Saving Energy Saves Money

Through their rigorous academic studies, the lights go on for students every day — but only figuratively. The university wants to teach another valuable lesson by making sure the lights go off when campus rooms are empty.

Installing light sensors is just one of many ways the university has found to save energy and money. So much, in fact, that Rocky Mountain Power just named Weber State the 2014 wattsmart Business Partner of the Year for its commitment to energy efficiency.

The award recognized WSU for reducing electrical consumption by 30 percent over the past five years, while adding 10 percent more square footage to the campus. That translates to reduced electrical consumption of 10.8 million kilowatt hours and $540,000 in annual savings.

WSU has invested $3.8 million in 59 energy-efficiency projects and received $1 million in incentives to do so from Rocky Mountain Power. Nine more projects are in progress. Energy and Sustainability Manager Jacob Cain noted the Rocky Mountain projects represent only 30 to 40 percent of all energy-efficiency projects on campus. The university also has reduced energy consumption from Questar.

“We like to be leading edge in our use of technology, but not bleeding edge,” Cain said. “We have been able to make use of new technologies in an aggressive yet efficient manner, such that we see large rewards for the success of our projects without taking too much risk.”

Rocky Mountain presented the award to Administrative Services Vice President Norm Tarbox in March. “It is a great honor to be recognized by Rocky Mountain Power,” Tarbox said. “The university has been pursuing efficiency projects large and small for the past several years. It’s nice to be highlighted for those efforts.”

One of WSU’s largest energy projects was the conversion of the Dee Events Center to highly efficient LED lighting in 2012, for which the Environmental Protection...
**Hinckley Award**

History department chair **Susan Matt** is this year’s recipient of the John S. Hinckley Fellow Award. Colleagues cite her creativity and vitality in scholarship and service, and students praise her contagious charisma and excitement in the classroom.

Matt has helped many students apply for grants to conduct archival research around the country in order to gather and transcribe oral histories and present their findings at national conferences. She teaches in the Venture Program, a humanities course for low-income adults that eases the transition into college. Since the program’s inception in 2008, Matt has helped many students understand American history and their place in it.

Matt’s own research focuses on the history of emotions — particularly the emotional habits that accompany modern individualism and capitalism. She is the author of two books, *Homesickness: An American History* and *Keeping Up with the Joneses: Envy in American Consumer Society*, 1890-1930.

**Collaboration Award**

WSU’s neuroscience program received the 2014 Exemplary Collaboration Award in recognition for the teamwork of three colleges that came together to create a neuroscience minor and a passion for the study of the brain.

The executive committee included psychology professors **Lauren Fowler** and **Matthew Schmolesky** from the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences; health sciences professor **Jim Hutchins** from the Dumke College of Health Professions; and zoology professor **Barbara Trask** from the College of Science.

The collaborators designed a neuroscience minor that began in 2010 with two courses and a lab. In three years, the list of program course offerings has expanded to seven. The minor claims 75 students and 25 graduates. Numerous students have presented their research at regional and national conferences. The program also has made its mark in service to the larger community, with its faculty and students making presentations on the brain to more than 1,000 public school students annually.

**Lindquist Award**

For her passionate commitment to service both locally and globally, **Lisa Trujillo**, assistant professor of respiratory therapy, has been selected as the 2014 recipient of the John A. Lindquist Award. Since 2005, Trujillo’s global work has concentrated on Ghana in West Africa. In her efforts to provide free health services, medical education and community health education to the country’s underserved, she has collaborated with the departments of geography, computer science and business as well as with Ghanaian entities from hospitals and schools to e-waste centers.

As part of her doctoral program, Trujillo focused on introducing the profession of respiratory therapy to the Ghanaian medical community. After nearly two years of work, the University of Ghana will soon accept students into a baccalaureate respiratory therapy program.

“The development of this partnership will lead to additional opportunities for WSU students to engage their fellow students in Ghana through collaborative learning and research,” she explained.

**Saving Energy Saves Money continued**

Agency also honored the university. Weber State is the first university campus in Utah to have water and energy meters in every building to monitor usage in real time. Crews have also insulated and repaired aging, leaking steam lines, and installed multiple solar panels.

Saving money and saving energy are just part of the equation; education is the key component, according to Kevin Hansen, Facilities and Campus Planning vice president.

“Our goal is to be seen as a leader in our community. The greatest influence of all might be with our graduates. If we convey to them the importance of being energy efficient — that it’s a good investment and the right thing to do — imagine the impact that could have on society as a whole.”
Dixon Awards

Forrest C. Crawford, professor of teacher education, and Norm Tarbox, vice president for Administrative Services, are the recipients of the Alumni Association’s H. Aldous Dixon Award.

After graduating from WSU in 1975, Forrest Crawford returned two years later as a professor of education. He used his passion for teaching and his commitment to social equality to launch a campus-wide effort to raise the university’s level of social consciousness. He was named assistant to the president for diversity in 1992.

When selected to deliver the prestigious Last Lecture in 2012, Crawford chose teaching for humanity as his topic. “Learning should take place for the purpose of making better global citizens, not making ‘A’ students,” Crawford said. “Diverse learners and ideals are part of the rich dynamics of classroom instruction and discussion.”

For more than three decades, Crawford’s academic insight, extraordinary teaching and personal integrity have compelled students, faculty and members of the community to first acknowledge difficult social issues — and then take action.

If you happen to see something at WSU that looks new or improved, chances are Norm Tarbox had something to do with it. Over the past 12 years, he has supervised $300 million in capital projects, including three new residence halls, the Wildcat Center expansion, Shepherd Union renovation, an indoor playing field and the installation of the iconic 65,000-pound boulder in Tracy Plaza.

Also a tireless champion of WSU Athletics, Tarbox takes great pride in providing the resources to prepare scholar-athletes for competition, and for life. “My hope is that our student-athletes have such positive, life-changing experiences they will want nothing more than to send their own children back here,” he said.

Of all his experiences, Tarbox admits his favorite is teaching an introductory business course every fall for the past 11 years, trying to make accounting “as exciting as possible.”

He feels privileged to call Weber State University home. “The highlight of my professional life has been to contribute to the university’s growth and development.”

Time to Process Year-End Requisitions

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching, bringing with it some important deadlines. Meeting the deadlines ensures your purchases and encumbrances can be processed without delay.

- By June 2: Submit to purchasing all requisitions and backup documentation for equipment supplies and services. This should allow enough time to bid and award items to meet the June 30 deadline.
- After June 2: Purchasing cannot guarantee the procurement process will be completed in time to commit the funds for fiscal year 2014.
- Following the close of business on June 27 any unapproved requisitions (those awaiting approval within the queues) must be deleted to allow year-end processing. Replacement requisitions must be created and funds will be committed for the 2015 fiscal year.

For questions, contact the Purchasing Office at ext. 6014.
Distinguished Professors Recognized for Lasting Contributions

Two Weber State University professors acclaimed nationally for contributions to their disciplines have been named the 2014 Brady Presidential Distinguished Professors.

The honor was established in 2006 as a way to recognize outstanding WSU faculty members who demonstrate the highest quality of teaching, scholarship, research and community service.

Funding for the recognition was made possible by a generous gift from Rodney and Carolyn Brady. Rodney Brady served as president of WSU from 1978-1985.

Jennifer Turley

Throughout her 16-year career at WSU, Jennifer Turley has established herself as an inventive educator, valuable mentor and adept scholar.

As a nutrition professor and chair of the Department of Health Promotion and Human Performance, Turley has led the effort toward healthier students and a more robust area of study at WSU.

She has contributed to her department’s growth at WSU Davis and worked with faculty from various disciplines to launch a nutrition foods lab and greenhouse. She also founded and directs WSU’s online nutrition program.

Regardless of whether she teaches online, face-to-face or hybrid courses, her exceptional reputation for teaching and organization draws students to her classes.

In 2005, she received the George and Beth Lowe Innovative Teaching Award and the Exemplar of Technology Delivered Instruction Award.

Turley is the primary author for Nutrition: Your Life Science, which includes a print version of more than 500 pages, an e-book, an online class component and audio lectures. Universities nationwide have adopted the book, which is co-authored by WSU associate professor of nutrition Joan Thompson. The second edition of the textbook is expected in 2015.

Kirk Hagen

During his more than 20 years at WSU, Kirk D. Hagen has established himself as a caring teacher, passionate leader in his field and generous contributor to his community.

Hagen was instrumental in the creation of WSU’s first engineering program. As the current chair of the Department of Engineering, he successfully guided the effort for accreditation of the program.

Hagen has expertise in the areas of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and heat transfer. His publications include the books Heat Transfer with Applications, Heat Transfer Solutions and Introduction to Engineering Analysis, which has sold more than 25,000 copies worldwide.


Hagen also published an extensive essay on connections between science and Mormon theology.

In addition to his service rendered on all levels of the university, Hagen is the deputy governor general of the Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants, the state chapter of a hereditary organization in Plymouth, Mass., that provides historical and genealogical research on descendants of Mayflower passengers.

Hagen has written more than 100 letters of recommendation for WSU graduates.

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