



## **Congratulations, Communication graduates, LPH inductees! Registration for summer and fall semesters is underway**

Congratulations to the 109 graduates in the Department of Communication with graduate, bachelor's and associate's degrees. Congratulations also to the outstanding graduates, Honors graduates, and Lambda Pi Eta inductees. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments!

For Communication students who are not graduating, we want to remind you that registration for Summer Semester and Fall Semester is open. We are here to help you with academic advising and registration overrides—whatever you need. Weber State University is proceeding with the assumption that face-to-face classes will resume in Fall Semester. However, as you know, the COVID-19 situation is fluid. We can expect updates periodically from administration. Regardless of our delivery method of teaching, a full schedule of classes in Fall Semester is planned. Summer Semester will be completely online or virtual. Many Summer Semester classes in Communication were already scheduled to be offered fully online. As you know, online classes can be completed on your schedule. Summer classes scheduled as face-to-face will be handled in a virtual format. Virtual classes will be offered partly asynchronously as in an online class and partly synchronously as in a face-to-face class with the expectation that students attend virtually on the time listed in the schedule at least occasionally. Faculty will tell students how the class will function on the first day.

Please see [www.weber.edu/communication](http://www.weber.edu/communication) to determine your academic advisor. The department chair, Dr. Sheree Josephson, can also help you. She can be reached at [sjosephson@weber.edu](mailto:sjosephson@weber.edu). If you need assistance registering for a class that requires a prerequisite that you are currently taking, the department's administrative assistants can help you. They can be reached at [sgardner1@weber.edu](mailto:sgardner1@weber.edu) and [slove@weber.edu](mailto:slove@weber.edu). You can also take a prerequisite and the class requiring that prerequisite at the same time, but the administrative assistants will need an approval email from the professor.

This is the April 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**

#### **May**

- **May 4:** Summer Semester begins

### **Student News**

#### **91 students graduating with bachelor's, associate's degrees in Communication**

Congratulations to the 76 students graduating with a bachelor's degree in Communication and the 15 students graduating with an associate's degree in Communication.

- **Civic Advocacy:** Rebecca Brown, Omar McDade, Madison Nielson, Benjamin Pillard, Alexa Sepulveda, Marin Tarbox, Sydney Tesch
- **Digital Media:** Kieffer Allen, Joshua Badal, Jessika Clark, Ryann Combe, Nicholas Covington, Joseph Grammer, Kiara Horowitz, Fernando Huerta, Preston Jenkins, MaKall Larsen, Hope Lytle, Andrew Mott, Marques Schroeder, Douglas Schulte, Chelsey Shuman, Lyanne Tangog, Tyler Trautman, Jonathan Van Sickle, Tristin White
- **Interpersonal and Family Communication:** ShaeLyn Bond, Jordan Collingsworth, Markel Gutierrez, Samantha Hanney, Kenlie Lemon, Kailey Markos, Tate Pearce, Megan Roessler, Tafaeafe Schuster, Isabella Williams
- **Multimedia Journalism:** Jake Constantine, Colton Heward, Brandon May, Kainoa Nunez, Weston Sleight, Ian Syme, Sharon Valverde Vargas, Victoria Waltz, Deborah Wilber
- **Organizational Communication:** Anna Bahe, Makenna Dillingham, Alen Hajric, Jamie Lobato, Tana Park
- **Public Relations & Advertising:** Staci Arthur, Conner Arvidson, McKinley Ball, Keiley Bradshaw, Sheila Coe, Parker Crawford, Madison Freitag, Dawn Gross, Kylie Harris, Rashell Herbert, Eduardo Hernando Ortiz, Devon Jennings, Lucy Kunzler, Kimberly Magana, Rebecca Maringer, Jacob Martin, Preston Melle, Alyssa Mora, Curtis Rackham, Madison Robbins, Whitney Robinson, Timothy Romney, Andrew Sheehan, Karen Valdez, Hollie Webster, Chong Wong
- **Associate of Science:** Caden Alberts, Shanelle Barnett, Lacie Benson, Sarah Beus, Ethan Bosshardt, Sarah Earnshaw, Courtney Evans, Casey Gibbons, Jennifer Greenlee, Kyle Housley, Skyler Hudson, Caitlyn Larsen, Cody Lawrence, Fernando Nevarez, Bruce Troncoso

### **18 students graduate with Master of Professional Communication degree**

Congratulations to the 18 students graduating with the graduate degree of Master of Professional Communication. The graduates are Catherine Anderson Burrup, Sarah June Buttars, Heidi Ann Costello, Cydnee JoAnne Green, Chad Hancey, Alissa Ann Holm, Jennifer Johnson, Marti Lynne Money, Nina L. Morse, Michael Dean Parks, Kymberly M. Ridl, Cassidy Adell Smith, Marissa Aleyah Smith, Jayson K. Stokes, Caitlin E. Thomas, Zachary Adam Whitney, Deidre Ann Wilson, and Nicholas Scott Winegar.

### **Outstanding Communication graduates selected for 2019-2020**

The outstanding graduates selected by the Department of Communication for the 2019-2020 include:

- **Master of Professional Communication:** Cassidy Adell Smith
- **Outstanding Academic Achievement:** Victoria Waltz
- **Civic Advocacy:** Sydney Tesch
- **Digital Media:** Kieffer Allen
- **Interpersonal & Family Communication:** Tate Pearce
- **Multimedia Journalism:** Ian Syme
- **Organizational Communication:** Makenna Dillingham
- **Public Relations & Advertising:** Dawn Gross
- **Associate of Science in Communication:** Caitlyn Larsen

### **Three students graduating with Honors in Communication**

Three students are graduating with Honors in Communication. To graduate with Honors, students must earn a 3.75 GPA in the Communication major and have a 3.5 GPA overall. They must also present original research at a conference.

- Dawn Gross
- Devon Jennings
- Victoria Waltz

### **17 students inducted into national honor society for Communication**

Seventeen Communication majors were inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national honor society for Communication. To be eligible for Lambda Pi Eta, 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% of one's class in general scholarship. The inductees include Emily Opal Barnes, Laura Bramall, April Burger, MaKenna Dillingham, McKenzie Evans, Raphael Even-Hen, Jennifer Greenlee, Dawn Gross, Tyler Haslam, Bethanie Jensen, Jessica Newman, Callie Oyama, Bridger Silvester, Shaylee Stevens, Lyanne Darla Tangog, Sydney Tesch, and Stephanie Thayne.

### **The Signpost, KWCR, Studio 76 name student leaders for next year**

The Signpost, KWCR Wildcat Radio and Studio 76 have named student leaders for the 2020-2021 academic year. Jennifer Greenlee has been named editor and chief of The Signpost while Daryn Steed will be managing editor. Ammon Holt will be the general manager and Casey Allen will be the program director. Logan Gossett and Cameron Jackson are the new leaders for Studio 76.

### **Outstanding Interpersonal & Family graduate accepted into graduate school**

Tate Pearce, who is graduating this semester as the outstanding student in Interpersonal & Family Communication, has been accepted in Dixie State's Marriage and Family Therapy graduate program. He will start in August.

### **Intern writes news release about WSU's donation of ventilators, face masks**

As an intern for WSU Communications, Communication major Shaylee Stevens wrote an article about the donation of ventilators, face masks and other personal protective equipment to local health care facilities by the Dumke College of Health Professions. The release resulted in a Standard- Examiner article and other local news coverage ([https://www.standard.net/news/health-care/weber-state-donates-ventilators-and-critical-medical-supplies-to-mckay-dee-midtown-community-health-and/article\\_04ca7426-0fe4-5afc-918f-46fdf0095ccc.html](https://www.standard.net/news/health-care/weber-state-donates-ventilators-and-critical-medical-supplies-to-mckay-dee-midtown-community-health-and/article_04ca7426-0fe4-5afc-918f-46fdf0095ccc.html)). Susan B. Thornock, the chair of the School of Nursing said, Shaylee's article was "wonderful." She added, "She should be able to secure a job anywhere."

### **Projects change for Ogden Peak Communications due to COVID-19**

Students in Ogden Peak Communications are helping United Way call its 70-plus community partners to get updates on immediate needs due to COVID-19. Students had planned to do focus groups but had to change plans because of social distancing. Their goal now is to do interviews and gather information so United Way can be more nimble in its needs assessment and response. Because of the pandemic, OPC also had to shelve plans for a gala for the Major Brent Taylor Foundation. Students are now working on a social media campaign to spread positive messaging and ways to help during the coronavirus crisis.

## **Alumni Achievements**

### **Communication graduate named corporate counsel for HealthEquity**

Morgen J. Weeks, a Communication graduate, has been named corporate counsel for corporate and strategic transactions at HealthEquity, according to LinkedIn.

## **Announcements**

### **COMM 3130, COMM 3780 plan to collaborate in Fall Semester**

Those interested in taking both COMM 3130 News Reporting and Writing and COMM 3780 Broadcast News Production should be aware that the classes overlap on purpose in Fall Semester. The idea is that students who take both in the same semester can cover the same events for both print (COMM 3130) and broadcast (COMM 3780) and end up with a multimedia package for their portfolio. Students, however, do not have to enroll in both classes if they want to take only one. COMM 3130 meets Wednesday from 4:30-7:15 p.m. and COMM 3780 meets Wednesday from 5:30-8:10 p.m. The instructors, Dr. Jean Norman and Dr. Aaron Atkins, will collaborate to help

students succeed in both classes. You may need an override to enroll in both. To get the override, email Norman at [jeannorman@weber.edu](mailto:jeannorman@weber.edu) or Sare Gardner at [sgardner1@weber.edu](mailto:sgardner1@weber.edu).

### **The Signpost's graduation issue is not canceled**

The Signpost will produce its annual graduation issue, complete with all the graduates' names listed, and make it available online. It will be available Tuesday, April 14, at [signpost.mywebermedia.com](http://signpost.mywebermedia.com) or <https://issuu.com/thesignposwsu>. Print versions will also be available once campus has reopened.

### **The Signpost recruiting staff members for new school year**

The Signpost, Weber State's news organization, is recruiting staff members for the new school year. The Signpost will publish during the summer as well as the regular twice-a-week during fall and spring 2020-21. Writers, editors, photographers and graphic artists are needed. The Signpost is a co-curricular, both a class and an activity. Those interested can find the application at [signpost.mywebermedia.com](http://signpost.mywebermedia.com). Fill it out and send it to [jeannorman@weber.edu](mailto:jeannorman@weber.edu). Scholarships are available.

### **Applications open for Studio 76 staff positions**

Applications for the 2020-2021 Studio 76 staff are open. If you have questions, email faculty advisor Andrea Baltazar at [andreabaltazar@weber.edu](mailto:andreabaltazar@weber.edu). The link to apply is <https://forms.gle/NVNSp5RNawg8nbmm9>.

## **Faculty Accomplishments**

### **Chair publishes 'Handbook of Visual Communication: Theory, Methods, and Media'**

Dr. Sheree Josephson, chair of the Department of Communication, has published the second edition of the "Handbook of Visual Communication: Theory, Methods, and Media" with Routledge. The book features 13 of the main theories in visual communication written by some of the foremost scholars in the field. These chapters are accompanied by peer-reviewed research chapters. Josephson, the lead co-editor, worked with Dr. James D. Kelly of Indiana University and Dr. Ken Smith of the University of Wyoming. The book contains a research chapter by Josephson and Master of Professional Communication graduate student Stacey Tyler titled "Using Eye Tracking to See How Children Read Interactive Storybooks with Supplemental or Incidental Digital Features." Josephson also co-authored the Introduction with Kelly and Smith. The official publication date of the print edition is April 29.

### **Communication faculty quoted in WSU news releases, local media**

Quotations from Dr. Colleen Packer, a faculty member in the Department of Communication and the director of WSU's Teaching and Learning Forum, was quoted in a news release about the tectonic shift to online teaching in the wake of COVID-19. The story resulted in the use of Packer's quotes in the Deseret News and KSL. It can be read at [https://weber.edu/WSUToday/033020\\_SummerOnlineLearning.html](https://weber.edu/WSUToday/033020_SummerOnlineLearning.html). RC Callahan, a Communication adjunct and the director of WSU Online, was also quoted in that news release. Dr. Susan Hafen, another Communication Department faculty member, was featured in a news release along with Kiersten Cragun, a Public Relations & Advertising student. That news release can be read at [https://www.weber.edu/WSUToday/041020\\_StudentFacultyStruggles.html](https://www.weber.edu/WSUToday/041020_StudentFacultyStruggles.html).

## **Get Involved**

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