New Employees

Staff Updates: We’d like to welcome the following individuals to their new positions at Weber State: **William Soule** as the testing assistant at Davis Learning Support & Student Services; **Sara Seefried** as the coordinator for appointment tutoring in Learning Support; **Kaitlynn Crane** as the administrative specialist in Testing Services; **Yajanetsy Ruano** as the graduate assistant in the Women’s Center; and **Natalie Hales** as the program coordinator for the Center for Community Engaged Learning. We wish the best to **Melissa Hall**, **Claire Nye**, **Kevin Fendrick**, and **Katie Swainston** as they move on from Weber State!

On June 20, **TRiO Talent Search** took 52 students (8th-12th graders) to Salt Lake Community College and the University of Utah, and then hosted 27 students at Weber State where they interacted with Honors, the School of Business & Economics, the College of Health Professions, and Career Services. **College Access & First-Year Transition** held its annual Summer Bridge July 29-August 1 with more than 40 students participating. The program consisted of a four-day, three-night residential college experience for freshmen planning to attend WSU. Students attended workshops, leadership activities, and built connections with peers and college mentors.
Weber State University was pleased to again sponsor and participate in the 4th Annual Ogden Pride Festival on August 4. This year's festival was attended by more than 4,000 people and the included 90+ vendors.

If your student employees haven’t yet registered for GetSET training on Wednesday, August 22, make sure they do so by visiting this link. GetSET is an interactive event for student employees designed to help them learn and grow through their on-campus employment experiences. The training is no cost to departments, but students must be paid an hourly wage for their attendance.

The WSU President Search has been underway this summer, with a consulting firm assisting in reaching out to qualified candidates. The application deadline for the position has been extended into the beginning of September. This will allow time for those just returning to campus to prepare their applications. The search committee will review paper materials on September 17.

Weber State is excited to welcome NUAMES North to our Ogden campus beginning Fall 2018! Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science (NUAMES) will have approximately 200 students this fall, and hope to expand to 500 over time. They will attend class primarily in Lind Lecture Hall until their new space in the NORDA building is completed in approximately 2021.

WeberConnect is the new student engagement application that is replacing WeberSync. This platform is app-based and can be downloaded from the App Store or the Google Play Store. The application is still in the designing phase, so it is not yet ready to be downloaded. An email will be sent soon with training for how this tool can be utilized.

The Wildcat Block Party, will be Friday, August 31! Save room for the President’s Purple Pancakes! For more information, click here. The grand opening of the Ezekiel R. & Katherine W. Dumke Center for Interprofessional Education (IPE) in Health Care will be Tuesday, September 4 from 2 – 4 pm with refreshments and self-guided tours. Remarks and the ribbon cutting will be at 2:15 pm. The Student Services Expo will be Wednesday, September 19 from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Shepherd Union Atrium. This is an event geared towards introducing and inviting students to tutorship programs, services, and other resources available to them.

It’s official! Qualtrics is our new survey tool. Surveys can be created now; however, the system is still being implemented and the set-up is not yet completed. There will be an official training from 10 am - 12 pm on Tuesday, September 18 in SU 404.

Please join us at the Shepherd Union Ballrooms on September 25 from 6:30 – 8 pm to help welcome this year's Weber State University's Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote Speaker, Dolores Huerta. Her keynote address will focus on this year's national Hispanic Heritage Month theme: "Hispanics: One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions."

The Utah NASPA Conference will be held September 28 at Salt Lake Community College. The deadline to register is September 25. The call for proposals, as well as the award nominations deadline, is August 31. For more information, please click this link.
The **Campus Recreation Outdoor Program** has been busy beating the heat this summer—from Moab and Jackson Hole to tubing the Ogden River downtown. Summer kicked off with a multi-sport trip to Moab whitewater rafting the Colorado River and rock climbing classic desert sandstone. As temperatures rose, our focus turned to staying cool locally on our summer waterfalls hiking series and tubing/kayaking the Ogden and Weber Rivers. Wednesday mornings our dawn patrol mountain bike series discovered hidden wonders of hundreds of miles of trails in our own backyard. When the heat reached max, we headed to higher elevation with our ultralight backpacking trip to the Wind Rivers and whitewater rafting the Snake River in Alpine Canyon near Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Outdoor Program Rental Center has been swamped--thousands of rentals flew off our shelves this summer to help our community start their adventures. As the semester kicks off, don't forget you can schedule a team building activity on the challenge course right here on campus, or book a retreat for your entire department. For a full list of offerings and details, visit this [link](#).

**Tech Trivia:** Did you know you can send an email to your Box Drive account and it will store you attachments into a folder of your choice? Want to learn how and other tips on using Box Drive? Contact anyone in Student Affairs Technology or call our STAs at 8628 to set up a quick training for you or your department.

**Diversity Trivia:** Ever heard of the strike for farmworkers' labor rights? How about the Grape Strikes and Boycotts of the 1960s? Maybe the name César Chávez rings a bell? Ever heard of Labor & Feminist Icon Dolores Huerta? Dolores Huerta is among the most important, yet least known, activists in American history. An equal partner in co-founding the first farm workers unions with César Chávez, her enormous contributions have gone largely unrecognized. Dolores tirelessly led the fight for racial and labor justice alongside Chavez, becoming one of the most renowned feminists of the twentieth century—and she continues the fight to this day, at 87.