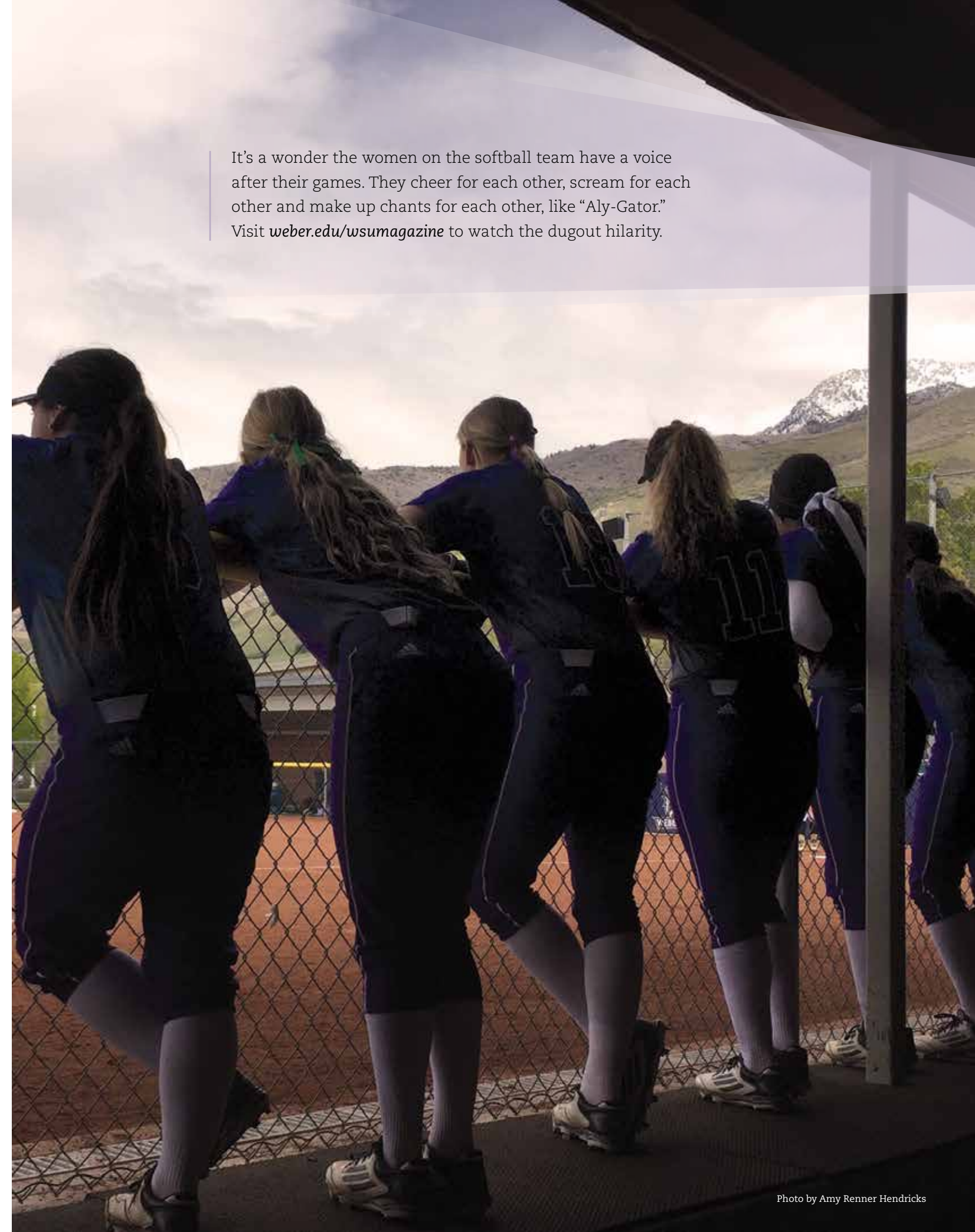
When Thomas committed to Weber State in 2013, some people asked her why. "They would say, 'Weber State? You know they don't have the best records,'" she recalled. But for the 5-foot-6-inch guard from Clackamas, Oregon, it wasn't about the win column. It was about being part of a program that she could believe in, that matched her style, and that she could help build.

"When I visited Weber State, the team was welcoming, and the coaches were amazing," Thomas said. "I got to play in a pickup game, and I saw how fast-paced and hardworking everybody was. I'm a fast-paced player. It just felt right. I felt like I could make a difference here and help the program grow. It's taken a while, but we've gotten better each year."

THEY HAVE INDEED.

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It's a wonder the women on the softball team have a voice after their games. They cheer for each other, scream for each other and make up chants for each other, like "Aly-Gator." Visit weber.edu/wsumagazine to watch the dugout hilarity.



A BASKETBALL SEASON TO BUILD ON

The 2015-16 women's basketball season was one of the most exciting seasons on the books. Sensational come-from-behind wins, like the last-second 57-55 victory against the University of Portland, left fans ecstatic. Tragic losses, like the 86-83 heartbreaker in the quarterfinal round of the Big Sky Conference tournament, when Idaho sunk an unbelievable buzzer-beater in overtime to come out ahead of the Wildcats, left fans crestfallen.

Through the ups and downs, the women's basketball team finished the regular season with a winning record and was invited to the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI). Early in the tournament, the 'Cats defeated New Mexico and Big Sky foe North Dakota to earn the right to host the semifinal round at the Dee Events Center. The team trounced the University of South Carolina Upstate at home 79-53 to give the Wildcats their 23rd win of the season — the best on record — and a ticket to the final, where they faced the reigning WBI champion, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

The title game was intense. Weber State forced UL-Lafayette into overtime with a last-second shot by **Brittney Dunbar** that tied the game 69-69. Both the Wildcats and Ragin' Cajuns played hard in overtime, but when the buzzer sounded, they were again tied, this time 77-77. With seven seconds left in double overtime, Thomas found herself holding the ball — always a tough spot to be in — but wasn't able to sink it in time. The Wildcats lost 87-85.

"I was aware of the game clock in my head, but I didn't look up," said Thomas, who led the Wildcats with 25 points in the game. "I was just coming down hard, determined to get that one last shot, but I got tied up with a defender and wasn't able to get it off in time. Two points. That's all we needed to tie it up again."

Anguish ensued. "Oh yeah, I cried," Thomas said. "I remember the buzzer sounding, and everything after that just went silent. I walked over to the wall, looked up and said, 'Oh my gosh, it's over.' I mean, dang, we almost had it! I'll never make that mistake again (referring to the game clock). I promise you, you really do learn from those last-minute decisions."

Even though the final score did not swing the Wildcats' way, Thomas was impressed by her teammates. "We all worked so hard. We all played with heart," she said. "I'm super proud of this team."

So is **Amy Crosbie MPC '14**, Weber State's associate athletic director and senior woman administrator. While thrilled by the basketball team's success, she was even more delighted by what happened after the game.

WINS ARE GOOD, CHARACTER-BUILDING IS BETTER

"After they spent a bit of time in the locker room, some of the players chose to go out the back door of the arena, which was absolutely fine, of course, but DeeDee, she came right back out into the gym (where the other team's fans and players were still milling about)," Crosbie said. "There were a handful of young girls waiting for her autograph. For them, it didn't come down to that last shot. It came down to how DeeDee hustled that entire game."

"I remember sitting there on the bench just watching her interact with them and thinking how mature she was being. She could've come out with a 'don't-talk-to-me demeanor,' but she didn't. She came out a role model."

That's the kind of character Weber State works to build in its athletes. "There's a myth that all athletes, male or female, have this 'me mentality,' that they only do things for themselves, but I disagree," Crosbie said. "I think you can easily find great ones. I think you can especially find them here."

For example, in 2015-16, WSU student-athletes — female and male — completed 7,174 volunteer service hours. That figure puts a smile on Crosbie's face as quickly as the number of wins in a record-breaking season.

"You know, we've had such an amazing year sports-wise, but for me, the athletes have always been phenomenal, even before the number of wins started to go up," Crosbie said. "I see the female athletes on a regular basis. I see how they interact with the community, how they pay attention to their grades, how responsible they are, how they give back. You can't technically put those things into a win column, but for me, that's my win column."

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KAILIE QUINN

DEESHYRA THOMAS

WHY ARE SPORTS VALUABLE FOR FEMALES?

Ask that question of the Women's Sports Foundation, and you'll get more than 40 answers. The organization's "Women's Sports Facts" compilation takes up 49 pages, with pages 2-6 solely listing the benefits of women's involvement in sports. The reasons include everything from increased self-esteem to decreased instances of depression, higher graduation rates, contentedness, positive self-body image, decreased odds of suffering a stroke or getting breast cancer, and increased community engagement.

Crosbie, once a star volleyball player at Utah State University, adds to that list: the ability to work through adversity, to work with people with diverse backgrounds and personalities, to work toward a common goal, and the desire to stay active later in life.

"All of my success, everything about me, is a result of the way I was brought up and because of my sport," she said. "I would do it all over again — even the early mornings, the late evenings, the exhausting practices, the balancing act, the wins, the losses — in a heartbeat. I can't go back, but I can watch our athletes find success on the field, on the courts, on the track and in life." (Read more about Crosbie's career at WSU on page 51.)

Thomas, who has been playing basketball since first grade, is happy with her choices, too, and is glad that she's here, at Weber State.

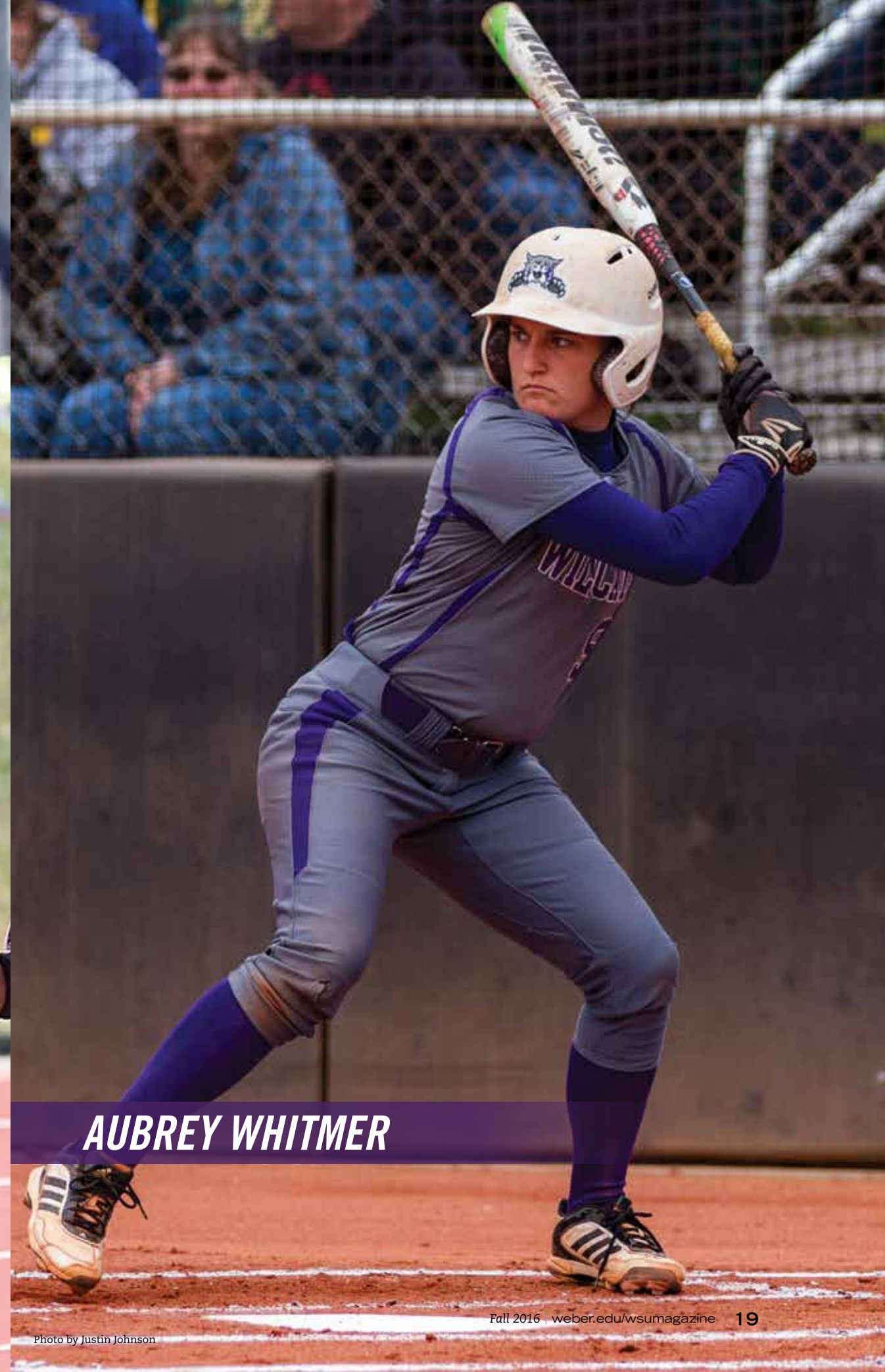
"It's not just a school. It's not just where I play basketball," she said, emphatically. "It's a place where I've matured and a place where I, as a young woman, have learned who I am as a person, not just an athlete. I've learned the importance of volunteering, of helping out. I've learned that I love working with kids and want to go on to help children who come from troubled homes. I know I've made mistakes along the way, but the mistakes, they just help you grow."



AALIYAH CRAWFORD

To read more about Crawford's incredible journey to success, visit weber.edu/wsumagazine.

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AUBREY WHITMER

Photo by Justin Johnson

WOMEN'S SPORTS, A PRE- AND POST-TITLE IX PERSPECTIVE

On the evening of June 28, 2016, I was sitting on my couch writing this story and reading about the life of Pat Summitt, the University of Tennessee's legendary women's basketball coach. Her death was devastating to Tennessee fans, not because of her incredible records, but because of the difference she made in the lives of women and the impact she had on sports in general.

As a Tennessee alumnus, I was heavyhearted.

A notification on my phone interrupted my thoughts. It was an email from **Molly Smith**, a human performance management professor at Weber State, WSU's former NCAA faculty athletics representative, a former coach and a former student-athlete.

It read, "Please watch this ESPN video on the most remarkable collegiate coach I've ever watched. No coach has ever stood taller. What a premature loss for all of sport and women."

Summitt took over Tennessee's women's basketball program in 1974, when she was just 22. In addition to her coaching responsibilities, it's been reported that she drove the team's van to away games and even did the team's laundry.

That doesn't surprise Smith. She's been there, done that. She and Summitt are from the same era. They both played sports pre-Title IX and coached during the years the law was being implemented. It was a difficult time, with women being emboldened to participate in sports yet facing many challenges in the process.

Smith grew up in Liberty, Missouri, where she desperately wanted to play sports. "It was a small community," she said. "The only sport for girls was summer softball. It was for ages 8-16, and we were all on the same team." She went to high school when Title IX was still "just a dream," and the only sport offered to girls was tennis because "we could play in skirts."

Then Title IX was passed in 1972.

"It was a great first step," said Smith, who was playing tennis for the University of Missouri-Columbia when the law was enacted,

"but it took about 10 years for it to really get teeth." After graduating with her bachelor's degree in health and physical education/fitness, she recalls being hired as a high school girl's track coach. "I was the only track coach for girls. I had to line my own cinder track with a chalk machine. Now, keep in mind, the men's team had four coaches. For coaching, the least paid of them received \$800 in addition to his teacher's salary, the highest paid received \$1,500 additional. I got \$350," she said.

"But I loved it. I mean, I got to coach girls! They wouldn't have had the opportunity to play sports if I hadn't stepped up. I thought I had died and gone to heaven. They were getting to play, and I was getting to help them."

I loved it. I mean, I got to coach girls! They wouldn't have had the opportunity to play sports if I hadn't stepped up. I thought I had died and gone to heaven.

Molly Smith

According to the Women's Sports Foundation, there has been a dramatic increase in girls' and women's participation in sports since Title IX, by 560 percent at the collegiate level and 990 percent in high schools.

Crosbie can't imagine what it was like to have been in Smith's shoes. "I have no idea where I would be today if I hadn't played sports," she said. "No idea. I would like to

think I'd be successful, but I know I definitely wouldn't be here as an associate athletic director. My sports career paved the way for where I am today."

Title IX compliance is monitored closely at Weber State and educational institutions across the country and is still a hotly debated topic — the Women's Sports Foundation has pages of myths and facts about the subject. But what Smith likes to point out is that Title IX wasn't just about athletics. In fact, the word "athletics" doesn't appear in the law.

"Think, today, of all the women in the field of medicine, in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, in the field of law. They would not be where they are without Title IX, whether they played sports or not," said Smith, who went on to earn her doctoral degree in exercise physiology from the University of New Mexico.

Today, young female athletes know little about Title IX. They don't have to, fortunately. They were born at a time when, if they wanted to play sports, they could. Growing up, Quinn played softball, track and field, cross country and even football. "Then basketball fell in my lap, and I developed a love for the game. In high school, it really became a reality for me, that I was good enough to play at a Division I level," she said.

Quinn is grateful to the women and men who worked to pass Title IX 44 years ago.

"I would love to tell them thank you," she said. "I'm proud to be an athlete. I'm proud that I work my butt off and compete. I can't imagine not having had the opportunities I've had right off the bat.

"When I was little, I just wanted to do what the guys were doing, what my

brother was doing. And I could. I remember when we'd have pickup games, girls were always chosen last, until we got in there and showed them what we could do. Then they changed their ways. We got picked first the next time and the time after that and the time after that ..."

And that's music to the ears of the pre-Title IX generation who just wanted the opportunity to prove themselves.

"If you're a female athlete, or were a female athlete, be proud of that," Smith said.

"Sports aren't just something you do. They're part of who you are."

To read more about women's athletics, and to hear how WSU's women's golf team played through the pain of losing their beloved coach, visit weber.edu/wsomagazine.



Weber State Athletics



Title IX applies to educational institutions that receive any federal funds. It prohibits discrimination in all educational programs and activities, not just athletics. Athletic programs are considered educational programs and activities. Title IX gives women athletes the right to equal opportunity in sports in educational institutions that receive federal funds, from elementary schools to colleges and universities. – Women's Sports Foundation

The Curious Case of the

ANONYMOUS

WINDFALL

Karin Hurst, Jaime Winston and Amy Renner Hendricks MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

The story of Weber State University's 125th anniversary campaign begins like a mystery novel (minus the demise of a wealthy recluse or the discovery of a secret staircase or the sudden onset of a violent rainstorm). But there was a cryptic message ... and a cliffhanger: Who sent University Advancement Vice President **Brad Mortensen** a letter promising \$3 million on the condition that no one attempts to identify the anonymous benefactor?

It would have been a tantalizing whodunit for literary sleuths like Nancy Drew, Hercule Poirot and Sherlock Holmes, but Mortensen, being a shrewd, levelheaded, you-can't-pull-the-wool-over-my-eyes kind of guy, suspected a hoax. As did then-President **Ann Millner**. As did legal counsel **Rich Hill**, who, nevertheless, told Mortensen that he didn't see any harm in following through.

So, Mortensen signed the agreement, FedExed it back to a bank in Denver and waited, albeit skeptically, for something to happen. Several days later, on a misty March morning, two honest-to-goodness checks arrived, each payable to WSU and totaling \$3 million.

And that's pretty much how *Dream 125: The Campaign for Weber State* was born. More serendipity than strategy. It was 2009 — seven years since the school's *Changing Minds Together* campaign had reeled in an unprecedented \$96 million. A burgeoning surplus of students was now stretching the limits of university resources; leading educational trends were demanding more undergraduate research opportunities, study abroad programs and service-learning internships; and nearly everyone on campus was yearning for a brand spanking new, world-class facility to replace the dilapidated, seismically vulnerable, architectural fossil that served as a science lab.

School administrators held preliminary conversations about ramping up for another big fundraiser. They even hired a professional consultant and assembled a zealous campaign advisory council comprised of campus and community leaders who, despite America being in the throes of its worst financial crisis since the Great Depression of 1929, lobbied for an unfathomable \$150 million campaign goal. But no final decisions were made until that fortuitous, multimillion-dollar gift materialized, and Mortensen and his team concluded that when \$3 million falls from the sky, it's time to make a move!

It was hastily determined that the public phase of the campaign would coincide with the 125th anniversary of the university's founding on Jan. 7, 1889. The fundraising goal would be \$125 million, one million for each year of Weber's existence.

The ensuing hullabaloo sent development officers scrambling to match university needs with donor interests, while campaign planners racked their brains for a suitable name. SOAR? (Naw. Folks over at the Dumke College of Health Professions said SOAR made them think of SORE.) CATALYST? (Nope. Chemistry faculty argued that a catalyst is something that speeds up a chemical reaction, but remains unchanged. Since the goal of any fundraising campaign is change, why would we choose such a counterintuitive name?) DREAM? (Hm...let's think about that one. Dreams are powerful, inspiring, motivating. They help us achieve remarkable things. Whether a scrappy kid from Oakland, California, wants to become an NBA All-Star, or a junior college dropout wants a second chance and an opportunity to help a war-torn African nation heal, or a young woman wants to pursue the dental hygienist career her cancer-stricken older sister could never have, the first step is to dream.) Yes, DREAM sounded like a

great fit. (And besides, our new president, **Chuck Wight**, really, really liked it.) And so, it began.

Pulling off the most ambitious fundraiser in school history required planning, persistence and pie charts, strategy and happenstance, trust and heart. A total of 16,640 humanitarians opened their hearts and their wallets to make possible \$164,392,217 worth of campus miracles like: the Dream Weber program, which, last year alone, empowered 2,476 low-income students to attend WSU; the colossal, 184,564-square-foot Tracy Hall Science Center, which lends a breathtaking backdrop to a stellar science and math education; the cutting-edge technology that frees hundreds of hearing-impaired patrons from having to wear bulky, conspicuous hearing-assistive devices at Browning Center performances; and the record-setting pledge that nudges the outdated Social Science building one step closer to a 21st century facelift.

It is a bogus assumption that all *Dream 125* supporters were millionaires. They weren't. In fact, an eleventh-hour push for student donations laid a solid foundation for future student-fundraising efforts. The notion of student philanthropy is a tough nut to crack. Most students feel they've already done their part by paying tuition. So, during *Dream 125*, when 2,302 students bled a little "green" (donating more than \$131,000) to prove they bleed purple — that meant a lot. Because the truth is, whether you have an anonymous donor who gives you \$3

million or a history student who gives you \$10, every gift to Weber State University is personal and important. Every gift comes from the heart and speaks volumes about how treasured this institution is.

From its mysterious start to its triumphant conclusion, *Dream 125* was a campaign of love, sacrifice, vision, respect, loyalty and a university's indefatigable determination to be prepared to fulfill dreams for future generations ...

Still curious about who sent WSU's mysterious \$3 million gift?

A (New York) *Daily News* story, dated April 24, 2009, may provide a clue. Visit weber.edu/wsumagazine to read the article.



TWO DREAMS FULFILLED

Stephanie Carranza BS '15 couldn't complain while earning her bachelor's degree, despite the numerous classes, clinical hours and exams. Not with the memory of her sister, Pamela Carranza AS '09, BS '11, to inspire her.

"She was able to pass all of her classes, pass all of her exams and take her boards, while on chemotherapy," Stephanie said. "That's hard for students to do when they're 100 percent complete."

Pamela fell ill in the summer of 2009, before her senior year in WSU's dental hygiene program. First, she was diagnosed with acid reflux, and, after collapsing at a movie theater, a blood clot.

Then the Carranza family discovered it was something else.

At Huntsman Cancer Institute, Pamela learned she had angiosarcoma, a cancer of the blood vessels, in her heart and metastasis to the lungs. "They put her on extremely aggressive chemo," Stephanie said. Pamela also received oxygen treatment, surgeries and experimental treatments. She returned to WSU in the fall of 2010. Her cancer cleared up, then returned a month later. Pamela died in the spring of 2011 at age 23.

"She was one of the hardest-working people you could ever meet," said Stephanie, who accompanied Pamela to class to take notes, carry books and push her wheelchair.

She also took over Pamela's duties as a dental hygiene assistant at a Brigham City clinic, where she learned she



loved the subject. "I said, 'This is definitely what I want to do,'" Stephanie recalled.

Inspired by her sister's courage, Stephanie joined WSU's program in 2014.

"Both sisters really embraced the idea of being a university student

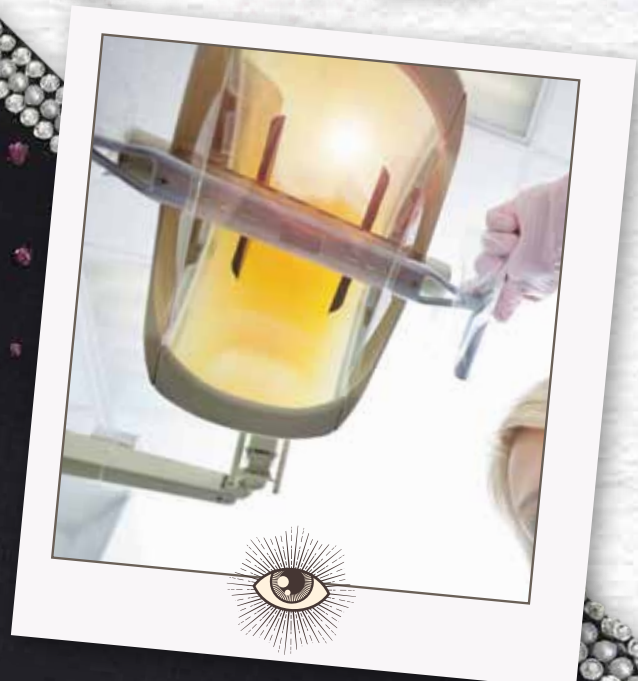
and being involved as much as they possibly could," said Stephanie Bossenberger AS '78, BS '81, dental hygiene department chair.

When Bossenberger heard Pamela (who had earned enough credits to receive her bachelor's degree) would pass away prior to graduation, she arranged an impromptu ceremony in her hospital room with cords, a dental program pin and diploma. Pamela died two days later.

During the *Dream 125* campaign, an anonymous donor created the Pamela M. Carranza Memorial Scholarship to support students in the Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions who are earning bachelor's degrees in dental hygiene. To date, three deserving students have received the scholarship.

And that brings a smile to Stephanie's face. She's proud that her sister's memory is being honored. A scholarship recipient herself — Stephanie received both the Stephanie Bossenberger Dental Hygiene Scholarship and a scholarship from the Department of Dental Hygiene — she knows how helpful financial assistance can be for students trying to achieve their dreams.

Stephanie was the first in her family to walk for graduation. She decorated her cap with a tooth design with the letter P, for Pamela, inside it. "She was with me," Stephanie said.



UNWAVERING



From small beginnings ...

Come great things ...



For 78* straight months, Chantel Smith BA '06 has sent small gifts to her alma mater. Her donations go to the University Excellence Fund, where they help meet Weber State's greatest needs, and to the history fund in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, where Smith spent four years earning her history degree.

Smith gives through automatic monthly withdrawals.

"If there are going to be things that I forget, or things that fall off my plate because I'm simply too busy, one of those things will never be my support," she said. "It also allows me to stay personally invested in the university when I'm too far away to be there in person."

Another thing Smith, who was a first-generation student, will never forget is the C+ she received in associate professor Stephen Francis' BA '91 German history class. "I had never received a C in my life," she said. Looking back, she realizes that C was actually good for her. "It set the tone. I knew I couldn't just get by; rather I had to really work on my research.

*At time of printing

That was really impactful to me."

She also remembers associate history professor LaRae Larkin, who pushed her to achieve, and history professor Kathryn L. MacKay, who led Smith's class in crafting a teepee out of actual buffalo hide.

Today, Smith works at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. She is the director of development for the finance/marketing programs in the Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

Smith's gifts open doors for students to learn valuable lessons like she did.

"In many large institutions, you don't get that one-on-one time with faculty members," Smith said. "My time at Weber State was an incredible experience. I want others to have that opportunity, too."

Chapter 3

the man BEHIND the RECORD-SETTING GIFT

One of the most important things to know about alumnus **John E. Lindquist** is that the E is not optional. “That is absolutely correct,” said Lindquist. “If you call me John, I’ll punch you,” he chided with a playful grin that belied the flint in his voice. “It started when I was a little boy using the name Johnny,” Lindquist recalled. “One day my dad said, ‘You know, Johnny’s not your name.’” The elder Lindquist (also named John) explained that with his son’s middle initial being E for Ellis, John E. and Johnny sounded alike.

Names from the Lindquist family tree can get awfully confusing. There’s John E.’s son, John Aaron, who’s named after his grandfather, John Aaron. “And his son has my father’s father’s name, which is Charles John Aaron Lindquist,” said John E., whose second grandson was named John. The Lindquist women are nearly as guilty. John E.’s mother, sister and niece were all named Telitha after his maternal grandmother, Telitha Browning.

While the spelling of John E.’s name may have caused moments of childhood confusion, he never second-guessed what he’d be when he grew up. “I always, always wanted to be a mortician,” he insisted. (Not a doctor. Not a firefighter. A mortician.) Given that three generations of Lindquists before him had been in the funeral business, you’d think it would have been a goal easily achieved. It wasn’t.

“My father used to say, ‘I’m not going to create a job for you,’” Lindquist recalled. “He wanted us to have our own lives.” As a kid, John E. did yardwork near the cemetery offices, but was rarely allowed to enter the buildings. Year after year, Lindquist’s father refused to hire him.

At 18, while awaiting active duty in the U.S. Army, John E. was finally invited to join the family business. “The main reason was that they were doing a bunch of remodeling, and they needed a cleanup guy,” he insisted. “I did everything no one else would do and never complained, but when I came back from active duty, my father wouldn’t have me back.”

It wasn’t until 1971, after John E. had graduated from the California College of Mortuary Science, that John A. finally relented and brought his son on full time. (That’s when those

middle initials really came in handy. It was the only way co-workers could distinguish which of the two John Lindquists they were referring to.)

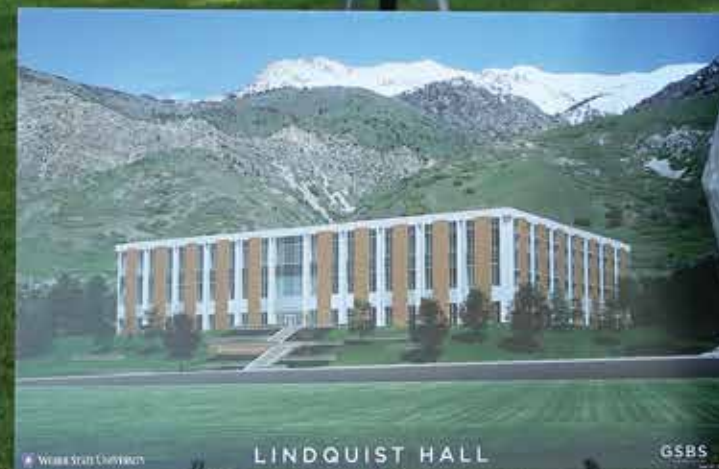
John E. and John A., who passed away in 2013, may not have always agreed on career paths, but they certainly shared a legendary passion for Ogden and Weber State University. “Dad used to say that people have an obligation to give back to where they got their start, and I really believe that,” said Lindquist, who is especially proud of his Ogden heritage. “Years ago, I made an absolute, conscious decision to never not live in Ogden,” he stated. “I lived other places briefly, but my residence was always Ogden.”

And because Weber State University is located in the city he loves, Lindquist worked several years to finagle a record-setting gift to help remodel the Social Science building, a project that, in all honesty, he has no deep, personal interest in. (Which makes his gift all the more impressive.) **Brad Mortensen** (WSU’s vice president of University Advancement) and President Chuck said that was the building that needed to be fixed,” he stated matter-of-factly. “So I said, ‘Fine.’” Simple as that. His local university had a need, so John E. stepped up to the plate.

While he says he’s more than happy to keep a low profile throughout the upcoming renovation, there is one thing that Lindquist will insist upon. He is adamant that the finished building be christened Lindquist Hall, not John E. Lindquist Hall. He prefers a name that represents all Lindquists — regardless of middle initials.

Loyalty and Generosity

On Feb. 8, 2016, Weber State announced a \$6.8 million pledge from John E. Lindquist, president of Lindquist Mortuaries and Great Western Insurance. It is the largest single cash gift from an individual in school history. Five million will help fund an extensive remodel of the Social Science building. The remainder will likely be earmarked for scholarships.



Chapter 4

Building for the Future



Mobile Elemental Power Plants (MEPPs)

For this story, we're going to have to ask that you use your imaginations. During the *Dream 125* campaign, Weber State's College of Engineering, Applied Science & Technology (EAST) was given a significant gift, one that set the brilliant minds within the college swirling with excitement for it provides the seed money for a new, spacious, high-tech, sustainable building.

"Thanks to this wonderful donation from the Ray and Tye Noorda Foundation, we know that a state-of-the-art facility is in our not-too-distant future," said **David Ferro**, dean of EAST. "We don't know exactly what it will look like, but we know it will be constructed with sustainability in mind. It will provide a much-needed home for our students, faculty and staff to pursue projects in areas like renewable energy. It will also give us opportunities to sponsor even more outreach activities to encourage young people into engineering."

In recent years, EAST professors have been exploring solar projects

with their students and adding renewable energy classes to their curriculum.

For example, since 2011, students in associate electronics engineering professor **Julie McCulley's BS '89, BS '05** courses have designed and developed Mobile Elemental Power Plants (MEPPs) — mobile generators that run on alternative energy. The mini-power station fits on a 10-foot trailer and replaces traditional generators used for camping or as back-up power sources. MEPPs could even be used in disaster relief efforts.

Another project, led by **Fred Chiou**, associate electronics engineering professor, and his team of students, also harnessed the power of the sun. The group designed and built a solar charging station on campus to power electric bicycles and motorcycles. Chiou hopes the project will encourage students to use more sustainable methods of transportation, thus eliminating some of the emissions from gasoline-powered cars.

The college's dedication to sustainability appealed to members of the Ray and Tye Noorda Foundation, which generously donated the money that will help make EAST's building become a reality. One of the missions of the foundation is to "leave the world better than we found it, or at least no worse."

"The plans for the new building, and the many projects and courses that students and faculty are involved in, show that the college truly takes to heart the responsibility of being a school that benefits its students and both the local and broad (worldwide) community," said board member **Kathy Noorda**, daughter of the late **John Noorda**, who was the son of the late **Ray and Tye Noorda**.

Kathy said her father, who enjoyed being in nature and didn't want that experience to be nonexistent for future generations, often talked about how the developed world was using fossil fuels at a deathly rate. "He said, more than once, 'Our grandchildren are going to curse us in our graves for having burned it all up.' He worried about how burning it would impact the environment. He also believed that fossil fuels were incredibly versatile and their uses in the future (beyond just plastic bags) were yet to come, but those developing technologies would never happen if the fuels were gone."

Kathy said that passion for sustainability is directly in line with philanthropy. "Love of humans, the original meaning of the word philanthropy, must include the self-preservation of all people. Since we exist today and thrive because of our environment, it just makes sense that philanthropy includes concern of the planet and its non-human inhabitants that make the balance of our existence possible."



Ray & Tye Noorda

Generous Hearts

Ray attended Weber State College until he was called to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is best known as the "Father of Network Computing," having spent many years as the CEO of the computer software company Novell. The foundation likes to describe the Noordas this way:

"Those who knew Ray and Tye personally recall their inexorably generous hearts and unassuming dispositions. During their lives, they quietly made many generous donations to charitable organizations, without desires for recognition or fanfare. They simply wanted to provide others in their community with relief and opportunities."

Today, the board of the foundation honors Ray and Tye's memory by investing in "the best charitable organizations we can find."

Chapter 5



HEART



CAMPUS



It's massive. It's modern. It's a dream come true for Weber State University.

After a VIP-studded ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 24, the \$77 million-dollar Tracy Hall Science Center is officially open. And what a gem it is! A dazzling, 21st century backdrop for a stellar science and mathematics education.

Named in honor of **H. Tracy Hall '39**, alumnus, scientist and inventor of the laboratory process for making synthetic diamonds, the 189,544-square-foot science center merges the wonders of science with the beauty of nature. Painstaking design details include exterior bricks that mimic DNA sequencing; cast slabs of abstract patterns associated with each of the seven academic departments within the College of Science; and a 40-foot sculpted wall of running water inspired by a Weber Canyon geological formation known as the Devil's Slide. A labyrinth of

interior and exterior plate-glass windows allows passersby to see science in action.

Dominating the first-floor lobby, near the southwest entrance, is an imposing metal cube sure to capture the attention of every first-time visitor. What looks like the provocative artwork of Pablo Picasso is actually the 8-ton, solid stainless steel core of a working diamond press designed by H. Tracy Hall, and donated by his son, David.

David Hall envisions the new building as a popular place for students to gather, communicate, debate and learn. "My hope is that students will often say, 'Let's go meet at Tracy Hall,'" he said. Hall also encourages hands-on exploration of the enormous cube. "I've put this great big press there hoping people will climb all over it and take pictures. The neat thing about a great big chunk of steel is you're not going to be able to wear it away too much; you're not going to get rid of it."

Not quite so noticeable, but equally significant, is an oak plaque near the entrance of a first-floor student lounge. It lists 99 names of groups or individuals — most of them science

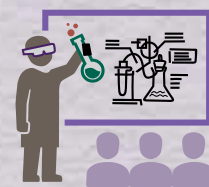
and math students — who each contributed \$50 toward the completion of Tracy Hall during the final months of the *Dream 125* campaign. To **Brad Mortensen**, vice president of University Advancement, each name represents a breakthrough in creating a culture of student philanthropy on campus. "We're very sensitive to the price students pay for tuition," Mortensen said. "But, throughout the campaign, we also tried to plant in their minds the notion that if a lot of them gave just a little, they could make a university education possible for someone who is financially worse off than they are. And that idea really resonated with our students."

The Tracy Hall Science Center is the largest building on campus and strategically located. "We situated this open, inviting building purposely, so that students will walk through it from parking lots to the center of campus," said **Mark Halverson BS '06, MBA '10**, associate vice president for facilities and campus planning. "Tracy Hall Science Center is a jewel at the heart of campus. It gets everyone excited about science and math."

TRACY HALL SCIENCE CENTER BY THE NUMBERS



2 research towers
4 floors



14 classrooms
20 research laboratories
25 teaching laboratories



88 full-time faculty & staff
294 rooms



600 tons of structural steel
11,554 yards of concrete
258,752 bricks

THE THEATER, THE THEATER

Cassie Burton, a local elementary school theater teacher, arrived at Weber State's Val A. Browning Center for the Performing Arts carrying an enormous box of costumes. "I made most of these," Cassie said waving away a rebellious octopus arm, "with a lot of help from my students' moms — and even my mom."

The costumes had been used in the March 2016 Twisted Fairy Tale Festival at Ogden High School. The festival featured hundreds of children from four elementary schools in the Ogden School District, including Wasatch, Polk, Shadow Valley and Taylor Canyon. Burton, who works with Wasatch and Polk, wrote and directed a number of the acts, including a tangled up version of *The Little Mermaid*.

Burton was at the Browning Center to reunite with one of her actresses, Megan Aardema from Wasatch, and to meet other children from Shadow Valley. Despite the many months that had passed since the festival, Megan, who played a mermaid but was enjoying trying on the octopus costume, still remembered her lines ...

"Oh my gosh! I am SO frightened. The sea witch is loose in the kingdom!"

And ...

"Can you imagine walking on those two wobbly things?!" (Talking about human legs, of course).

As Megan delivered her lines, she became a different child. Having been quiet earlier that morning, suddenly her voice projected. "My lines were supposed to be sassy," she said, smiling. "I added even more sass to them."

Burton, who is a Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program arts specialist, was proud. "I tell

my kids they can be anyone they want to be on that stage," she said. "I was shy in elementary school. I lucked into a theater program where I had a teacher who said, 'You CAN do this.' I want to be that teacher for someone."

The Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program, named for a beloved Utah philanthropist who passed

"Oh my gosh! I am SO frightened. The sea witch is loose in the kingdom!"

-Megan, the Octopus

away in 2013, helps fund the salaries of arts specialists, like Burton, in elementary schools across Utah. In 2013, the Sorenson Legacy Foundation donated \$3 million to WSU's Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities to provide training for arts specialists in Ogden and surrounding communities. The gift also provided funding for an endowed chair, **Tamara Goldbogen**, to oversee that training.

"It is an honor and a privilege to continue Beverley Taylor Sorenson's great legacy of support for arts education in Utah," said Goldbogen, who has watched the local program grow from two schools to 76 and reach approximately 36,000 students. "This growth would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our arts specialists, administrators, classroom teachers, parents and community."



In Memory OF AN

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION



Elliot Hulet shows off a photo of his late wife, Susie Hulet, bungee jumping.

"She was small, but no one who ever spent any time with her would ever think of her as small," Elliot said. "Her personality was so large, her stamp on our lives was so huge, that no one could ever think of her as little."

Standing 5 foot 2 inches, Susie loved outdoor adventures with Elliot and her friends. Early in their relationship, dates often took the form of backpacking trips. So, the couple's support for environmental initiatives comes as no surprise.

"If you're going to make the world better, you've got to make the environment better," Elliot said.

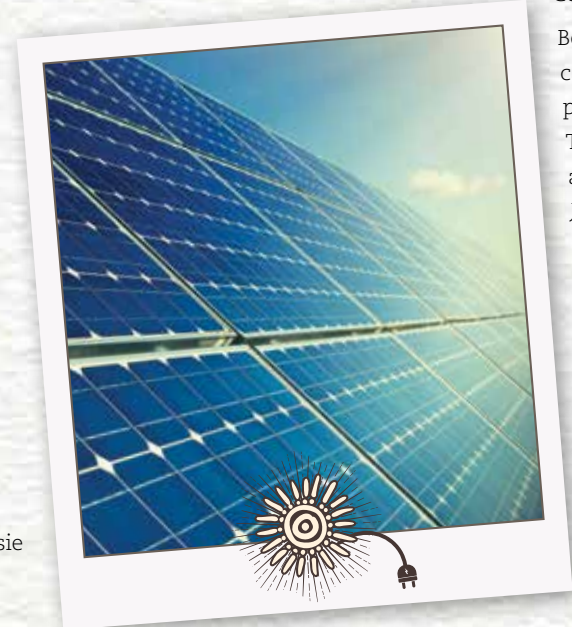
Susie's parents, the late **John B. and Geraldine Goddard**, established an endowment for WSU's business school in 1998. After Susie passed away in October 2014, a legacy gift established the Elliot and Susie Hulet Scholarship for Sustainable Business to provide scholarships to WSU business students interested in sustainable business practices. The couple also formed the Elliot and Susie

Hulet Conservation Study Awards, providing funds for WSU students to take part in Round River Conservation Studies' conservation and environmental programs.

Last year, WSU launched the Susie Hulet Community Solar Program, offering the community discounts on solar energy. Susie also helped establish WSU's Environmental Issues Committee and served on WSU's Arts & Humanities Advisory Council (AHA!). Elliot currently serves on AHA! and recently made a gift to WSU's National Undergraduate Literature Conference.

Before retiring, Elliot had a diverse career, including computer programming, web development and Transcendental Meditation. He was also an adjunct professor for the John B. Goddard School of Business & Economics. Susie held a long career in marketing with United Savings Bank and later dedicated her life to supporting charitable causes.

"That was her real gift," Elliot said. "She connected people to causes."



Chapter 8

USING SUPPLY to ease DEMAND



It's the holiday season in Utah, and it's cold. Outside Catholic Community Services' (CCS) Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank on F Avenue in Ogden, clients are lining up and waiting hours, sometimes in the snow and rain, to be served. It's hard for the food bank — the largest one in northern Utah, distributing more food than any other pantry in the state — to keep up with demand at this, its busiest, time of year.

Open from noon to 2 p.m. daily, clients line up at 9 a.m. and wait four to five hours to get inside. "So the question became, 'How do we better meet their needs?'" said **Marcie Valdez**, who served as CCS Northern Utah director from 2009 to 2015. In spring 2015, the food bank had its answer, thanks to Weber State University supply chain management students.

For three semesters, students in assistant professor **Sebastian Brockhaus'** courses worked with Catholic Community Services to identify ways to help improve the nonprofit's processes, eventually recommending that the food bank open from 9 a.m. to noon daily, and one night a month. Clients now arrive at staggered times, reducing the amount of time it takes CCS to serve them.

"In supply chain management, the goal is to build an organization that can meet the needs of the customer at the lowest possible cost and avoid everything that doesn't create customer value," Brockhaus said. "We help organizations do the good things they already do better."

Supply chain management students also helped the food bank improve the flow of shoppers through the pantry, eliminating delays and backups.

"I went to the food bank while people were shopping and timed how long it took at each station, to see which stations took the longest," said **Jacky Torres**, a student who worked on the CCS project. "The goal was to identify the bottlenecks in the flow of shoppers. We also noticed shoppers having to turn around their shopping carts a lot because the walkways are narrow, making it hard for people to go through."

Torres enjoyed her work with CCS. "I was able to do community service while applying what I was learning in class," she said. "It helped me get a better idea of how the business world actually works."

And that, of course, is the goal.

Chain of Caring

In 2016, Weber State's supply chain management program received a \$5 million gift from Jerry Moyes BS '66, the owner of Swift, a multibillion dollar transportation company. The program will be named the Jerry & Vickie Moyes Center for Supply Chain Excellence within the John B. Goddard School of Business & Economics. The donation will give students even more opportunities to solve real-life business problems.

Chapter 9



CAMPAIGN totals

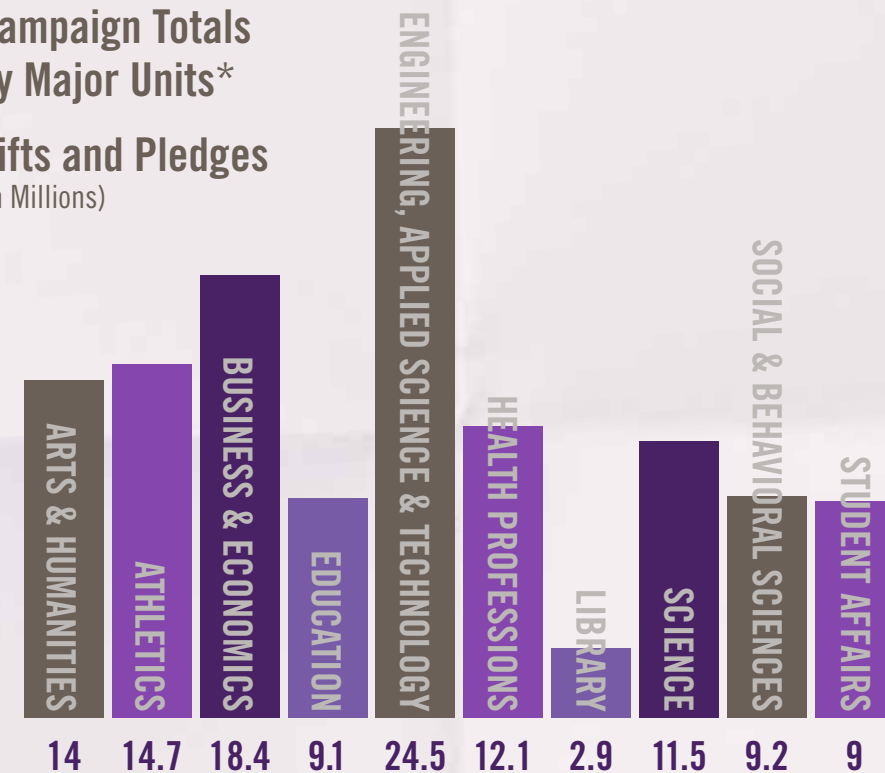
Total raised from 2009 to June 30, 2016

GOAL: \$125,000,000

\$164,392,217.21

Campaign Totals by Major Units*

Gifts and Pledges
(In Millions)



*Does not include gifts that are undesignated or designated for the university in general. Also, some gifts receive shared recognition across units, but are only counted once for campaign totals.

2,103

President's Society members
(donors giving \$1,000 or more)

14,537

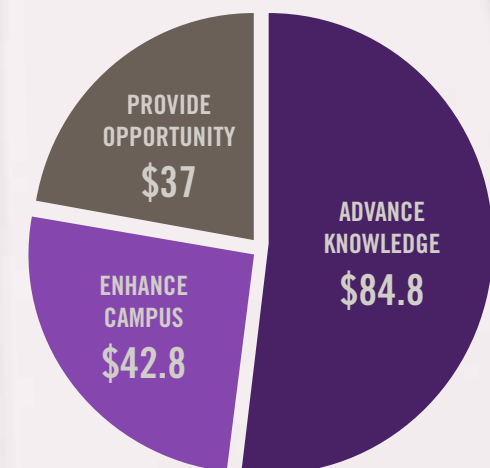
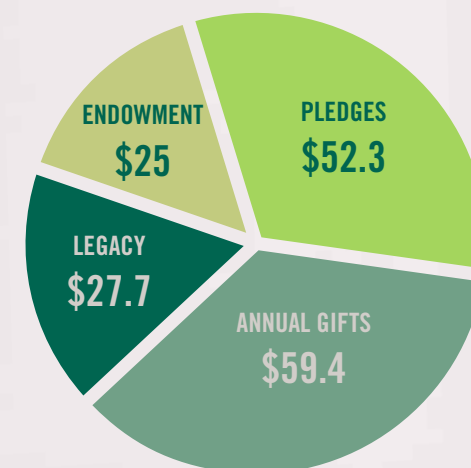
Dean's Club members
(donors giving up to \$999)

16,640

alumni, friends and organizations
made campaign gifts

8,327

First-time donors



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the Potion Peddler

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NICK DRYSDALE
as The Ranch Hand

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**Heather Hales BA '91,
M.Ed. '06**
President, WSU Alumni
Association

Who's coolest — James West, Charles Ingalls or Miss Kitty? James West, of course! (Look who I dressed up as.)

If your life were a country-western song, what would the title be? Either *Mammas, Make Sure Your Babies Grow Up to be Wildcats* or *My Heroes Have Always Been Wildcats*.

Would you rather see a John Wayne Western or a Clint Eastwood Western? Well now, "pilgrim," there's nothin' better than a John Wayne Western.

Most memorable horseback ride. A pack trip in the Uintah Mountains with my dad and a group of his friends. Right before the trip, he presented me with a beautiful pair of leather chaps that he had made! I still have those chaps and a picture of all of us on our horses.

What's the best food to eat around a campfire? S'mores!

As a WSU Alumni Association leader, how will you help make WSUAA the "best in the West" this year? First off, we rustled up some right fine board and council members — every one a sharpshooter! Second, we planned some rip-roarin' events for WSUAA members. What's next is roundin' up some new members and keepin' this here grand community connected to great, great, great Weber State!



Steven Carter BS '70
President, Emeriti Alumni Council

Who's coolest — James West, Charles Ingalls or Miss Kitty? James West was "Mr. Cool." The big mystery was where he happened to get all those high-tech weapons and gadgets back in the 1800s.

Would you rather see a John Wayne Western or a Clint Eastwood Western? Clint Eastwood is my favorite. He is a more accomplished actor, and he can talk through his teeth.

If you lived in the Old West, would you be a farmer or a cowpoke? A cowpoke. My grandfather owned a 300-acre ranch, and I grew up riding horses and caring for cattle.

Most memorable horseback ride. When I was 11, a friend dared me to ride a horse that had not been ridden for several years. I accepted the dare and ended up in the hospital for four days.

What's the best food to eat around a campfire? Takeout from almost any restaurant.

As a WSU Alumni Association leader, how will you help make WSUAA the "best in the West" this year? I'll continue to find ways to promote excellence and create value for current students, alumni, staff and faculty. I hope to foster loyalty to Weber State and help people make lifelong connections with the university.



Mackenzie Olsen BS '09
President, WSU Young Alumni Council

Who's coolest — James West, Charles Ingalls or Miss Kitty? I cheated and asked my father-in-law since I didn't know who these people were, and he loves Westerns. He said Miss Kitty because she was a woman before her time. (Sounds like someone I would have chosen anyway!)

All-time greatest Western book? *These is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine* by Nancy E. Turner. The girl in the book rides horses and shoots a gun, so that qualifies as a Western, right?

Would you rather see a John Wayne Western or a Clint Eastwood Western? A John Wayne Western because I remember my grandpa having pictures of "The Duke" in his office. That was a great nickname. But in their early years, Clint Eastwood was better looking.

If you lived in the Old West, would you be a farmer or a cowpoke? A cowpoke (I may or may not have Googled this term) for sure! Riding horses and being in charge seems more my type of thing.

Best food to eat around a campfire? Mini pies! Wrap biscuit dough around the end of a one-inch dowel and cook it over the fire. Then fill it with apple pie filling and let it cool for a minute or two.

As a WSU Alumni Association leader, how will you help make WSUAA the "best in the West" this year? Find those pardners lookin' a little lost or scoutin' for a rousin' time, round 'em up and get 'em hitched to our group!



Nick Drysdale AAS '15
President, WSU Student Alumni
Association

Why do you like living in the West? I love living close to my family. I also enjoy backpacking, hiking, fishing and camping, and there's no better place to do these activities than in the Rocky Mountains!

Who's coolest — James West, Charles Ingalls or Miss Kitty? I'd have to say James West. I was not even a thought during the *The Wild Wild West* television series, but I did happen to see the movie where Will Smith played James West.

If your life were a country-western song, what would the title be? Family means a lot to me. My wife and I have shared great times together, and we look forward to building more memories with our new baby boy. For this reason, I love Kenny Chesney's *The Good Stuff*. The song has a message about priceless family experiences. I feel it's a pretty good match to my life (except for the part where the guy goes into a bar after having a fight with his wife).

Describe your most memorable horseback ride. I've only had one horseback-riding experience, and it was in a circle around the corral. I found out that I was extremely allergic to horses when my eyes swelled shut.

What's the best food to eat around a campfire? It's a toss-up between s'mores and hobo (tin foil) dinners.

As a WSU Alumni Association leader, how will you help make WSUAA the "best in the West" this year? I really want to focus on establishing lasting traditions that will increase the sense of community and belonging at Weber State University. I'll also help promote an atmosphere of giving back among students that, hopefully, leads to more student philanthropy.



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ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

Lyle D. Connell AS '41 retired from management consulting after 15 years. He previously worked for Westinghouse for 39 years and earned recognition from the company's corporate office. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years and was rewarded for his outstanding performance. He was a fellow for the American Society for Quality, and a section and program chair for the organization's World Congress. Lyle lives in Palo Alto, California.

also has volunteered at McKay-Dee Hospital, Ogden Regional Medical Center, Hill Aerospace Museum, Peery's Egyptian Theater, WSU's Office of Alumni Relations and the Weber County Ice Sheet during the 2002 Winter Olympics. Her mother, brother, three children and seven grandchildren attended Weber State. Janet has served on the WSU Alumni Association's Board of Directors and Emeriti Alumni Council.

Calvin R. Bybee AS '48 has been married to his wife, Gaye, for 60 years. Calvin served in the U.S. Navy for two years and the U.S. Army for a year and a half. He worked in education as a teacher and principal for 34 years. He coaches Little League and young adult baseball teams. He and Gaye have seven children, 27 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Janet Storey Oberg AS '48 participates in a number of community organizations, including Altrusa, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the Red Hat Society. She

'50s

Alan J. Dayley AS '53 is Weber State's assistant dean of students. He is a retired U.S. Navy Reserve captain. His wife, **Joanne Barker Dayley AS '53**, is retired from the Weber School District. The Dayleys have three children, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Alan is a member of the Mt. Ogden Rotary Club, and Joanne belongs to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Ilse Jean Hull-Cutrubus AS '56 retired after 30 years as a dance instructor at her studio, Dance + Plus. She is a self-employed cosmetologist and certified detoxification specialist. Ilse is a resident of Punta Gorda, Florida, where she belongs to the Florida Dance Masters Association. She

spent a decade directing and producing a children's version of *The Nutcracker*, and she judges thespian competitions in Florida. Ilse has five children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



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'70s

Lee H. Dearden AS '57 served in the U.S. Navy for two years and then began a home-building business with his two brothers. He retired after 38 years as a Southern Pacific Railroad brakeman and conductor. He and his wife, Reta, have been married more than 50 years and have two children and six grandchildren. Lee has been an usher at the Ed Kenley Centennial Amphitheater in Layton, Utah, for 13 years.

Paul R. Sondrup AS '58 retired as a physician and lives with his wife, Colleen, in Burke, Virginia. They have seven children, 23 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

'60s

David K. Barber BS '67, a former set designer at Weber State, retired as the associate director for the Salt Lake County Center for the Arts. He spent the last 23 years of his career working at the Capitol Theatre, Abravanel Hall and the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center.

A Dianne Lea Edward Christensen AS '70, BS '90 retired after many years of serving as the business manager for her husband's dental office. She was president and treasurer of Soroptimist International of Ogden and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. All three of her children are Weber State graduates. She has nine grandchildren. Dianne and her husband, **Peter R. Christensen BS '69**, live in South Ogden. Peter was a self-employed dentist for 26 years. He also worked as a dentist for the U.S. Public Health Service and as the head of the dental department at the San Diego, California, location of the U.S. Public Health Service. He is a member of the American Dental Association, Weber District Dental Society, and the Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Kappa Upsilon and Phi Delta Phi honor societies. Peter served on the board of directors for the Wildcat Club for many years.

Gary L. Mayfield BS '70 retired as the CEO from a major third-party logistics (3PL) company. Gary is currently self-employed through Criativa Solutions, a logistics and supply chain consulting company based out of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Gary and his wife, Margie, live in Ooltewah, Tennessee.

Machel Morris Knowles AS '74, BS '94 works at Circle of Life Women's Center in Ogden as a certified nurse midwife, specializing in infertility and women's health. She has helped deliver more than 4,000 babies. Machel received her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Utah in 1995. She was a torchbearer for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Machel and her husband, **Douglas Knowles AS '92, BA '93**, live in Ogden and have six children and 20 grandchildren.

Elsie L. Rose BS '74 retired from the University of Central Missouri registrar's office. She served as president of faculty women at Weber State in 1972. She and her husband, Robert, have been married 63 years. They live in Branson, Missouri, and have two children, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Robert was dean of Weber State's business college from 1970 to 1974.

A O. Scott Wayment BS '74 is the owner and president of Scotsdale Farm, where he has farmed with his family for more than 40 years.

Scott is on the board of directors for the Utah Dairy Commission and Western AgCredit Association, and he is president of IRR Companies. He and his wife, Susan, live in Warren, Utah. They have 18 grandchildren.

A Norman B. Hess BS '77 has spent his career in technical sales. He currently works as an area manager for General Electric. He and his wife, Karla, have three children and six grandchildren. Norman volunteers for the Ridgewood Homeowners Association board in Bountiful, Utah.

A Bruce Davis BS '79, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Weber State's vice provost and dean of Continuing Education, was elected to the Layton City Council in 2015. He has served on the boards of the Davis Arts Council, McKay-Dee Hospital, Davis Chamber of Commerce, Utah Certified Development Company and the Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science. Bruce and his wife, Valerie, have seven children and 13 grandchildren.



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Melvin J. McDonald '79 retired from the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller at Hill Air Force Base. He lives in Whittier, California.

'90s

Savannah Holley Cook AS '93, BS '95 teaches certified nursing assistant classes for Cole Holland College in Clearfield, Utah. Savannah is planning a humanitarian trip to bring medical supplies to a Kenyan hospital.

Brian Nicholson AA '94, BS '96 is the marketing, sponsorship and development manager for the Ogden GOAL Foundation. He also writes about outdoor adventure for various newspapers and magazines. He self-published the book *I AM OGDEN*, a collection of photographs representing the personality of the Ogden area. He completed 30 marathons in 11 years. He and his wife, Amy, have four children and live in Ogden.

Kenyon D. Dove AS '97, BA '99 earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School and is now a practicing lawyer. He belongs to the

U. S. District Court Bar, the Utah State Bar, and he formerly served as president of the Weber County Bar. Kenyon was an intern for the U.S. Department of Energy and Department of Export Control Policy and Cooperation (Ukraine). He is married to **Sharon Brown Dove AS '97, BS '99**.

Ryan C. Jenkins BIS '97, M.Ed. '04 is the director and coordinator of Institutes and Seminary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia, Missouri. Ryan formerly worked in public relations. He and his wife, **Melissa Call Jenkins AA '00**, have six children. Ryan serves as the LDS Student Association

advisor at the University of Missouri and assistant public affairs director for the LDS church in mid-Missouri.

Sharon Peterson McGarry BS '97, M.Ed. '04 currently teaches seventh-grade science at Syracuse Junior High School. She previously taught sixth through eighth grades at Syracuse Arts Academy and Island Pacific Academy in Kapolei, Hawaii. Sharon is a member of the National Science Teachers Association and Utah Science Teachers Association. She and her husband, Ryan, have five children.

'00s

Christopher A. Woods BS '02, who played basketball in Europe for seven years, is now a motivational speaker. He wrote a book titled *One Mailbox @ a Time: Your Step by Step Guide to Success*. Chris lives in East Chicago, Indiana.

James Augusta BS '06 is a general surgery resident at Grandview Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. James is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. James received the Arnold P. Gold Award for teaching. He currently resides in Beavercreek, Ohio, with his wife, Breanne, and their two sons.

Ginger Fisher BS '06 is the chief operating officer of Utah Valley Specialty Hospital in Provo, Utah. She has worked more than 35 years as a registered nurse, with more than 17 years in nursing administration. Previously, Ginger served as director of nursing operations and case management, and as regional director of nursing and respiratory operations for Ernest Health. She earned a master's degree in public administration from Brigham Young University.

Gunnar Nelson BS '06 works for RRT, a northern Virginia

firm that specializes in modifying BMWs for road-racing competitions. Gunnar is also a graduate of the Skip Barber Racing School and expects to drive for RRT when the company enters a car in competition.

Carianne H. Jones BA '07 is a New York-based actress. She is also a marketing director and actress for Children of an Idle Brain, a nonprofit theater company.

Benjamin J. Taylor BS '08, MPC '15 is the communications manager for Ogden City Corporation. He previously worked at Weber State as marketing manager for the Wildcat Store. Ben and his wife, **Jessica Peterson Taylor BS '11**, live in Ogden with their daughter. Jessica is a designer for Office Furniture Solutions.

Kathleen A. Taylor BS '08 was a legislative assistant for U.S. Sens. Orrin Hatch and Dan Coats. She teaches at Academy of Hope, which helps low-income and at-risk adults earn high school credentials. Kate is also a board member for the FBI's Human Trafficking Coalition. She earned her master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College and is currently a juris doctor candidate at Georgetown University.

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'10s

A **Evan Sutton Briggs AA '10, BA '12, MA '13** is a senior auditor for KPMG LLP in Salt Lake City. He previously worked for FJ & Associates and Barnes Aerospace, Ogden Division. He volunteers for the Ogden Symphony Ballet Association. Evan and his wife, **Melissa Lee Biddulph Briggs AS**

'11, live in Layton, Utah, with their two daughters. Melissa works for the Physician Group of Utah.

Melanie Ott BA '13 is managing editor for Active Junky in Denver. She previously worked for Top Ten Reviews in Ogden. Both websites are operated by Purch, a digital content and services company.

Bailey Lefthand BS '16 is a marketing and communications specialist for the Ogden/Weber Chamber of Commerce. She is also the community director for *SonicDad.com*, a company that encourages families to work together on science, education, technology and math-oriented projects.

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GENE SESSIONS Professor of History

One colleague calls **Gene Sessions** a “walking, talking, public service announcement for Weber State.” Others claim he coined the school’s signature catchphrase “bleed purple.” Most would agree that identifying another member of the Weber State

family who has touched more lives than Sessions would be nearly impossible. For 41 years, Sessions has nourished thousands of students with perfectly seasoned (spicy when necessary) servings of historical fact and anecdote.

Sessions has also strived to keep a WSU education affordable. “Other than to educate them with excellence, my main goals with students are to ease their hassles and to save them money,” Sessions said. In 2011, mostly due to the rising price of the texts he required for his History 1700 course, Sessions found the same or comparable articles on legal websites, and put the entire course, minus classroom activities, online.

Sessions’ reliance on the Internet has also inspired others on campus to embrace groundbreaking educational technology. In the fall of 2014, Sessions teamed with microbiology professor **Craig Oberg BS '79** to develop and present Weber State’s first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), titled *Microbes Rule the World: Effects of Disease on History*.

Widely respected for his knowledge of Utah and Mormon history, Sessions has authored books and published numerous scholarly articles. He is one of only a handful of faculty to have received the university’s two most prestigious awards — the Brady Presidential Distinguished Professor designation in 2006 and the John S. Hinckley Fellow Award in 1991.

Above all, Sessions, an Ogden native and Weber State alumnus, encourages WSU students to enjoy attending Weber State. “I think our most important responsibility is to make them proud that they are attending the very best undergraduate institution in the state, hands down,” he said.



AMY CROSBIE

Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator

For associate athletic director **Amy Crosbie MPC '14**, watching a Weber State student-athlete read a Dr. Seuss book to a first-grader, teach a child with special needs how to shoot hoops, or collect a can of food for the local shelter is just as thrilling as watching that same student-athlete score a touchdown, spike a volleyball, or hit a hole-in-one.

Crosbie is on a crusade to make community service an extension of a student-athlete’s higher education. “Student-athletes are faced with an inordinate amount of pressure to be successful,” Crosbie said. “They are measured by their performances on the field or court. Participating in community service helps them recognize that there is more to college life than sports competition. They truly begin to bloom and feel connected to a purpose beyond their own.”

Over the past five years, Crosbie has coordinated student-athlete service projects that have collected 5,771 school-supply items for needy youngsters, 758 pairs of shoes for low-income families, 1,000 pounds of canned goods for campus and community food pantries, and 500 pounds of travel-size toiletries for local shelters.

Weber State’s associate athletic director since 2010, Crosbie oversees academic compliance and helps student-athletes maintain satisfactory grades — no easy task considering the student-athletes’ unique personalities and diverse backgrounds.

Being a former collegiate volleyball player gives Crosbie special insights and compassion, especially when counseling student-athletes who have made poor choices. “In these moments, I support them, work to understand their backgrounds, and identify teaching moments where I can help them grow, mature and learn from their mistakes,” she said.

Crosbie is WSU Athletics’ senior woman administrator, the highest-ranking female within the department. As such, she is heavily involved in the decision-making process and is an advocate for female athletes and administrators.

To read more about Crosbie, turn to page 12.

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