



Friday is deadline to sign up for Fall Graduation

The deadline to sign up for Fall Graduation is Friday. If you miss the deadline, check with the Graduation Office. Your name can still be called but there is no guarantee your name will be included in the official program.

This is the October 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

October

- **Oct. 2-3:** 23rd Val A Browning Round Robin, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Eccles Conference Center
- **Oct. 4:** Deadline to sign up for Fall Graduation to have name appear in program
- **Oct. 5-6:** 7th Mukai College Classic, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Elizabeth Hall and Stewart Union,
- **Oct. 7:** Mukai College Classic, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Eccles Conference Center
- **Oct. 16:** Weber State Debate Presents: A Debate on Immigration and Human Rights, 7-9 p.m., EH 299

November

- **Nov. 11:** Spring registration opens

December

- **Dec. 7:** Wasatch Independent Debate League Tournament at WSU, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., EH Hall 111, 229

Student News

Communication student, alum honored at College's AHA! Awards

A Communication student and a Communication graduate were honored at the College of Arts & Humanities AHA! Awards in September. Whitney Wagner received a student award that provides scholarships to "students who have persevered despite difficult circumstances, who reach beyond their grasp and who exhibit talent or promise indicating a commitment to education. Wagner is the first in her family to graduate high school and attend college. She has overcome many difficult obstacles, including family tragedies, but believes she would not be the person she is today without those hardships. She believes her studies at WSU are part of the rebuilding process. She maintains good grades while working and taking care of two young daughters. She is determined to set a good example for her girls. Amanda Chavez-Materre received an alumni award, given to those whose life works reflect positively on the college. She graduated in Communication/Electronic Media in 2007. She was a member of the WSU women's track and field team where she received All-Big Sky Honors. After graduation, she went on to

become a three-time Emmy Award-winning producer for Fox Sports/FS1. She began her sports television career at KJZZ-14 in Salt Lake City as a producer and later a reporter for the sports shows Powerhouse and A-Game. She produced profiles on the Utah Jazz, Real Salt Lake, and local college athletes. She has since worked on the production of major sporting events, including the World Series, Men's and Women's FIFA World Cup, Confederations Cup, Big East Basketball Tournament, Major League Baseball All-Star Game, Big 10, Big 12, and the PAC-12 Conference Football Championships.

Public Relations & Advertising major hired as travel agent for AAA

Jessica Driggs, a Public Relations & Advertising major, has been hired as a travel agent for AAA, based in part on her internship with Tour Utah coordinating events.

Students encouraged to join SPJ, chapters for Black, Hispanic journalists

Students interested in joining the Society of Professional Journalists, the National Association of Black Journalists or the National Association of Hispanic Journalists should contact Jean Norman at jeannorman@weber.edu.

Announcements

Immigration and human rights to be debated in public event on Oct. 16

Weber State Debate will present a debate titled "Immigration and Human Rights" on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in Room 229 of Elizabeth Hall. The topic is: Resolved: The Department of Homeland Security should abide by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights by creating community support programs for migrants. The public is invited.

Information session about grad programs in international affairs Oct. 10

An information session about graduate programs in international affairs will be held Thursday, Oct. 10, at noon in Room 124 of Lindquist Hall. Representatives from four international affairs schools will make short presentations and answer questions. The schools are The Fletcher School at Tufts University, the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, the School of Advanced International Studies at John Hopkins, and the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia, SIPA.

Alumni Accomplishments

MPC graduate with bachelor's in Civic Advocacy serving with Peace Corps in North Macedonia

Danielle Collier, a Weber State Master of Professional Communication graduate and the marketing and communications coordinator at Ogden Downtown Alliance, was selected as a Peace Corps volunteer in North Macedonia. She departed in September to begin training as a community development volunteer. Collier also earned a bachelor's degree in Communication with an emphasis in Civic Advocacy in December 2018. Collier was awarded the Weber State University Presidential Award for Community Engaged Alumnus in April 2019. She also sat on the board of directors for the Junior League of Ogden as the vice president for community. There are two WSU alumni currently serving as Peace Corps volunteers, and more than 134 alumni have served since Peace Corps was founded in 1961. Collier will work in cooperation with the local people and partner organizations on sustainable, community-based development projects that improve the lives of people in North Macedonia and help Collier develop leadership, technical and cross-cultural skills that will give her a competitive edge when she returns home.

Graduate, MPC student communications specialist at Northrop Grumman

Nina Morse, who graduated in 2017 in Public Relations & Advertising, is the communications specialist at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Structures, where she manages internal communications. She serves on the West Haven Special Service District community board and is pursuing a Master of Professional Communication degree at WSU.

MPC graduate named president of Harper Associates, specializing in marketing and sales

Ann Parry, who graduated with a Master of Professional Communication degree in 2017, is president of Harper Associates, where she specializes in product marketing and sales. She is a community advocate who has been working with nonprofit groups in Weber County and surrounding areas for 17 years. Parry has served as chair of the board of trustees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Weber-Davis and is serving as an executive board member and chair of the RAMP Tax Advisory Board.

Get Involved

- **The Signpost:** Contact Dr. Jean Norman at jeannorman@weber.edu.
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- **KWCR Wildcat Radio:** Contact Robin Haislett at robinhaislett@weber.edu.
- **WSU Debate:** Contact Ryan Wash at ryanwash@weber.edu.
- **Ogden Peak Communications:** Contact Dr. Nicola Corbin at nicolacorbin@weber.edu.
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- **Society of Professional Journalists:** Contact Dr. Jean Norman at jeannorman@weber.edu.
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