

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2019-2020

ACCESS

Pre-college access programs served 1,341 high school students in the Ogden, Weber and Davis school districts.

The **Latinos in Action** Conference hosted 1,350 students from 15 school districts.

The **Multicultural Youth Conference** hosted 709 high school students from Davis, Weber and Ogden school districts.

The **GROW Leadership Conference** hosted 350 high school seniors to introduce them to involvement, professional, and leadership opportunities at Weber State.

Hired a new **Transition Advisor for Special Populations** to assist youth transitioning out of foster care, Juvenile Justice System, refugee status and homeless students.

Student Support Services hosted the **First Generation Faculty, Staff, Student Mixer** with 120 participants and brought 12 students to Washington D.C. for **First Gen Alternative Spring Break**.

More than 100 students participated in the inaugural **Intercultural Welcome Reception** to provide underrepresented students with resources as they transition to Weber State.

The Peer Mentor Program piloted the **Elementoring** project with \$9,200 they received from the Underrepresented Student Grant. WSU Mentors were able to mentor students from Smith Elementary and Mount Ogden Junior High.

The **Weber Cares Food Pantry** had 764 visits and distributed 7,253 pounds of food.

Campus Recreation broke ground on the new **Outdoor Adventure and Welcome Center** with Ogden Mayor Caldwell in attendance for the ceremony.

Student Affairs Technology responded to COVID-19 in part by providing 45 laptops for students to checkout when classes moved online.

Evening Child Care was provided at the Davis campus for the first time ever by the Nontraditional Student Center so that student parents could attend evening classes on the Davis Campus.

Student Affairs provided \$40,211 in seed money for the following five new initiatives through **Underrepresented Student Success Grants** of up to \$10,000 each:

- Social and Behavioral Sciences Pathways to Graduation Project
- Pacific Islander College Prep Night
- GEAR Up Student & Parent Activity Punch Cards
- Elementoring
- Intercollegiate Showcase of Many Islands in a Common Sea

UpwardBound collaborated with **WSU EAST** to provide STEM workshops for 40 participants. They also organized a FAFSA night with senior students and their parents to explain financial options for college.

Disability Services hosted **WildCATT Experience Day**, a campus visit for 92 local high school students with disabilities to provide individualized transition planning and peer mentoring.

GEAR UP received \$12,900 from the Hall Endowment for Community Outreach to create the GEAR UP Parent Advocate Group.

Student Affairs Marketing created the Keeping Connected page in response to classes and services moving online. This page was a repository of all online services and information across campus for students during COVID-19. The site received 5,000 pageviews in the spring semester.

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

21st Annual Diversity Conference focused on the theme "Equal Justice Under the Law? Stories of Race, Class, Gender, and Status." 50 participants from campus and the community attended.

Career Services developed the **Career Readiness Initiative** for student employees focusing on the eight NACE competencies. More than 100 students have completed the course. They also collaborated with the Student Success Center to create an online **Major and Career Navigation** program for students to take career assessments and access academic advising information.

My African Identity: Nostalgia to Authentic Self-The Reveal provided an opportunity for 10 students to learn about their ancestral African origins in a partnership with *AfricanAncestry.com*.

Project Lead is an annual, two-day leadership conference hosted by WSUSA and Student Involvement and Leadership. There were 123 students in attendance on Friday and 135 Saturday.

The **Money Management Center** hired a full time financial literacy coordinator and provided **278 one-on-one coaching sessions** for students.

First year students enrolled at the Davis campus received weekly tips and information through text messages as part of the Academic Peer Coaching initiative. Of those who received texts, 93% found these text messages helpful and 84% tried at least one new study technique.

Supplemental Instruction and Tutoring are now available in a more robust offering in a virtual format due to COVID-19.

Peer-led support groups began in fall 2019 through the **Wildcat Support Network**. Sixty-five students completed the PSY 2020 (Mental Health Awareness and Advocacy) course in order to be prepared to support their peers on campus.

Testing Services proctored an estimated **250,000 exams**. They closed face-to-face exams on March 12 and virtual placement exams resumed in late March.

Student Affairs provided \$12,937 in seed money for two new initiatives through **Student Success Grants** of up to \$10,000 each.

- Salary Compensation for Americorps VISTA Weber Cares Specialist
- Increasing and Diversifying Student Access to the Counseling and Psychological Services Center via Single Session Therapy

Student Affairs supported students, faculty and staff by providing services through 146 Starfish Referrals.

Student Involvement & Leadership hosted the first **Light the “W”** event as part of Homecoming celebrations. Light the “W” was offered again to **celebrate spring 2020 graduates**.

Disability Services co-hosted the **Davis School District Transition Fair** for an estimated 450 Davis District Special Education students and their families.

Student Health Center completed a successful flu shot campaign and provided nearly **600 vaccinations** to students on the Ogden and Davis campuses.

Along with all schools in the USHE system, WSU Student Affairs began facilitating the **JED Campus Initiative**, a four-year strategic planning program that provides comprehensive, institution-wide efforts to improve student mental health outcomes.

President Mortenson officially proclaimed **WSU a Purple Heart University** after approval from the local chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart.

COMMUNITY

As part of **Extreme Makeover--Home Edition**, CCEL collaborated with **Visit Ogden** to provide 30 WSU volunteers to assist with construction of two houses for families in the Weber County area.

Community service hours: 4,667 WSU students contributed **122,449 hours**.

To **Welcome our Wildcats** into the residence halls, 100 volunteers from the Weber State community served as move-in helpers at both University Village and Wildcat Village.

The **Shepherd Union** had 7,397 bookings and **hosted 602,449 people**.

