1. **(SLIDE) WSU Accolades**
   a. **(SLIDE) Named a Great College to Work For by the Chronicle of Higher Education for the third year in a row.**
      i. Now on honor roll for that award.
   b. **(SLIDE) Great Value Colleges also named us among the Best Colleges for Adult Learners**
   c. **(SLIDE) RN to BSN Online Program.com added Weber State to the top 50 list for Best Hybrid RN to BSN Programs for 2017**
      i. Weber State is number 21
   d. **(SLIDE) AuntMinne has named Weber State as a semifinalist for the best radiologic technologist training program. Finalists will be announced later this month.**
      i. Faculty members Wynn Harrison and Robert Walker are also named as semifinalists for most effective radiologic technologist educator.
   e. **(SLIDE) Energy Savings**
Each year, WSU saves more than 1.7 million dollars on utility costs through energy-saving renovations and improvements such as geothermal energy piping that help us to heat and cool our buildings.

1. We are currently in the process of installing more piping in our ground source fields on the west end of campus.
2. And the library renovation, which I’ll talk about later, was also conducted with energy savings in mind.
3. Each year, the energy savings are reinvested in additional projects.
4. We’re hoping to save over $2 million in the next fiscal year, FY19.
5. Every year I become more confident that we are going to fulfill our commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral university by 2050.

Weber State has joined various community anchor institutions to create the Ogden Civic Action Network, which is dedicated to improving housing, educating communities
and promoting health in Ogden’s central neighborhood.
1. The partners include Ogden City, 2 local hospitals, the OWTC, school districts and business organizations.
2. Goals include access to good housing, healthcare, addiction prevention and recovery, creation of lifelong learners, developing resources and others.

2. (SLIDE) WSU’s Promotion of Economic Development
   a. Our graduates are poised to contribute to the economy.
      i. (SLIDE) Smart Asset, a personal finance technology company, reports that, nationally, the average annual earnings are $35,256 for high school graduates.
         1. Smart Asset also reports that the average WSU graduates’ starting salary is $52,000 for 2017.
            a. Nearly $17,000 more per year than a high school.
            b. The highest amount for any institution in Utah except BYU.

3. (SLIDE) Workforce Alignment
i. **(SLIDE)** In 2015-16, 56 percent of the degrees Weber State graduates earned aligned with the Department of Workforce Services’ list of high market-demand jobs. That’s because many of our top degrees are well aligned with Utah’s workforce needs.

ii. Nursing tops the list at 3,411 graduates over five years

iii. Along with several other health professions majors.

iv. But computer science and engineering technology are also among our top ten degrees. If the growth of those areas is any indication, we can expect them to climb the list rapidly.

1. **(SLIDE)** The number of tech degrees, defined as Computer Science, Networking, Engineering and Engineering Technology, that WSU has awarded more than doubled from 2010 to 2016.

   a. **(SLIDE)** WSU’s student to faculty ratio is 21 to 1.

      i. **(SLIDE)** In 2016-17, Engineering Technology was 61 to 1.
ii. (SLIDE) And Computer Science was 81 to 1!

2. (SLIDE) The demand from our community is certainly there.
   a. Of the 99 electrical engineering graduates Weber State has had since 2012, all but one is employed.
   b. The biggest portion of our electrical engineering graduates (46 percent) work at Hill Air Force Base.
   c. More than 20 percent are working individually or with one other WSU EE alumnus at the firms listed on the right.

3. And we’re still not producing enough graduates for our aerospace industry’s needs.

4. (SLIDE) WSU is working hard to meet the workforce needs for northern Utah in the next five years.
   a. (SLIDE) Making Room for Engineering
      i. Noorda Building/WSU Davis Building
   
   b. (SLIDE) Make sure that degree programs align with local workforce needs.
      i. BS to MS degree in computer engineering
ii. On the Horizon: Mechanical Engineering and Systems Engineering
   1. These degrees will emphasize hands-on skills for the actual building of things, not just work at a desk

iii. (SLIDE) New degree in outdoor and community recreation education that builds on Ogden’s theme as a national center for outdoor recreation.

c. Continued support of health professions.
   i. (SLIDE) Ezekiel R. & Katherine W. Dumke Center for Interprofessional Education in Health Care
      1. (SLIDE) Fall of 2018 opening of IPE
   ii. WSU’s Nurse Practitioner Program, newest track in the Master of Science in Nursing program
      1. Eighty one people applied this year compared to 48 last year.
      2. Program was able to accept only 30 students this year.
      3. First graduates in Spring 2018

ci. Focus on fantastic facilities
   i. (SLIDE) Social Science renovation is underway as well.
ii. (SLIDE) Newly renovated library is now open.

iii. (SLIDE) And by the way, if you want to see what WSU does with capital development funding these days, just visit our Tracy Hall Science Center across the Stewart Bell Tower Plaza

e. (SLIDE) Focus on increasing graduation rates/student success

i. Student success initiatives are underway to better ensure that our students stay enrolled ... and graduate on time.
   1. Initiatives include increasing marketing and student recruitment
   2. Using scholarships and tuition waivers to incentivize full-time enrollment and on-time graduation
   3. Sharpen the focus on advising, student persistence and success

f. (VIDEO NOT AVAILABLE, PDF) At Weber State, we produce some amazing graduates. First, I’d like to introduce you to Oscar Bedolla, who found a passion for science.

   1. Video: Oscar Bedolla
g. (VIDEO NOT AVAILABLE, PDF) The second graduate I want to introduce you to is Kristin Oki, who was able to put her skills to work right after graduation

1. Video: Kristin Oki

h. (SLIDE) At Weber State, we put teaching first. We help our students live out stories like Oscar’s and Kristin’s. We help our students make their dreams happen. But we don’t do that alone. We know that we have support from the Board of Regents, the state legislature, the governor and the people of Utah. That kind of support doesn’t exist in many states, so all of us are grateful to be doing this good work in Utah.

i. Thanks to the countless efforts toward our students’ success, the state of Weber State University is strong. Whatever challenges need to be conquered and overcome, we know that We Can Do It!
State of the University Address 2017
Some Things to Cheer About
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Source: SmartAsset
Supporting Workforce Needs
## Top 10 Degree Programs

### 5-Year Total
Academic Years 2013 through 2017

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Tech Degrees Awarded

- CS/Networking:
  - 2010: 141
  - 2016: 265

- Engin./En. Tech.:
  - 2010: 76
  - 2016: 185

- Total:
  - 2010: 217
  - 2016: 450
Weber State University

**STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO:** 21:1
Engineering Technology

**STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO:**

61:1
Computer Science

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO: 81:1
Electrical Engineering Placement

By firm - for all 99 graduates since 2012

- HAFB: 46%
- Northrop: 10%
- Autoliv: 4%
- BAE: 4%
- L-3: 3%
- Boeing: 2%
- 2 or fewer: 24%
- Unemployed: 1%
- Unknown: 1%
- Grad School: 2%

Includes:
- Bard Access Systems
- Bend Labs
- Biofire Diagnostics
- DoD
- Design Criteria
- Fresenius
- GMRE
- Kihomac
- Lockheed Martin
- NASA
- Orbital ATK
- Pelatron
- Raytheon
- RF Ranging
- Rocky Mountain Power
- SanDisk
- T.D. Williamson
- Varian Medical
- Williams International
Securing the Future
Make Room for Engineering

Ogden Campus
  - Noorda Engineering & Applied Sci. Facility
    - Replaces Tech. Ed.

WSU Davis
  - Computer & Auto. Engineering Building
    - Non-state funded
Degrees That Match Needs

- BS to MS Degree in Computer Engineering
- On the Horizon: Mechanical Engineering
Degrees That Match Needs

Outdoor & Community Rec. Education
Exceptionally Interprofessional
Training Tomorrow’s Nurse Practitioners
From Social Science to Lindquist Hall
Stunning Stewart Library
Science on Display
Strategic Enrollment Plan Goals

1. Increase marketing and student recruitment activities
2. Incentivize full-time enrollment and on-time graduation
3. Increase focus on advising, student persistence and success
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