March is filled with nominations, deadlines for Comm majors

This is March’s installment in the monthly email to majors. Once a month we will email you to let you know about meetings of student organizations, guest speakers, important deadlines, opportunities, student and faculty achievements—and more. If you have information you’d like the department to distribute, please email Sheree Josephson at sjosephson@weber.edu.

What’s Happening

March
- March 2: Deliberative Democracy Day. See below.
- March 4: Deadline to apply for co-curricular leadership positions. See below.
- March 7-11: Spring Break
- March 17: Open Mic Night. See below.
- March 31: Open Mic Night. See below.

April
- April 4: Registration begins for Summer Semester
- April 11: Registration begins for Fall Semester
- April 12: Drop-in academic advising, EH 332, 10:30 a.m.-noon
- April 13: Drop-in academic advising, EH 332, 10 a.m.-noon
- April 13: Speech Showcase, 7-8 p.m.
- April 14: Open Mic Night. See below.
- April 29: Graduation

June
- June 8-12: 2016 CEDA Topic Conference and executive meeting

Student News

Communication organizations and students receive Crystal Crest nominations
Three Communication organizations and numerous Communication majors were nominated for the annual Crystal Crest awards. The Signpost, KWCR Wildcat Radio and Studio 76 were nominated for the Organization of the Year. Nominated students include: Natalie Barcelo (Organizational Communication) for Excellence in Inclusivity Award; Kyle Froerer (Public Relations & Advertising), Tyler Kelbert (Digital Media) and Cash Knight (MPC) for Man of the Year; Michelle Garrett, (Public Relations & Advertising), Kim Holiday (Multimedia Journalism), Alexis Marquez, (Public Relations & Advertising), and Brooke Steadman, (Interpersonal Communication) for Scholar of the Year; Christyna Cummings (Digital Media), Amina Khan, (Public Relations & Advertising), Haile VanPatten (Public Relations & Advertising) for Volunteer Service; Michelle Garrett (Public Relations & Advertising), Cash Knight (MPC), Alexis Marquez (Public Relations & Advertising), Tawnie Moore (Organizational Communication) and Maria Questereit
(Interpersonal Communication) for Wildcat Achievement; Natalie Barcelo (Organizational Communication), Christyna Cummings (Digital Media), Lindsay Fowers (Interpersonal Communication), Michelle Garrett (Public Relations & Advertising), Bailey Lefthand (Public Relations & Advertising), Ingrid Maldonado (Multimedia Journalism), Alexis Marquez (Public Relations & Advertising), Cristina Mayorga (Interpersonal Communication), Tawnie Moore (Organizational Communication), Sydney Roberts (Public Relations & Advertising), Natalie Barcelo (Organizational Communication), and Tawnie Moore (Organizational Communication) for Woman of the Year. Debater Anne Olsen was also nominated for an award. Adjunct instructor Christine Denniston and MPC students Amber Robson and Dale Payne were nominated for the Friend of Student Award.

**Weber State Debate qualifies for National Debate Tournament**
Weber Stat Debate qualified for the 70th annual National Debate Tournament. Misty Tippets, Communication major, and Kinsee Gaither, Philosophy major, placed No. 1 in the conference placement, the first time since 2009 that a WSU team has achieved this honor. In other debate news, Steven Sanchez and Mark Veeder placed second in the Varsity Division of the Southwestern College tournament in San Diego.

**Tweet movie ideas to @WSUStudio76 for movies.weber.edu**
Movies.weber.edu has doubled in size. We need to choose 100 more movies to add to our movies on-demand site at movies.weber.edu. Tweet your movie ideas to @WSUStudio76.

**Public Relations & Advertising gets media placement on front page of The Guardian**

**Announcements**

**The Signpost accepting applications for 2016-17 editor-in-chief, staff**
The Signpost, the news organization at Weber State University, is seeking students passionate about news for the 2016-17 school year. Applications are being accepted for editor-in-chief, section editors and staff members.
Qualifications for the editor in chief include:
- Experience in journalism, student publications or otherwise
- Ability to lead students
- Commitment
- Ability to spend about 30 hours a week on The Signpost
Section editors lead teams of reporters, photographers, designers or videographers in gathering and producing news for the print and online publications. The Signpost publishes three days a week on and off campus and online daily at mywebermedia.com. Section editors and staff members are sought for the following areas:
- News
- Sports
- Arts & Entertainment
- Science & Technology
- Spanish
- Photography
- Copy editing
- Graphic design
- Videography and online media
- Webmaster
Applicants can be any major, but news experience is preferred. To apply, pick up an application at The Signpost office, Shepherd Union, Room 401, or download it from our website, signpost.mywebermedia.com. If you have questions, email Dr. Jean Norman, jeannorman@weber.edu.

**KWCR Wildcat Radio needs students for leadership positions**

KWCR Wildcat Radio needs students of all majors to apply for leadership positions in Weber State's own radio streaming station. KWCR is an inclusive, co-curricular group where anyone with a passion for what they do is welcome. All majors are encouraged to apply. We currently have biology, art, communication, and computer science majors to name a few. KWCR provides tuition waivers for some positions and experience in many areas:

- Station and personnel management
- Music selection and programming
- Content creation
- Social media curation
- Graphic design
- News gathering
- Spanish-language programming
- Live-event broadcast
- Public relations
- Sports broadcast
- Audio editing
- Podcast creation
- Promotions
- Sales and partnerships
- IT services
- and other areas for your talents to find a home

Contact Robin Haislett robinhaislett@weber.edu for more details or visit www.kwcr.mywebermedia.com/join_kwcr for position descriptions. Deadline for applying: Friday, March 4.

**Studio 76 looking for creative digital media students**

Are you a creative soul? Are you most alive when you’re making things? Do you work well with a team? We want you! Studio 76 is accepting applications for staff positions for 2016-2017. Positions include:

- Executive producer
- Program director
- Marketing director
- Social media director
- Various content creation positions

Content creation experience is desired for most positions. Studio 76 is a fully operational video production studio and TV station. We produce a wide variety of shows as we hone our digital media skills. As a student-run organization, we tell stories, highlight community events and more. We aim to engage, inform and entertain our fellow Wildcats.

**Ogden Peak Communications, PRSSA have executive positions open**

Weber State PRSSA and Ogden Peak Communications have openings in their joint executive leadership team for the following positions during the 2016-17 school year:

- PRSSA chapter president/ OPC firm director
- Recruiting and event planning secretary
- Account executive
- Creative team lead
- Publications/Brand editor
- Digital and social media brand editor
Interested students can view full position descriptions and download applications at [http://ogdenpeakcommunications.mywebermedia.com/public-relation-opportunities/](http://ogdenpeakcommunications.mywebermedia.com/public-relation-opportunities/). Please email completed application/s and associated supplemental materials to Dr. Nicola Corbin (nicolacorbin@weber.edu) by Friday, March 4, at 5 p.m.

**KWCR Wildcat Radio to hold Open Mic Nights**

KWCR Wildcat Radio will hold Open Mic Nights in the new performance space in the billiards area of the Shepherd Union Building, Waldo’s Corner Pocket. It will be every other Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m. beginning March 3, then March 17, 31 and April 14. KWCR staff will take pre-registration for performance order during our open hours as well as in the Shepherd Union atrium at our table during the week. Students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome to attend or perform free of charge. We want to showcase the talents of Weber State University, KWCR and the great space of Waldo’s Corner Pocket. For more information, contact Robin Haislett, KWCR adviser at robinhaislett@weber.edu.

**Deliberative Democracy Day will discuss reducing friction between police and community**

The topic of reducing friction between law enforcement and the community will be discussed at this year’s Deliberative Democracy Day on March 2. Comm. 3100 students will again facilitate the discussion groups. Students from Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Economics in particular will attend this year. We’d like to see Communication students, who study group communication and might use focus groups in their own projects someday, attend. Here is the schedule:

- **11:30 a.m.-Noon**: Students pick up free lunches in UB Ballroom, take a survey, and pick up a fact sheet on the topic.
- **Noon-1 p.m.**: Student are assigned to rooms in the UB where they will have a discussion on the topic, facilitated by Comm. 3100 students.
- **1:30-2:30 p.m.**: Students return to the Ballroom, where they will ask questions (generated in the focus groups) of the panel of experts, including Ogden assistant chief of police, director of WSU Police Academy, ACLU lawyer, and possibly a judge.
- **2:30-3 p.m.**: Students will retake the survey, have refreshments, and stay for raffle drawings of an iPad mini and bookstore gift certificates.

**Honors students must meet March 4 deadline to get Honors on diploma**

All Communication Department Honor students MUST have their exit forms signed by Dr. Susan Hafen and sent to Honors by March 4 if they want HONORS on their diploma in gold and on their transcripts.

**Top Communication students invited to join national honor society**

Junior and senior Communication majors with high GPAs will receive invitations in the next week to join Lambda Pi Eta, the national honor society for Communication students. To be eligible students must (1) complete 60 semester credit hours, (2) have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all courses taken, (3) complete the equivalent of 12 semester credit hours in Communication, (4) have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all Communication courses, (5) currently be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution’s policies, and (6) rank within the highest 35 percent of one’s class in general scholarship. Invitations will be extended via postal mail. If you qualify, but do not receive your invitation by Feb. 15, please contact Sonja Green at sonjagreen@weber.edu to check your eligibility. Qualifying students will be honored at the department’s end-of-year event. The deadline to join is today.

**Weber State Debate preparing to host two national events**

Weber State Debate is preparing to host two high-profile national events. On June 8-12, the 2016 CEDA Topic Conference and executive meeting will convene in the Ogden Marriott. All college debate coaches from across the country will attend this convention, which determines the college debate resolution for the
upcoming year. On April 8-10, 2017, the 12th annual National Debate Coaches Association tournament will come to Ogden. This event is expected to insert half a million dollars in the community.

Registration open for summer Weber State Debate Institution camp
Registration is now open for the Weber State Debate Institute camp for Summer 2016. This camp features inexpensive tuition, high-quality instruction and an opportunity for participants to earn three college credits. For more information, www.weberdebatecamp.com.

Digital Media majors invited to join Facebook group
All Digital Media majors are invited to join the new DM Facebook group. DM students may join this group to post questions regarding Digital Media (shooting, equipment, editing, etc.) and to request crew for larger productions. This group's main purpose is to share production projects and spread the opportunities for creating digital media content. The group is managed by the Studio 76 staff. See https://www.facebook.com/groups/WSUDigitalMedia/.

Job postings available on Communication website
Weber State University Communication students and graduates can log into the Communication Department’s website at weber.edu/communication to look for job postings now or in the future. The listings are under the "Jobs" link. Employers contact the department looking for Communication students and graduates for full-time and part-time jobs.

Communication Department to participate in Ogden Marathon
The Department of Communication will have participation from many faculty, staff, students and alumni this year in the 5K, half marathon and the full marathon on May 21, 2016. If you'd like to join and participate in one of these distances click the below link and register for the distance you prefer: http://www.getoutandlive.org/p/about/ogden-marathon/277. Once you've registered please reply to brentwarnock1@weber.edu and indicate which event you will be participating in. We will be compiling a list and taking a photo with all those who are participating and who have a connection to the Weber State Department of Communication.

Actors wanted for Weber State University video
Weber State University Continuing Education is looking for actors, personalities and spokesmodels to feature in promotional videos. Participants may be featured in local WSU advertising or digital campaigns in other states. This is a great way to build a professional portfolio, and gain valuable experience and exposure. Small compensation may be available depending on the project. If you’re interested, contact Adam Salazar, creative director in WSU Continuing Education, at adamsalazar@weber.edu or call or text 801-540-4133.

Faculty Achievements

Steimel elected to Executive Committee for the WSU Faculty Senate
Dr. Sarah Steimel, an assistant professor of Communication, has been elected to the Executive Committee for the Weber State University Faculty Senate for the 2016-2017 school year.

Gillen Hoke presents paper at Western States Communication Association conference
Dr. Hailey Gillen Hoke, assistant professor of Communication, presented a paper titled "An Examination of Supervisor Sex, Organizational Satisfaction, and Organizational Dissent" at the Western States Communication Association conference in San Diego. The conference paper included data from a Comm. 3150 Research Methods class and was co-authored by recent Communication graduate Katie Rigby.

Five Communication faculty members nominated for Master Teacher award
Four full-time faculty members in the Department of Communication and one adjunct instructor received a nomination for Crystal Crest’s Master Teacher category. The nominated faculty members include Dr. Sheree Josephson, Dr. Jean Norman, Drew Tyler and Brent Warnock. Adjunct instructor Stacey Tyler was also nominated.

Communication instructor quoted by KSL about Super Bowl advertising