Drop-in spring registration scheduled for Nov. 7, 9

It’s just about time to register for Spring Semester. If you need any assistance, you can drop in for advising on Monday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon or Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 332 of Elizabeth Hall. You are also welcome to get an appointment with your academic adviser, but that person is often very busy at this time in the semester so drop-in advising with the department chair is a good idea.

Also, if you encounter any problems registering for classes, please contact the department secretary, Sonja Green, at sonjagreen@weber.edu. She is happy to help you.

Finally, use the “wait list” if the class you want is full. Sometimes we are able to add classes to the schedule.

This is the November 2016 edition of the monthly email to majors. At least once a month during the regular school year, 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 us to distribute, please email department chair Sheree Josephson at sjosephson@weber.edu.

What’s Happening

**November**
- Nov. 1: Media law attorney Jeff Hunt, Elizabeth Hall 406, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 1: Salt Lake Tribune sports writer Kyle Goon, Elizabeth Hall 323, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2: Meeting of WSU chapters of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and National Association of Black Journalists, 7 p.m., The Signpost office
- Nov. 7: Registration for Spring Semester opens
- Nov. 7: Drop-in registration assistance with chair, 10 a.m.-noon, Elizabeth Hall, Room 332
- Nov. 9: Drop-in registration assistance with chair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Elizabeth Hall, Room 332
- Nov. 17: Emery Smith, recruiter for Deseret Digital Media on resume preparation and internships, Student Union 321, 1:30 p.m.

**December**
- Dec. 1: Professor Jean Norman, “Finding Your Writing Voice,” Student Union 321, 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16: Graduation

**January**
- Jan. 10: University scholarship application deadline
PRSSA chapter wins national award for Communication Department newsletter
Weber State’s PRSSA brought home two national chapter awards from the Public Relations Student Society of America’s National Conference held in Indianapolis in October. The chapter captured an award for its newsletter that it produces for Communication students at least twice a semester. Additionally, it won a STAR award, given to chapters that satisfy activities to further the professional development of student members and the profession. Be sure to check out the latest edition of this award-winning newsletter prepared for Communication students and those interested in Communication this month. It can be found at http://issuu.com/weberstateuniversityprssa/docs/the_peak_november_16_3/1.

Digital Media student hopes video lands him internship with Jimmy Fallon
Digital Media student Nick Garrett is vying for an internship at “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” and is hoping a parody video will help him get it. The video is a remake of the introduction to Fallon’s show, but instead of New York City, it features Salt Lake City. Garrett plays the role of Fallon in his parody video. He found Utah locations that look similar to the New York City spots in Fallon’s intro, and he lists his qualities that match the job posting in lieu of the guest stars’ names that appear in the original. Garrett should know soon whether he made the second round of interviews. His video can be viewed at https://www.ksl.com/?sid=41854620.

Chapters of Hispanic, Black Journalists to meet Wednesday
The Weber State University chapters of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and National Association of Black Journalists will meet Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in The Signpost office. Interested students are welcome to attend. For more information, contact adviser Jean Norman at jeannorman@weber.edu.

Society of Professional Journalists elects student leaders
The campus chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists elected Charles Bowker as president and Cydnee Green as vice president. Bowker replaces former president Michael Grennell, who moved from Utah this fall, and Green fills Bowker’s position as vice president. Other officers include Kellie Plumhof, secretary/treasurer, and Harrison Epstein, program coordinator.

SPJ chapter hosts four speakers in November
The Society of Professional Journalists campus chapter also hosts the following speakers: Nov. 1, media law attorney Jeff Hunt, EH 406, 9 a.m.; Nov. 1, Salt Lake Tribune sports writer Kyle Goon, EH 323, 1:30 p.m.; Nov. 17, Emery Smith, recruiter for Deseret Digital Media on resume preparation and internships, SU 321, 1:30 p.m.; Dec. 1, Jean Norman, "Finding Your Writing Voice," SU 321, 1:30 p.m. All students are welcome to attend.

The Signpost now delivered to three Ogden high schools
Students at Ogden High, Ben Lomond High and George Washington High in Ogden have started receiving The Signpost at their schools. The Signpost now delivers 400 newspapers to the three schools as part of a push by the Ogden School District to get high schoolers to prepare for college. The partnership was coordinated through former Signpost Editor-in-Chief Skyler Pyle, who works for the school district.

The Signpost accepting applications for Spring Semester
The Signpost is accepting applications for Spring Semester. To apply, download the application at http://signpost.mywebermedia.com/ and click on Staff Application in the bar at the top of the page. Email it to Editor-in-Chief Charles Bowker, cbowk.91@gmail.com, or adviser Jean Norman, jeannorman@weber.edu.

Let adviser know if you’re interested in sports journalism
Students interested in becoming sports journalists should contact Jean Norman at jeannorman@weber.edu. The Communication Department is working on a new program for sports reporting. Dr. Norman will suggest courses for Spring 2017 that will work with this new program if it goes into effect in Fall 2017.

**Weber State debaters present two sides of argument to Ogden City Council**
Weber State debaters presented “Resolved: Ogden City should counter urban blight” for members of the Ogden City Council on Oct. 25. Salma Medina, a sophomore in nursing, argued in the affirmative while Adrian Raso, a sophomore in political science, argued in the negative. Debate Coach Omar Guevara was accompanied by two student coaches: Liz Dela Cruz, graduate student in the Master of Professional Communication program, and Bianca Morales, a senior in Communication.

**PR and Advertising student lands job with crowdfunding agency**
Pascal Friedman, a Public Relations and Advertising major, has landed a PR job after graduation. He will work as a PR and media relations associate for Funded Today, the world's largest (by transaction volume) crowdfunding agency, based out of South Ogden. He will help promote clients’ crowdfunding projects by getting them published in online blogs and news sites.

**Former KWCR Wildcat Radio GM starts local indie art magazine**
J.P. Orquiz, a Civic Advocacy major who has worked as the general manager of KWCR Wildcat Radio, has started an independent magazine in Ogden designed to showcase contemporary art. He is also part of a group that opened the Ogden Museum of Contemporary Art.

**Announcements**

**Former Signpost staffer’s family establishes endowment in memory**
The family of Patrick R. Parkinson who died in October at age 43 has established an endowment to be used to support scholarships for students in Multimedia Journalism, Civic Advocacy, and Public Relations & Advertising. Parkinson worked for several years at The Signpost as a reporter and news editor. Much of his professional career was reporting for the Park Record where he won awards for Best Breaking News Stories, Best News Stories, Best News Feature Series, among other things. He spent the last two years of his life working in public relations.
Throughout his life, one of his main loves was traveling to Africa on journalistic and humanitarian visits. As a foreign correspondent, he was always on the lookout for untold stories.

**Government and Natural Resources Career Fair Wednesday**
Career Services is hosting its annual Government and Natural Resources Career Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Ballrooms. Take your resume, network and circulate. Even if employers are advertising for engineering or accounting jobs, once they talk to you, they may realize that Communication majors can help with their social media, newsletters, training presentations or writing. You can talk to them about internships as well as jobs.

**The Buzz app gives students access to latest campus, local, national and world news**
The Buzz: Weber State University, a new digital resource, is available to students, faculty and staff for download through both iTunes or Google Play. Weber State has partnered with USA TODAY for a number of years to provide a selection of newspapers to students through the Collegiate Readership Program. However, the consumption of print news is on the decline and reaching the most-connected and tech-savvy generation with reliable news and information is a real challenge. The Buzz: Weber State University is a first-of-its-kind news app that gives students access to the latest national, world, local, and campus news they care about in one app. Students are able to:
- Examine multiple opinions and perspectives.
- Create conversations and promote a sharing of ideas within their community and beyond.
Access the latest headlines from The Signpost and USA TODAY, stream live radio from KWCR, and view videos from Studio 76.

Receive the latest career advice for use in their prospective field.

See their lives in a global context and relate major stories to specific course-work.

**National Debate Coaches Association national championship hosted by WSU**

Weber State Debate will host the 12th annual National Debate Coaches Association national championship in April 2017. The event will bring 600-plus people to Ogden during 2017, the centennial year for debate at WSU. Participants will include the elite tier of high school debaters in the United States. This event is expected to insert half a million dollars in the community. To visit the hosting website for the event, visit [http://www.ndca2017.com/](http://www.ndca2017.com/).

**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.

**Faculty Achievements**

**Assistant professor co-authors research in Communication Education**

Dr. Alexander Lancaster, assistant professor, has co-authored ""What do college students want? A prioritization of instructional behaviors and characteristics" in Communication Education, a national journal in the field of Communication Studies. The article was written with Gregory Cranmer, Michael Sollitto and Sara LaBelle.

**Four WSU faculty members to present at National Communication Association conference**

Four Communication faculty members will participate in the national conference of the National Communication Association in Philadelphia later this month. Dr. Alexander Lancaster will present a paper titled "Cop talk: Message framing, compliance, and perceptions of law enforcement." The paper has been recognized as one of the top four papers in the Applied Communication Division. Dr. Susan Hafen will be a chair and panelist for Instructional Development Division panel titled "Creatures in the classroom: including internatural communication in our textbooks." Dr. Hafen will also be a roundtable panelist for the Spiritual Communication Division panel with "Mindfulness and spirituality in various contexts." Dr. Sarah Steimel will present "Professional volunteering as both work and not work: a tension-centered examination of constructions of 'volunteer'" in the Organizational Communication Division. She is also a short course presenter of “Take a stand! A case study pedagogy that facilitates communication’s civic calling and a panel participant for “Combating rape culture on college campuses in communication course.” Dr. Colleen Packer will co-chair the panel “Exploring our civic callings: NCA service-learning project on college access and student success in Philadelphia.”

**Professor presents at international teaching and learning conference**

Dr. Colleen Packer presented at the Conference for the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning in Salt Lake City. She co-presented with Melina Alexander from Teacher Education and Glen Thaxton from GoReact. The title of the presentation was "Integrating online peer video feedback: promoting teaching and learning within presentation-based learning outcomes."

**Five faculty members to participate in panel discussion on primetime TV**

Five members of the Department of Communication will participate in a panel discussion at the Western States Communication Association convention from Feb. 18-21 in Salt Lake City. Dr. Susan Hafen, Dr. Jean Norman, Dr. Alexander Lancaster, Dr. Nicola Corbin and Robin Haislett will discuss “The intersection of race, gender, and feminism in primetime television.”
**Journalism professor appointed to Utah Headliners chapter of SPJ**
Assistant Professor Jean Norman has accepted an appointment on the Utah Headliners chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists’ board. She is serving as campus liaison for the professional group, which will be hosting the Region 9 SPJ conference in March.

**Communication professor will chair college tenure and promotion committee**
Dr. Susan Hafen was selected to chair this year’s tenure and promotion committee for the College of Arts & Humanities.

**Get Involved**

- **The Signpost**: Contact Dr. Jean Norman at jeannorman@weber.edu.
- **Studio 76/Wildcat ONE**: Contact Drew Tyler at drewtyler@weber.edu.
- **KWCR 88.1 Weber FM**: Contact Robin Haislett at robinhaislett@weber.edu.
- **WSU Debate**: Contact Omar Guevara at oguevara@weber.edu.
- **Ogden Peak Communication, PRSSA**: Contact Dr. Nicola Corbin at nicolacorbin@weber.edu.
- **Society of Professional Journalists**: Contact Dr. Jean Norman at jeannorman@weber.edu.
- **Departmental Honors**: Contact Dr. Susan Hafen at shafen@weber.edu.
- **Lambda Pi Eta**: Contact Dr. Cynthia Bishop at cynthiabishop@weber.edu.