



## Time to Join Honor Society, Plan for Summer and Fall Registration

March is the month to check your inbox or mailbox to see if you have been invited to join Lambda Pi Eta, the national honor society for Communication students. It is also time to start planning for Summer and Fall registration.

This is the March 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](mailto:sjosephson@weber.edu).

### What's Happening

#### March

- **March 12:** James Foley movie, 6:30 p.m., Weber County Main Library, 2464 Jefferson Ave. (see below)
- **March 14:** PlayStation lawyer/VP, 5:30 p.m., EH 307 (see below)
- **March 15:** PlayStation lawyer/VP, 5:30 p.m., EH 307 (see below)
- **March 19:** Deseret News recruiting, noon-1 p.m., SUB 307 (see below)
- **March 21:** CIA recruiting, noon-1 p.m., EH 229 (see below)
- **March 22:** Deadline to join Lambda Pi Eta (see below)
- **March 27:** Summer Job Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Shepherd Union Atrium
- **March 31:** PRSSA meeting, 6:30 p.m., Jason Carlton, communication manager for Intermountain Medical Center

#### April

- **April 1:** Summer Registration opens
- **April 8:** Fall Registration opens
- **April 8:** Drop-in academic advising with chair, 9 a.m.-noon, EH 332
- **April 9:** Drop-in academic advising with chair, 9-10 a.m., EH 332
- **April 18:** Speech Showcase, 7 p.m., EH 229
- **April 18:** Communication awards ceremony, LPH induction by invitation
- **April 26:** Graduation

### Student News

Students earn new Focus Group Facilitation Certificate

Ten Communication students earned a new Focus Group Facilitation Certificate after being trained in focus group facilitation in COMM 3060 Listening & Interviewing and COMM 3100 Small Group Facilitation & Leadership. They facilitated two focus groups for two clients, providing them with formal focus group reports. The students who earned the certificate include Bianca Morales, Kelly Bingham, Brock Embley, Samantha Facer, Ryan Lloyd, Rebecca Wilde, Maranda Nickell, Todd Stapley, Isabella Williams and Jaclynn Murphy.

### **Two Comm students to present undergraduate research at WSU Symposium**

Two Communication majors will present research projects at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium on March 25. Rebecca Brown, a Civic Advocacy major, will present "Pocahontas and semiotics: An explanation of semiotics using Disney's 1995 film 'Pocahontas.'" Her mentor is Dr. Sarah Steimel. Jamie Spackman, an Interpersonal & Family Communication major, will present "Children's toys and the media." Her mentor is Dr. Michael Ault.

### **Two Weber State Debate teams qualify for National Debate Tournament**

Two Weber State Debate teams qualified for the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Debate Tournament March 22-26 at the University of Minnesota. The team of Bianca Morales and Hannah Phelps and the team of Zachery Thiede and Zachary Baker made the cut. Only 78 teams are invited. This is the first time for each of these students to qualify for the tournament. Morales is a senior majoring in Communication while Phelps is a freshman majoring in Communication. Zach Baker, a history major, and Zach Thiede, a double major in history and philosophy, have been with WSU Debate for two years.

## **Announcements**

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

Junior and senior Communication majors with high GPAs will receive invitations this 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 3.25 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 and campus email. If you qualify, but do not receive your invitation by March 15, please contact Dr. Sheree Josephson at [sjosephson@weber.edu](mailto:sjosephson@weber.edu) to check your eligibility. Qualifying students will be honored at the department's end-of-year event. The deadline to join is March 22.

### **Organizational Communication Audits & Consulting offered in Fall**

A Special Topics class (COMM 4500) called Organizational Communication Audits & Consulting will be offered Fall Semester on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. taught by Dr. Michael Ault. Management consulting is a \$250 billion industry and is growing quickly. The purpose of this course is to explore how to conduct Organizational Communication assessment and consulting methodologies. The class will cover the main positions of assessment strategies in the field of Organizational Communication. Some of the main topics included in this course represent the methods of organizational assessment, contemporary means of conducting assessments and case studies. The class can count toward the Organizational Communication emphasis or may be used as an elective in other emphasis areas. See your academic adviser to learn where this class may count.

### **PlayStation VP/lawyer, former WSU debater, to make two presentations**

Anthony Justman, vice president and deputy general counsel for Sony Interactive Entertainment, will speak to Communication students Thursday and Friday. Justman leads a team of more than 50 lawyers and staff that deliver legal support for PlayStation businesses in North and South America. On Thursday, his presentation will be at 5:30 p.m. in Room 307 of Elizabeth Hall. On Friday, his presentation will be at 10:30 a.m. in Room 229 of Elizabeth Hall. All students are invited to attend. Some classes are offering extra credit. Justman's team advises all the key functions of PlayStation business activities in the Americas by providing strategic and operational legal advice,

negotiating contracts, and working closely with other corporate functions, such as Human Resources, Finance, Corporate Communications and Security, to protect Sony Interactive Entertainment from legal, regulatory and public relations risks. While leading, managing and building this team, Justman works closely with Sony Interactive senior leadership to enable the business and protect the company from a myriad of risks and challenges. Prior to joining Sony Interactive Entertainment, Justman received his bachelor of science degree in political science and oral communications from Weber State University and his law degree from Stanford University School of Law. He worked for a federal appeals court judge immediately after law school and then spent more than a decade in private law firm practice in the San Francisco Bay area, specializing in intellectual property and advertising law litigation and counseling. Justman joined Sony Interactive Entertainment in 2007 after a three-year stint running his own company.

### **Classes part of new associate's in Workplace Communication to be offered in Fall**

The Communication Department will offer two courses in Fall Semester that are part of the new associate's degree in Workplace Communication & Writing. Writing for Workplace Communication (COMM 1140) is a required writing course for the new degree. It can also be substituted for Media Writing (COMM 1130) for students in the Organization Communication and Interpersonal & Family Communication emphases. Communication in Professional Settings (COMM 2550) will provide an introduction to theories and research in organizational communication and public relations. It will be offered online. The classes are part of the new interdisciplinary associate's degree offered by the departments of Communication and English. These classes may also be used to fulfill requirements for the Associate of Science in Communication degree as well as the department's bachelor's degrees.

### **Movie about the American journalist killed by ISIS to be shown tonight**

The movie "Jim: The James Foley Story" will be shown Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Weber County Main Library 2464 Jefferson Ave. The movie takes an in-depth look at the life and work of the American journalist who was killed by ISIS terrorists in 2014. A panel discussion will follow the screening with alum Jessica Miller, who won a Pulitzer Prize at the Salt Lake Tribune. She will be joined by Clare Morgana Gillis, a correspondent who worked with Foley, and Tom Durkin, program director of the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation. The movie is free.

### **Important information on financial aid, scholarships from college**

Nearly every student in the College of Arts & Humanities receives a scholarship or another form of tuition assistance. The college offers more than 200 scholarships to students totaling nearly \$2 million in tuition. Scholarships are available by major, interest, need or even a desire to study abroad.

#### **Steps to qualify**

1. Complete the free application for federal student aid. For the first time since the start of the program, you can use your tax returns from the previous year. The FAFSA priority deadline is April 1.
2. Finish the university financial aid/scholarship application.
3. Complete the Specialized Scholarship Application.

Still have questions? Please visit or contact the university's scholarship office at 801-626-7569 or by email at [finaid@weber.edu](mailto:finaid@weber.edu) or [scholarship@weber.edu](mailto:scholarship@weber.edu).

### **Signpost history documented in exhibit in WSU library**

Weber State University's latest exhibit is about The Signpost, WSU's student news organization. The exhibit will be displayed on the first floor of the library until April 30.

### **CIA looking to recruit Communication students for jobs, internships**

The CIA is coming to campus on March 21 from noon to 1 p.m. in EH 229 to specifically recruit students from Communication for jobs and internships. Positions the CIA is hiring for include editor/publications officer, graphic designer, interactive designer, or intern. After the information session, recruiters will meet with students and/or faculty for 20-minute one-on-one discussions to look at portfolio pieces and answer questions. See [www.cia.gov/careers](http://www.cia.gov/careers) for more information.

## **Deseret News to hold information session about internships**

The Deseret News will hold an information session on Tuesday, March 19, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Shepherd Union Building, Room 320, that will focus on discussing opportunities available in the digital and print news broadcasting industry. Every year, the Deseret News hires 20-25 interns who get real-world experience being published through the many affiliations of the Deseret News. Free pizza will be provided.

## **Tips on registering if you want to do an internship in the summer**

If you are planning to do an internship in the summer but not taking any other classes, you can avoid paying for those 3 credits just for summer registration by enrolling in COMM 4890 in the Spring. That will give you access to the Canvas course. You will receive an Incomplete at the end of Spring semester, which will not affect your GPA, but you have a year to complete your online internship assignments. You can NOT do an internship in the summer, but enroll in COMM 4890 in the Fall.

## **Faculty Achievements**

### **Professor presents daylong workshop on human-animal communication**

Dr. Susan Hafen co-presented a daylong workshop on human-animal communication at Western States Communication Association in Seattle, during which participants outlined a new undergraduate textbook on human-animal/international communication.

### **Communication Department internship director presents session**

At the Weber State University Internship Conference on March 15, Dr. Susan Hafen presented a session on internship ePortfolios and reflection.

### **Adjunct faculty member to present, perform panel at Communication conference**

Dr. Stephanie Heath, an adjunct professor in the Department of Communication, will present and perform in a themed panel sponsored by the Performance Studies Division this April at the Southern States Communication Association Conference in Montgomery, Alabama. The panel is titled: Got Milk? Exploring the Intersections of Milk Consumption and Performance. Heath's paper is titled: (Object)ive: Lactation.

### **Public Relations professor elected to Weber State's Faculty Senate**

Dr. Nicola Corbin, a faculty member in Public Relations & Advertising, has been elected to the Faculty Senate at Weber State University. Other faculty members from the College of Arts & Humanities who were newly elected are Dianna Huxhold and Joshua Winegar, both of the Department of Visual Arts & Design.

## **Get Involved**

- **The Signpost:** Contact Dr. Jean Norman at [jeannorman@weber.edu](mailto:jeannorman@weber.edu).
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