Thoughts from CCEL
June 22nd - June 26th, 2020

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. Tell us about a positive thing that has happened to you in the last week?

   ● Teresa Martinez-- Started attending a national conference on race and ethnicity and it has been eye-opening, inspiring, challenging, and energizing to say the least.

   ● Giovanni Frias-- I went to the gym for 4 days in a row!!

   ● Patrick Tadlock-- Spent time outside as much as I want. This has been an ongoing benefit of the COVID-19 era.

   ● Cassandra Backman-- Being able to hike 10 miles this Sunday and be off the grid

   ● Raquel Lemos-- My brother and I treated our dad to Red Lobster for father’s day. Seeing the look on his face when we came home with the food was priceless. We invited my older brother from Brigham City and gorged ourselves--even the dog got a bit or two.

   ● Natalie Hales-- I got a new bike and have had a blast riding it and exploring new places!

   ● Bethany West-- I saw Becky Jo yesterday when she was out delivering gifts. It made me so happy to see a familiar face. :)

   ● Ella Mitchell-- I shaved off half my hair. I’m blaming the pandemic, but my neck does feel nice and cool now.

   ● Katherine French-Fuller-- We got our tax refund!

   ● Joan Gustafson-- My oldest grandson turned 7 years old and we found a better work space in the house for my husband to work remotely so I can get my kitchen table back!

2. As some professional sports leagues are starting up play again, will you share your favorite professional sport team name (any or all sports)? If you have one.

   ● Teresa Martinez-- Football-Denver Broncos; Men's Hockey-Colorado Avalanche (looking forward to the growth of the PWHPA); Men's Basketball-Utah Jazz; Women's
Basketball-Phoenix Mercury; Men's Soccer-Real Salt Lake; Women's Soccer-Utah Royals; Baseball-San Francisco Giants; I also watch individual pro sports, but that list is longest.

- **Giovanni Frias**-- WEBER STATE FOOTBALL !!!!!!! <3
- **Patrick Tadlock**-- Dallas Cowboys (NFL), Tottenham Hotspur (EPL)
- **Cassandra Backman**-- Brazil's Soccer team (I find soccer fun to watch) and Bruins For Ice Hockey - I like winter sports better
- **Raquel Lemos**-- Our dog is named "Raider" for a reason..
- **Natalie Hales**-- I got a new bike and have had a blast riding it and exploring new places!
- **Bethany West**-- I don't really follow sports, but I do like Real Salt Lake
- **Ella Mitchell**-- I just hope both teams have fun.
- **Katherine French-Fuller**-- Banana Slugs
- **Joan Gustafson**-- The Vikings

3. **Let's have a virtual potluck, what dish would you bring?**

- **Teresa Martinez**-- Buffalo chicken dip.
- **Giovanni Frias**-- I don't cook much so I would go buy some mo'bettas
- **Patrick Tadlock**-- Chili
- **Cassandra Backman**-- Feta, mint and watermelon salad - its the season
- **Raquel Lemos**-- Seafood Paella
- **Natalie Hales**-- My first thought was, "How fun!" My second thought was, "How sad!"...Sigh. Um, I'll bring a potato salad to the VIRTUAL potluck.
- **Bethany West**-- My mom's homemade baked beans
- **Ella Mitchell**-- I'll bring the chips.
- **Katherine French-Fuller**-- Kale salad with almonds, Parmesan cheese, and lemon vinaigrette
Thoughts from CCEL
June 15th - June 19th, 2020

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. As Independence Day nears, what do you prefer to do to celebrate this holiday?

- Teresa Martinez-- I like to stay home and relax.
- Giovanni Frias-- Pop some fireworks!
- Yesenia Quintana-- Barbeque, music, water activity, family/friends
- Patrick Tadlock-- Watching fireworks from afar
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- hunker down at home and watch movies :)
- Cassandra Backman-- Grill and Fireworks and swimming
- Raquel Lemos-- Stay home and binge movies with the family, then start a bonfire in the backyard..
- Natalie Hales-- Hometown parades, picnic/BBQ with family, fireworks at a park. It's fun to have the community come together for something fun.
- Bethany West-- Take my nieces and nephews to the parades and watch fireworks.
- Ella Mitchell-- Write to senators to have Juneteenth made a national holiday. And parades and fireworks and barbecues and stuff too.
- Katherine French-Fuller-- Something low-key as I don't like handling fireworks!
- Joan Gustafson-- I grew up going to a family picnic, then going to a town parade and fireworks celebration. Now we go camping with family and friends.
2. Do you have a favorite bird? If so, what is it?

- Teresa Martinez: I grew up with Cockatiels and love them. I also love the bald eagle.
- Giovanni Frias: Any that makes noises in the morning when I wake up.
- Yesenia Quintana: I don't.
- Patrick Tadlock: I am a fan of quail.
- Becky Jo Gesteland: like that favorite child question...I can't pick a favorite. but at this moment, I'll say goldfinch, because I can hear one outside.
- Cassandra Backman: Cardinal - first bird call I learned.
- Raquel Lemos: When I was little, I thought Kiwis were adorable.
- Natalie Hales: Nope.
- Bethany West: Yellow finches and hummingbirds remind me of spending summers with my grandma.
- Ella Mitchell: We once had a little yellow parakeet we named Tweetie. That bird was pretty cool.
- Katherine French-Fuller: My new favorite is the myrna bird.
- Joan Gustafson: I have two favorite birds on is the Loon because of their songs and the other is the Eagle because of the history of the symbolism.

3. What is the weather like outside as you write this answer?

- Teresa Martinez: Hot - 80 degrees and sunny.
- Giovanni Frias: Cloudy and tons of pollen.
- Yesenia Quintana: Sunny, warm.
- Patrick Tadlock: Sunny.
• Becky Jo Gesteland-- partly cloudy

• Cassandra Backman-- Sunny and 70s

• Raquel Lemos-- Sunny, some clouds, but no sign that a storm is coming.

• Natalie Hales-- Overcast but pleasant. 79 degrees with a light breeze blowing in the trees. (Didn't plan for that to rhyme:)

• Bethany West-- Cloudy

• Ella Mitchell-- Perfection.

• Katherine French-Fuller-- Sunny and 74!

• Joan Gustafson-- It is a sunny day.

4. Are you a morning person, daytime or a night person? Why?

• Teresa Martinez-- Definitely a night person. Always have been. I like the quiet time and being able to focus

• Giovanni Frias-- Was a night person, but I want to become a morning person to get things done

• Yesenia Quintana-- night

• Patrick Tadlock-- Morning Person

• Becky Jo Gesteland-- morning

• Cassandra Backman-- Morning person but I also stay up late - so whatever is needed - I am one of those people that need very little sleep to function.

• Raquel Lemos-- Honestly, I can function properly at any time that isn't 1-3 pm.

• Natalie Hales-- I'm a morning person as long as I didn't try to be a night person the day before.

• Bethany West-- Daytime person. It take a minute for my brain to start working in the morning, and it shuts off at 9 pm.

• Ella Mitchell-- I wish I were a morning person, but its the night that seems to bring out my best work. Let's be honest though. I could take a nap at any time.
Katherine French-Fuller-- Maybe morning?

Joan Gustafson-- I am a morning person because morning symbolizing a fresh new beginning.

5. **Have you ever had pets other than a dog or cat? If so, what?**

- **Teresa Martinez**-- I've owned birds, fish, horned toads, rats, and rabbits
- **Giovanni Frias**-- Like 40 birds currently, a rabbit, and some fish
- **Yesenia Quintana**-- turtles, chickens
- **Patrick Tadlock**-- Goats and Pigs
- **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, newts
- **Cassandra Backman**-- Ducks, Guinea Pigs, Lamb, piglets, ants, daddy long legs, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, mosquito fish, African clawed Frogs, Bearded Dragon, Eyelashed Geico, Gerbils, beta fish (my roommate and me designed a display of water plants and fish - so cool), coral (failed), guppies and gold fish, hermit crabs - this is what I can think of but the list is long.
- **Raquel Lemos**-- We had fish, but my brother and I forgot to feed them, so they died.
- **Natalie Hales**-- Horses, cows, goats, chickens, llamas, hamster
- **Bethany West**--I grew up on a farm, so I had horses, pigs, sheep, rabbits, you name it.
- **Ella Mitchell**-- See answer #2
- **Katherine French-Fuller**-- Rabbits, or really bunnies
- **Joan Gustafson**-- We have had fish in our house.

6. **What is your favorite part of your work day?**

- **Teresa Martinez**-- Settling in, looking at my calendar, and being able to tackle what the day entails
- **Giovanni Frias**-- meetings, I love talking with other people
- **Yesenia Quintana**-- "I don't think I have a favorite part of the day. Everyday is so different."
Thoughts from CCEL  
June 8th - June 12th, 2020

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. Please share 3-5 words that describe your job at Weber State?

- Teresa Martinez-- Challenging, Rewarding, Developing, Fun, Humbling
- Giovanni Frias-- Help those in need!
- Yesenia Quintana-- Busy, challenging, busy, exciting, busy
- Zadoth Vazquez-- Immaculate, Life-changing, Positive, Valuable
- Barrett Bonella-- Train social workers, change world
- Patrick Tadlock-- Exciting, Challenging, Rewarding, Meaningful
2. When wearing a face covering is necessary, what color and type of face covering do you prefer to wear?

- **Teresa Martinez**-- Black
- **Giovanni Frias**-- Any that works properly
- **Yesenia Quintana**-- disposable
- **Zadoth Vazquez**-- I have one with snowmans on it...
- **Barrett Bonella**-- I got a great one from Youth Futures that's got lots of colors on it.
- **Patrick Tadlock**-- I have a nice one from a company in Maine that retooled their blue jean factory to make masks.
- **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- cobalt blue, t-shirt material, home-made--now I just need to find one!
- **Cassandra Backman**-- Pattern - right now I have tons of patterns from pug faces, to tie dye and even a mushroom one.
- **Raquel Lemos**-- Honestly, anything works. I'm not picky. At the moment, I have a white face mask with blue and orange stripes.
- **Natalie Hales**-- I only have one reusable mask (I got it free from Fremont High School, so it's blue with the silver wolf mascot on it). It works fine and I don't go out much so it's all I've ever used. I'm not even sure what other options are out there.
Bethany West-- Cloth masks make me horribly claustrophobic, so I buy the big packs of blue surgical masks.

Ella Mitchell-- Hmmm, still too new to know.

3. Do you have a favorite flower or plant? What is it and why?

- Teresa Martinez-- The Bleeding Heart. It reminds me of my mom.
- Giovanni Frias-- Cactus, little maintenance and they look good year round!
- Yesenia Quintana-- Peonies - because it's beautiful and smells nice.
- Zadoth Vazquez-- Sunflowers. They are beautiful and always follow the sun
- Barrett Bonella-- I was given a delightful succulent from one of my favorite students. I suppose I should name it.
- Patrick Tadlock-- Recently it has been a tree, Aspens, I just love the colors and the sound of their leaves or a mum as it is the sign Fall is coming.
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- too hard to choose! but I love the smell of sagebrush after a rain
- Cassandra Backman-- Marigolds and Desert Roses - the colors, the simplicity, they are native and they attract a variety of wildlife
- Raquel Lemos-- I have lots of plants at home. My two favorites are a Vick's Mint plant (which smells exactly like the name suggests) and a Crown of Thorns that grows flowers every few days. I'll probably move the Crown of Thorns outside to bloom.
- Natalie Hales-- Whichever one I am looking at or smelling at the moment. I could never choose just one!

- Bethany West-- Picking a favorite plant is like picking a favorite child.
- Ella Mitchell-- Right now the catalpa trees are blooming and I love seeing them as I walk around the neighborhood. And I don't know that it is my favorite, but spider plants love me. They seem to be the only plant I can't kill. They are taking over all of my pots as I slowly (and unintentionally, of course) kill off everything else.

4. If you could have any vehicle to drive what would it be?
- Teresa Martinez -- McLaren
- Giovanni Frias -- Bagged 2020 Nissan GTR nismo
- Yesenia Quintana -- An older Jeep
- Zadoth Vazquez -- Doc Hudson from the movie "Cars"
- Barrett Bonella -- A Tesla.
- Patrick Tadlock -- I enjoy my Chevy trucks, but a Tesla would be nice too.
- Becky Jo Gesteland -- Prius: quiet and stealthy :)
- Cassandra Backman -- An old red ford truck but somehow altered to be electric
- Raquel Lemos -- An electric vehicle, though I'd prefer to use public transportation and avoid driving.
- Natalie Hales -- Tesla Model X
- Bethany West -- No preference. I only care if it is environmentally friendly and comfortable.
- Ella Mitchell -- Tesla Roadster (I like to go fast.)

5. If willing, share a positive outcome of the Covid-19 pandemic in your life.

- Teresa Martinez -- Greater appreciation for relationships at home, at work, at school, etc.
- Giovanni Frias -- Spending a lot more time with family and loved ones! Honestly, I feel really happy now!
- Yesenia Quintana -- Being around my kids all day - totally enjoying it way more than I thought I would.
- Zadoth Vazquez -- Get to spend more time with my family and an opportunity to read my favorite/new books! Also try out new recipes and ways to cook.
- Barrett Bonella -- My family had come together for movies which allowed us to get caught up on the avengers. Plus we were "forced" to finally get gigabit internet service.
● Patrick Tadlock-- A new appreciation for schedules and routines and the effects they have on my family and work. The pause in the routine, however, has also let me be more in control of it as well.

● Becky Jo Gesteland-- this time has deepened my relationship with my husband and daughter

● Cassandra Backman-- Spend more time with Ruby and got contact to friends I have not seen since high school and virtually chat with grad school friends

● Raquel Lemos-- I have an excuse not to drive and deal with traffic. On a serious note, it's given me plenty of time to think about the next step in my life, now that I've graduated.

● Natalie Hales-- Opportunity to pause and reevaluate what I really want to spend my time doing.

● Bethany West-- I have realized how much the people in my life mean to me.

● Ella Mitchell-- Time to slow down and prioritize.

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Thoughts from CCEL
June 1st - June 5th, 2020

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1. If you got to name a new country, how would you decide what to call it?

   ● Joan Gustafson-- I would do the research about the history of the area along with the important events and culture of the area to pay homage to the area, history and people.

   ● Barrett Bonella-- I'd probably seek inspiration from my music collection.

   ● Patrick Tadlock-- Research what the local people think is appropriate.

   ● Becky Jo Gesteland-- Utopia, because we need it

   ● Cassandra Backman-- I honestly have no idea - it depends on the natural areas and how the natives see it.
• *Raquel Lemos*-- I'd do as much research as I could on its geography, traditions, exports, etc., to come up with a name that really "fits" it.

• *Natalie Hales*-- I would talk to the people that live there or who were going to live there to get their perspective.

• *Bethany West*-- I think it would depend on where it was and what it looked like.

• *Ella Mitchell*-- I'd probably revert to a favorite book or movie or something and name it Narnia, or Wonderland, or Mordor or Panem or something like that.

• *Taylor Calabrese*-- No answer

2. **If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?**

• *Joan Gustafson*-- Visit with my loved ones who have passed.

• *Barrett Bonella*-- I'd go to space and hang out in zero gravity.

• *Patrick Tadlock*-- Visit Space

• *Becky Jo Gesteland*-- Lie in my hammock and read a book

• *Cassandra Backman*-- Hiking and Photography

• *Raquel Lemos*-- Probably going out somewhere with friends.

• *Natalie Hales*-- Relax in nature

• *Bethany West*-- Spend the day with my boyfriend (I haven't seen him since the Canadian border closed).

• *Ella Mitchell*-- Depends, is money an object in this hypothetical?

• *Taylor Calabrese*-- Camping

3. **Did you choose a career in community engagement or did it find you? What do you like most about it?**

• *Joan Gustafson*-- My career was not really about community engagement, however my heart has always been in community engagement. I like that community engagement is about helping build relationships and community around the local areas.
• **Barrett Bonella**—Yes. Originally I just wanted to be a therapist, but social work offers so much more. It happened to fit community engagement really well. I love seeing students challenge themselves and grow by taking on difficult projects aimed at making the world a better place.

• **Patrick Tadlock**—It sort of found me. I have always been involved with volunteering and civic engagement so when a position at my last school opened up in the area it seemed like the right fit for me.

• **Becky Jo Gesteland**—it found me: I discovered the joy of partnering with community members in my technical writing classes then pursued ways to spread that joy; I love watching students become empowered by the work they do with their community partners—they become the experts!

• **Cassandra Backman**—It chose me. I love being able to hear and tell a communities story and help them spread that story.

• **Raquel Lemos**—I wanted a career where I could gain research experience, and it just happened to be community engagement-related. The best part is that our community partners use the research and lit reviews that I conduct to implement new programs.

• **Natalie Hales**—It found me. Gaining understanding of different views, ways of approaching life and needs that exist then contributing to a culture of people working together.

• **Bethany West**—It found me. I feel like what I do actually matters and makes a difference in many people’s lives.

• **Ella Mitchell**—Both. I like the awareness it brings to my community’s issues. And I like the sense of purpose it gives to my everyday actions.

• **Taylor Calabrese**—I wanted to get more research experience and found the job posted online. So I guess both! I love being able to learn more about people and how different everyone’s lives are.

4. **What is your favorite day of the week and why?**

• **Joan Gustafson**—Saturday morning because everyone sleeps in and I have the morning to myself. I make a big breakfast when they all start moving or I think they should be getting up.

• **Barrett Bonella**—Friday. Anticipation of the weekend is better than the weekend because once it starts, the clock is ticking.
• **Patrick Tadlock**-- Saturday as it feels like you have all the freedom in the world if you don't think about the weekend only being two days long.

• **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- any day that I can do yoga

• **Cassandra Backman**-- Sunday - its my Wholey Day (meaning whole day for me). It use to be Friday which was my day off.

• **Raquel Lemos**-- Before quarantine, it used to be Thursday, because that was when I used to meet up with a lot of my friends. Now, I would say Friday, because I love that feeling of having the weekend ahead of me. Plus, I'd like to think that pushes me to be more productive, since I'll have the weekend to recover.

• **Natalie Hales**-- Friday, it's the day where things get switched up from routine to free time.

• **Bethany West**-- Friday, because I still can look forward to the entire weekend.

• **Ella Mitchell**-- By Saturday I am already dreading Monday, so better go with Friday.

• **Taylor Calabrese**-- Friday - you have a whole weekend ahead of you

5. **What is your favorite movie of all time?**

• **Joan Gustafson**-- One of my favorite movies is "Remember the Titans."

• **Barrett Bonella**-- Star Trek 2: The Wrath of Khan

• **Patrick Tadlock**-- Star Wars: A New Hope

• **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- like choosing a favorite book, it changes every day; but I do like almost anything with Robert Downey Jr. :)

• **Cassandra Backman**-- This changes and I do not watch movies much. I do love all Marvel Movies.

• **Raquel Lemos**-- Don't have one. My favorite genres are horror and comedy, though..

• **Natalie Hales**-- Can't think of one.

• **Bethany West**-- The Prestige. I love movies that make you think, and Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman work so well together.
● Ella Mitchell-- It changes constantly, but if I had to guess my most watched movie, it would be either Princess Bride, Pride & Prejudice, Nemo, or Cars.

● Taylor Calabrese-- Jurassic Park

6. If you could visit a different planet or space, would you do it? Where would you go?

● Joan Gustafson-- I would not travel to another plant unless I could be teleported because I am very claustrophobic.

● Barrett Bonella-- Hell yeah! I’d love to explore a new Earth-like planet. I'd probably die from some awful unknown disease, or worse, spread some awful disease and kill everything. But assuming microbiology wasn’t a thing, that would be the most exciting adventure.

● Patrick Tadlock-- I think it would be cool to go to an earth like planet or just visit all the planets in our solar system first.

● Becky Jo Gesteland-- Deep Space Nine

● Cassandra Backman-- Not sure - I love the planet we live on and want to keep it for many years to come.

● Raquel Lemos-- If we found another planet with life forms, I'd like to go there. If not . . . well, I guess the trip would still be fun, right?

● Natalie Hales-- No way!! I have no desire to leave the solid ground and oxygenated air that I have right here!

● Bethany West-- I don't think I could do it. I would feel so claustrophobic in a spaceship.

● Ella Mitchell-- Absolutely I would. Anywhere they would take me. I’d settle for the ISS.

● Taylor Calabrese-- No thank you, I think space is neat but I never want to go there!
1. **Who is your Historical or Real Life Hero/Heroine and why?**

- **Katharine French-Fuller**— It takes a village

- **Yesenia Quintana**— Rigoberta Menchu

- **Joan Gustafson**— Joan of Arc because she took action in what she believed she was tasked with and by whom.

- **Barrett Bonella**— Whitney Young Jr. The great unsung hero of the Civil Rights movement. Look👏 him👏 up👏

- **Teresa Martinez**— My mom because she has overcome so much adversity in life and still has a positive outlook on everything she does. She has such a great attitude and amazing energy that helps me through anything I'm experiencing.

- **Patrick Tadlock**— I look to many past and present people for perspective

- **Becky Jo Gesteland**— Geraldine Brooks - she gets to do what I always wanted to do: research then write historical non-fiction

- **Cassandra Backman**— Rachel Carson - She had voice but was still soft spoken. She found beauty in the oddest of areas and worked hard helping her family, the environment and communities.

- **Raquel Lemos**— Real Life--Mom, Historical--Jean de Arc or Zora Neal Hurston

- **Giovanni Frias**— No Answer

- **Natalie Hales**— My best friend's 13 year old son, Ben. He has muscular dystrophy and is gradually losing the use of his body. Despite the extra energy it takes, he is always looking for ways to lift others up and serve them. He was just voted in as student body president of his Jr. High for next year. Although he has recently had to transition from a walker to a motorized wheelchair, he will be the strongest kind of leader. His spirit inspires me to be a better person.

- **Bethany West**— Elizabeth Cady Stanton-- She was a prominent suffragette who wrote the Declaration of Sentiments (one of my favorite documents of all time).

- **Ella Mitchell**— Jesus because he was always looking out for the poor, sick, marginalized, and disenfranchised.
2. What's the phone app you use most?

- **Katharine French-Fuller**-- Noom
- **Yesenia Quintana**-- Instagram
- **Joan Gustafson**-- I use the Facebook app the most to stay connected with family & friends, while sharing positive messages.
- **Barrett Bonella**-- Spark. Email client.
- **Teresa Martinez**-- Soda Crush or Gmail
- **Patrick Tadlock**-- Gmail or Instagram
- **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- Messages
- **Cassandra Backman**-- Gmail/Google Calendars - sadly
- **Raquel Lemos**-- Discord--if I didn't have a way to communicate with friends, I'd have gone beyond the pale months ago.
- **Giovanni Frias**-- Spotify or Instagram
- **Natalie Hales**-- Gmail email and calendar.
- **Bethany West**-- Notes, I like to jot down random thoughts that I have throughout the day.
- **Ella Mitchell**-- Google Play Music

3. If you had only one sense (hearing, touch, sight, etc.), which would you want and why?

- **Katharine French-Fuller**-- Hearing because music and to listen to narratives, followed closely my taste because food!
- **Yesenia Quintana**-- Sight
- **Joan Gustafson**-- I would choose sight as my one sense because I could still see the beautiful scenery & drive my bike and I know a bit of sign language so I would still be able to communicate.
- **Barrett Bonella**-- No Answer
Teresa Martinez-- Sight. The world has so much to offer and I feel I could navigate to some extent if I could see what is going on.

Patrick Tadlock-- Hearing

Becky Jo Gesteland-- hearing: I would miss the bird song

Cassandra Backman-- Taste - cause if I have taste I have to have smell as well so its my way of getting around the rules.

Raquel Lemos-- Touch, for so I could feel my way around and jerk my hand away from hot/sharp surfaces. Then get cochlear implants for hearing.

Giovanni Frias-- No Answer

Natalie Hales-- Sight, I rely on it the most

Bethany West-- Touch, so I can hug my loved ones.

Ella Mitchell-- Is it bad if my first impulse was to put taste? What is life without chocolate chip cookies!! Music and seeing mountains and stuff is cool too.

**4. What did you want to be when you were small?**

Katharine French-Fuller-- A lawyer!! Shocking....

Yesenia Quintana-- Pediatrician

Joan Gustafson-- I wanted to be a cowgirl living on a farm.

Barrett Bonella-- An astronaut. Watching the Challenger explode at age 5 changed that.

Teresa Martinez-- A circus performer

Patrick Tadlock-- Baseball Player

Becky Jo Gesteland-- a writer

Cassandra Backman-- My parents always said I could be a neurologist - I was that kid bringing dead animal bones (specifically skulls and spines) home and also reading anatomy and behavioral books for fun.

Raquel Lemos-- A doctor or vet
Giovanni Frias-- Walmart cashier, I would see how much money everyone would give them for just scanning foods. I always thought they made a lot of money because I never saw anyone give money to the Doctors, so I saw no point in that when I could just be a cashier.

Natalie Hales-- A teacher like my Grandma, she was my kindergarten teacher in our small town elementary school.

Bethany West-- I wanted to be a teacher for a really long time.

Ella Mitchell-- Big

5. Do you collect anything? Why do you collect this?

Katharine French-Fuller-- Maybe note cards??

Yesenia Quintana-- Unfinished projects

Joan Gustafson-- I collected stamps, souvenir spoons and rocks. I still collect them because they tell stories of travels.

Barrett Bonella-- Music. Music subscriptions had made this very easy.

Teresa Martinez-- I collect the U.S. state, territory and national site quarters. I started doing this when they first came out, but I spent them all when I got hungry during high school. So, I started over.

Patrick Tadlock-- Household Projects and tools

Becky Jo Gesteland-- stuff about whales (because Moby Dick); books about knitting (patterns, history, spirituality of the practice)

Cassandra Backman-- This is creepy but I collect animal thorax bones, because an old boyfriend was biological anthropologist so he use to find them in lab and give me extra ones and I love the shape (I have a cow, sheep, giraffe, pig, but no humans except a mold of neanderthal thorax).

Raquel Lemos-- Mementos from trips, like flight stubs, tickets, programs, etc. I can always pull them out and look back on all the neat experiences I've had.

Giovanni Frias-- Car parts, I could use them one day in the future or a friend/family member will.
Natalie Hales-- No. I used to collect souvenirs from travel, but got tired of so many things sitting on shelves that I had to dust and organize so I got rid of them.

Bethany West-- Books, because one can never have too many books.

Ella Mitchell-- As I look around my house, the only thing that I can see we have a beyond-normal collection of, is screens.

6. **If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?**

Katharine French-Fuller-- I'm terrible at this one....

Yesenia Quintana-- No Answer

Joan Gustafson-- I would say I would be a dog because I try to be a good & loyal companion while also being a protector.

Barrett Bonella-- Uhhhh... A human. A great ape in shoes.

Teresa Martinez-- Golden Retriever - loyal, caring, social or quiet, loves to have fun

Patrick Tadlock-- Beagle- I am a hard headed and hyperactive

Becky Jo Gesteland-- owl

Cassandra Backman-- It changes, but right now I am a bumble bee only venturing out for pollen with no grace in my stride. However, when working its all about the detail and the support from my CCEL hive.

Raquel Lemos-- Probably a wolf, since I work well alone or in a pack.

Giovanni Frias-- No Answer

Natalie Hales-- An elephant. They are socially complex, steady and peaceful but can be powerful when they need to be.

Bethany West-- Cat, I love to cuddle, but I am fairly independent. I can be a bit conniving as well. ;)

Ella Mitchell-- My patronus is an oryx, so let's go with that, because the "What Animal Are You" quiz I just took online says I am a shrew because I am "sensitive, creative, and paranoid".
Thoughts from CCEL  
May 18th - May 22th, 2020  

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. What is your favorite genre of music?

- Taylor Calabrese-- EDM
- Yesenia Quintana-- It varies on my mood - at the moment it's 90s alternative and rock
- Leah Murray-- I don't have a favorite genre - my taste is very eclectic, but you would never find country in any music device of mine
- Barrett Bonella-- These days it's hyper dramatic metal operas
- Teresa Martinez-- I like an eclectic mix instead of one genre.
- Patrick Tadlock-- 90's Alternative Rock
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- disco
- Cassandra Backman-- Alternative Rock or Jazz
- Raquel Lemos-- Alternative
- Giovanni Frias-- Corridos (Country music basically but in Spanish), and Country
- Natalie Hales-- My taste is eclectic but I like music that uses more acoustic instruments and harmonies, and has simple melodies you can sing along to. I often find that in certain types of Country (Zach Brown Band, Josh Turner) and Folk (Wailin' Jenny's). Other favorites are Michael Buble, Colbie Caillat and Ed Sheeran.
- Bethany West-- Rock in all its glorious forms
- Ella Mitchell-- Usually one of the varieties of rock.
2. Do you have preference for a writing tool (pen, pencil, marker etc.)? If so, what is your preferred brand?

- Taylor Calabrese-- A very nice ballpoint pen
- Yesenia Quintana-- Pen, Microni
- Leah Murray-- Sharpie Pen
- Barrett Bonella-- Pilots. I have a pen right now that's an Inkoy that I love, but honestly, I'm always in search of a better pen.
- Teresa Martinez-- I prefer a pen. The latest purple CCEL pen has been my favorite.
- Patrick Tadlock-- A Blue Pen, preferably a Pilot pen
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- mechanical pencil
- Cassandra Backman-- Ball point pens of all color and straender brand
- Raquel Lemos-- Pencils and one of those large erasers
- Giovanni Frias-- Mechanical Pencil, no need to sharpen and I can always erase
- Natalie Hales-- Gel pens. I love the way they glide on the paper.
- Bethany West-- Pen— I like the Precise V5 pens by Pilot.
- Ella Mitchell-- Pilot G2 05

3. What is your favorite snack food?

- Taylor Calabrese-- Chips of any kind, all day!
- Yesenia Quintana-- Cucumbers
- Leah Murray-- wheat thins
- Barrett Bonella-- I try not to snack. I blame snacking for most of my weight gains.
- Teresa Martinez-- Tuna on saltine crackers
Patrick Tadlock-- Beef Jerky (lots of protein)

Becky Jo Gesteland-- chocolate

Cassandra Backman-- granola

Raquel Lemos-- Sliced apples and peanut butter

Giovanni Frias-- Dried Mango

Natalie Hales-- Raw almonds

Bethany West-- Chips and homemade salsa…mmm

Ella Mitchell-- It's like asking who is my favorite kid. It changes depending on who is sitting by me.

4. Do you prefer tea, water, coffee, soda or something else? What is your favorite flavor or way to drink it?

Taylor Calabrese-- Cold water will always be the best drink

Yesenia Quintana-- Coke

Leah Murray-- diet coke - with ice and lemon

Barrett Bonella-- Coffee. I just invested in a Ninja coffee machine. It makes all kinds of specialty coffees. Otherwise, I like my sugar with coffee and cream.

Teresa Martinez-- Filtered water and iced mochas. My water is usually in my Hydroflask that I carry everywhere with me. Iced mochas with whipped cream from Beans and Brews are my favorite.

Patrick Tadlock-- Hot Coffee (No sugar or Cream)

Becky Jo Gesteland-- coffee, black

Cassandra Backman--Tea, Hot and Bengal Spice

Raquel Lemos-- I need my coffee--with two teaspoons of sugar and a little bit of Italian or Irish cream
● **Giovanni Frias**-- Coffee and dark

● **Natalie Hales**-- Water and sometimes Crystal Light- Blueberry Lemonade is my favorite flavor.

● **Bethany West**-- I prefer water, but I am addicted to diet Dr. Pepper. I think it tastes best from the 7-11 by my house (I don't know why, but it does), or I love getting it with cream and raspberry puree from SOS (a local version of Fiz).

● **Ella Mitchell**-- I drink herbal tea because it makes water more palatable for me. If someone could make a tea that makes water taste like Diet Coke that would be awesome.

5. **If you could live in a different era of time, what era would it be?**

● **Taylor Calabrese**-- The future, since I'm curious to see what type of technology and legislation we'll have

● **Yesenia Quintana**-- Not interested in time traveling

● **Leah Murray**-- If the future were Star Trek, I would want to live in that era

● **Barrett Bonella**-- Having studied a bit of history, there's no other time I'd rather be alive.

● **Teresa Martinez**-- If this is an era term, I would want to experience the pre-contact era to get a sense of what life was like for my Native/First People ancestors.

● **Patrick Tadlock**-- Not sure I would like to live in a different era, but the classical era of Ancient Greece would be interesting to see and experience for a bit.

● **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- early 20th century, southwestern US

● **Cassandra Backman**-- 1920s

● **Raquel Lemos**-- The future--to see what cool new things we've come up with.

● **Giovanni Frias**-- I love this era to be honest

● **Natalie Hales**-- I wouldn't want to live without modern conveniences, but the 1920's might be an interesting time to live (in the country not a big city). They had some modern conveniences by then, but life may have been a little more simple at a slower pace.
Bethany West—I just finished reading "Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald" so I am obsessed with the 1920s right now.

Ella Mitchell—This question for me always brings up questions of the status of women throughout history, which takes the fun out of it, because it leads me to answer—now. But if we take that out of it..., a life of reading, playing piano, learning languages, and painting my days away in the regency era, doesn't sound like the worst.

6. As Weber and Utah moves to a new stage of COVID-19 response, what are you most excited, nervous, or both about?

Taylor Calabrese—I'm so excited to hug people again once it's all over!

Yesenia Quintana—Getting the virus right before I deliver would be my worst nightmare.

Leah Murray—I am excited that the university seems to care about the science.

Barrett Bonella—Wave 2

Teresa Martinez—I'm excited to see my colleagues in person, but nervous about ensuring everyone (not just my colleagues) does their part as a whole for us to continue to stay healthy and operational. I can't wait to see the students and spend time with them.

Patrick Tadlock—Interacting with students again and hoping we can avoid a second wave by being safe and vigilant

Becky Jo Gesteland—re-opening with sufficient safety measures in place; resurgence of virus cases in the fall

Cassandra Backman—Excited I can see people again but nervous about transmission and lag effect

Raquel Lemos—Getting out of my house

Giovanni Frias—Excited for normal life, but nervous about bringing it home to my family

Natalie Hales—I am most excited to spend time with extended family again.

Bethany West—I am excited to feel like I can live life again, but I am nervous that people won't take proper precautions so the virus resurges. I am very afraid of everything shutting down again.
Thoughts from CCEL
May 11th - May 15th, 2020

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. As we get closer to summer here in Utah, what is your favorite summer-time activity?

   ● Katharine French-Fuller-- Anything related to water!
   ● Yesenia Quintana-- I love going to the lake.
   ● Lisa Meerts-- Mountain biking, for sure!
   ● Barrett Bonella-- Fishing when I can, gaming when I can't
   ● Teresa Martinez-- Fishing & Camping
   ● Patrick Tadlock-- Hiking the trails with my family
   ● Joan Gustafson-- My favorite summer-time activities are equally camping, ATVing and motorcycle riding.
   ● Cassandra Backman-- Hiking in the day and grilling/relaxing hammock at night
   ● Raquel Lemos-- Hiking
   ● Giovanni Frias-- Off roading and playing volleyball
   ● Zadoth Vasquez-- Hiking!
2. **Who is your favorite superhero and why?**

- **Bethany West**-- I LOVE jet skiing. Every day that I go jet skiing is my favorite day of the year.
- **Katharine French-Fuller**-- Not so in to them!
- **Yesenia Quintana**-- ?? I don't think I have one.
- **Lisa Meerts**-- I'm pretty unfamiliar with superheros. Is that bad?
- **Barrett Bonella**-- Luis from Ant Man. His superpower is storytelling.
- **Teresa Martinez**-- My maternal grandma because of her native heritage that has influenced who she is today. She has great strength, independence, tenacity, and self-worth that has shown me how to stay grounded and to give my best every day.
- **Patrick Tadlock**-- Currently it is whatever superhero my son is into at this time.
- **Joan Gustafson**-- I only have one superhero; They are immortal and They save lives.
- **Cassandra Backman**-- Batman (because he uses his resources wisely) BUT I do love Storm from X-Men for the representation she brought so early on to the comic book world and the only sound minded X-Men
- **Raquel Lemos**-- I'm usually more into the super villains, but I do like Wonder Woman, because she's a strong female character, which you usually don't see in the superhero world.
- **Giovanni Frias**-- Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy (I only watched SpongeBob growing up.)
- **Zadoth Vasquez**-- Captain America because he’s the OG!
- **Bethany West**-- Superman...He was my brother's favorite superhero all growing up, and I really looked up to my brother.

3. **What three things would you take if you were to be stranded on a deserted island?**

- **Katharine French-Fuller**-- Paper and pen, water purifier, and seeds
- **Yesenia Quintana**-- Something to read, something to eat, something to drink
• **Lisa Meerts**— My dog. A kindle loaded with a million books (or as many as it could hold!). A sunhat.

• **Barrett Bonella**— My phone, a charger, and my house.

• **Teresa Martinez**— LifeStraw, knife, solar powered torch

• **Patrick Tadlock**— Knife, Firestarter, and a Cooking Pot

• **Joan Gustafson**— If I was to be stranded on a deserted island I would take a machete, a cooking pot and my husband; not necessarily in that order.

• **Cassandra Backman**— Ruby (my dog), books (suitcase full) and lifetime of fresh drinking water (I can eat the fruit there and do some fishing)

• **Raquel Lemos**— A water filter, a fire-starter, and an all-purpose survival knife

• **Giovanni Frias**— Xbox(to play online), my UTV, a completely unassembled car (to put back together, to kill time)

• **Zadoth Vasquez**— Food, water, & books

• **Bethany West**— A good book, a swimming suit, and a boat to sail back to civilization after I finished my book.

4. **What was or is your favorite cartoon to watch?**

• **Katharine French-Fuller**— Sarah and Duck

• **Yesenia Quintana**— Hey Arnold!

• **Lisa Meerts**— I always liked Scooby Doo as a kid.

• **Barrett Bonella**— There are so many great cartoons from The Simpsons to Rick and Morty. It's hard to say.

• **Teresa Martinez**— Looney Tunes

• **Patrick Tadlock**— Tom and Jerry and Scooby Doo

• **Joan Gustafson**— My favorite cartoon to watch was Looney Tunes because of Tweety Bird.
- Cassandra Backman-- I am a PBS kid so I used to love Arthur and Dragon Tales when I was little but today I still love to watch the classic cartoons like Looney Tunes and original Batman cartoon (90s).

- Raquel Lemos-- Just about anything that aired on Saturday morning.

- Giovanni Frias-- SpongeBob

- Zadoth Vasquez-- Curious George

- Bethany West-- Growing up we had those DVDs with all of the old Disney cartoons like Popeye, Betty Boop, and Superman. I loved watching those old cartoons.

5. **Do you have a favorite play or musical? If so, what is it?**

- Katharine French-Fuller-- Evita

- Yesenia Quintana--

  - Lisa Meerts-- I don't. I'm not a huge fan of musicals in general. I like plays in theory, but I'm happier reading them than watching them! But I always loved "No Exit" by Sartre. It's a devastating way to capture humanity.

- Barrett Bonella-- I'm a big fan of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead by Tom Stoddard. Hamilton is great fun too.

- Teresa Martinez-- Hip Hop Nutcracker

- Patrick Tadlock-- Not really into plays or musicals.

- Joan Gustafson-- My favorite play Scrooge, A Christmas Carol, especially watching it with my family.

- Cassandra Backman-- Wicked (saw live in Boston) and I did really love the Lion King, as well (costumes are what was amazing).

- Raquel Lemos-- Cat on a Hot Tin Roof or Hamlet

- Giovanni Frias-- N/A

- Zadoth Vasquez-- Wicked!
- Bethany West-- I love plays and musicals so it is always changing. Right now, I think it is The Taming of the Shrew by Shakespeare. It is so silly, and I love the movie rendition with Elizabeth Taylor.

6. **What is your favorite way to relax?**

- Katharine French-Fuller-- Napping!!
- Yesenia Quintana-- Being outdoors, knitting, reading
- Lisa Meerts-- Reading. For sure.
- Barrett Bonella--Since the pandemic hit, my family and I have taken to watching movies again, so probably that.
- Teresa Martinez-- Cup of coffee with my blanket on the couch watching a movie
- Patrick Tadlock-- Exercising or building things or yard work
- Joan Gustafson-- My favorite way to relax is watching the sun rise and set on the day, especially when camping.
- Cassandra Backman-- Hiking, Fishing, Hammock with my dog and a good book
- Raquel Lemos--Listening to music or watching anime
- Giovanni Frias-- Cruising with friends up the canyon on a summer afternoon
- Zadoth Vasquez-- Reading and drinking tea
- Bethany West-- I will forever and always love reading books. If I could read all day every day I would.

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**Thoughts from CCEL**
**May 4th - May 8th, 2020**

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”
1. **What was your favorite subject in elementary school?**

- *Katharine French-Fuller*—Social Studies
- *Becky Jo Gesteland*—reading
- *Natalie Hales*—Art
- *Barrett Bonella*—History. I would actually read the book for fun.
- *Teresa Martinez*—Recess
- *Patrick Tadlock*—Social Studies
- *Taylor Calabrese*—Math
- *Cassandra Backman*—Does Nap Time Count?
- *Raquel Lemos*—As an avid reader, I enjoyed English (and still do).
- *Giovanni Frias*—Science

2. **What was your favorite extra-curricular activity in high school or college?**

- *Katharine French-Fuller*—Marching band
- *Becky Jo Gesteland*—field hockey and lacrosse
- *Natalie Hales*—Choir
- *Barrett Bonella*—Skipping assemblies to go get some food with my buddies. (High school)
- *Teresa Martinez*—Soccer
- *Patrick Tadlock*—Sports and FFA
- *Taylor Calabrese*—Volleyball in high school
- *Cassandra Backman*—Cross Country and Track
- *Raquel Lemos*—I tend to join a lot of clubs to meet new people and get out more. Even now, I socialize with those groups on Discord.
3. What was or has been your favorite class in high school or college?

- **Giovanni Frias**—Tennis or Latinos in Action

- **Katharine French-Fuller**—The Cultural History of Latin America

- **Becky Jo Gesteland**—southwestern women's autobiographies

- **Natalie Hales**—History and Choir

- **Barrett Bonella**—Theories of Personalities. Great professor and fascinating topic. For my final, I wrote a fictional account of Abraham Maslow and Karen Horney discussing the death of Sigmund Freud in a cafe. (Undergrad)

- **Teresa Martinez**—Favorite college class was Stress Management

- **Patrick Tadlock**—Middle Ages or World Religion and Thought

- **Taylor Calabrese**—Constitutional Law

- **Cassandra Backman**—Human Dimensions and Animal Interactions (college undergrad) and Special Projects (high school - got to sit around a pond all day)

- **Raquel Lemos**—In high school, I loved my AP English classes. My teacher was energetic and made classes fun.

- **Giovanni Frias**—High School: Gym class or wood shop, and College: Any Automotive/ Sales class

4. What was the hardest class you ever took (high school level or university level)?

- **Katharine French-Fuller**—Geology

- **Becky Jo Gesteland**—Calculus

- **Natalie Hales**—Communication Law at WSU

- **Barrett Bonella**—Personality Disorders and Addictions. Probably because I thought I knew it all already and wasn't open to learn new stuff. (Masters)

- **Teresa Martinez**—Biotechnology in high school
• Patrick Tadlock-- International Relations Theory (Masters)

• Taylor Calabrese-- AP Physics in high school, got a 1 on the test!

• Cassandra Backman-- Calculus III - I did not like MATLAB

• Raquel Lemos-- My Senior Project was the most challenging course that I took. Between all the work and all the changes this semester brought, it was difficult to complete it, but I'm glad I did.

• Giovanni Frias-- Calculus ):

5. What type of course or training class do you recommend all students take? (e.g., finance, math, history, writing, speech, or etc.)

• Katharine French-Fuller-- History, duh

• Becky Jo Gesteland-- technical writing

• Natalie Hales-- Interpersonal Communication

• Barrett Bonella-- Well, Social Work 1010, but I'm biased that way. Otherwise, I recommend everyone to take the Foundations of College Success and Political Science's Leadership class.

• Teresa Martinez-- From someone with a health promotion background, anything related to well-being (nutrition, stress management, sexual education, meditation, physical education, etc.)

• Patrick Tadlock-- US Federal Government and US History

• Taylor Calabrese-- Writing/English classes

• Cassandra Backman-- Creative Writing or Philosophy - it has helped a lot across subject areas

• Raquel Lemos-- Honestly, all students should be well versed in writing and life skills (including financial literacy and relational skills). These are abilities you need to have for almost every area of your life.

• Giovanni Frias-- Volleyball Class!

6. What was or is your favorite subject to study?

• Katharine French-Fuller-- It has changed: literature then history
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- Moby Dick
- Natalie Hales-- Interpersonal Communication
- Barrett Bonella-- It changes all the time. These days it's social action and community engagement.
- Teresa Martinez-- I am enjoying learning more and more about graphic design lately
- Patrick Tadlock-- Recently it has been the social and ecological environments of the Rocky Mountain West
- Taylor Calabrese-- Any class about law or politics
- Cassandra Backman-- Neuroeconomics or human dimension theory
- Raquel Lemos-- Psychology, followed closely by Literature. My degree reflects that.
- Giovanni Frias-- Math, takes up a lot of time and you feel so accomplished when you are done.

Thoughts from CCEL
April 27th - May 1st, 2020

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. What is your favorite restaurant to eat at in the area?

- Katharine French-Fuller-- Don't have just one: Ramen Haus, Bombay Bites, Pho Banh, Cuppa
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- Tona
- Natalie Hales-- AnythingThai! Thai Curry Kitchen, Aroy-D and Ruan are the ones I have frequented. I've heard Bangkok Garden is good, but haven't made it there yet.
- Barrett Bonella-- La Cabanita for Pupusas!
- Teresa Martinez-- Rosa's Cafe
- Zadoth Vazquez-- The Rusted Spoon in Perry, Utah
• *Ella Mitchell*-- Bombay Grill

• *Patrick Tadlock*-- I don’t have one in the area yet.

• *Joan Gustafson*-- Slackwater

• *Taylor Calabrese*-- Maxwell's. Best pizza in Utah!

• *Cassandra Backman*-- SlackWater

• *Raquel Lemos*-- Taboo Pizza or Pig in a Jelly Jar

• *Bethany West*-- Javier's

• *Giovanni Frias*-- Mo Bettahs

2. What is your favorite holiday to celebrate?

• *Katharine French-Fuller*-- Christmas

• *Becky Jo Gesteland*-- Christmas

• *Natalie Hales*-- Probably Christmas, but I don't really have a favorite.

• *Barrett Bonella*-- Halloween. It's my opportunity to throw big, artistically expressive parties.

• *Teresa Martinez*-- Mother's Day

• *Zadoth Vazquez*-- Christmas and Easter! They are both my top favorites!

• *Ella Mitchell*-- Pi Day

• *Patrick Tadlock*-- Christmas

• *Joan Gustafson*-- Veteran’s Day

• *Taylor Calabrese*-- Halloween! I love seeing everyone's costumes and creativity. Also there's candy

• *Cassandra Backman*-- winter and summer solstice/ fall and spring equinox

• *Raquel Lemos*-- Christmas, because it's the only one my family really goes all-out to celebrate.
3. What is your favorite spot in Utah to visit?

- **Bethany West**: Christmas
- **Giovanni Frias**: July 4th, because it's warm, all the family is around, and loud fireworks
- **Katharine French-Fuller**: Still unsure...
- **Becky Jo Gesteland**: Southern Utah
- **Natalie Hales**: Bear Lake, Uintahs, Zions. (having a hard time picking just one today:)
- **Barrett Bonella**: Memory Grove in SLC. Lots of good memories there.
- **Teresa Martinez**: Moab
- **Zadoth Vazquez**: Moab is on the top of my list but I also really like Snowbasin. I also enjoy hiking at the 3-peaks mountain in Willard.
- **Ella Mitchell**: My sister's house
- **Patrick Tadlock**: Don't have one yet...I enjoy the mountains though
- **Joan Gustafson**: Joe's Valley Reservoir
- **Taylor Calabrese**: Anywhere that has skiing!
- **Cassandra Backman**: Zion National Park (Long Weekend) or Antelope State Park (1/2 day trip)
- **Raquel Lemos**: Uh . . . I guess I like riding the Frontrunner into Salt Lake.
- **Bethany West**: Saint George
- **Giovanni Frias**: Willard peak

4. What is your favorite store to shop at?

- **Katharine French-Fuller**: Smith's?!?! Because I don't really shop....
- **Becky Jo Gesteland**: Costco
• Natalie Hales-- Ross and Dillards

• Barrett Bonella-- I'm a child of the 80's, so of course it's the mall. Lots of good places to shop there like Burlington and Bath and Body Works.

• Teresa Martinez-- Recreation Outlet

• Zadoth Vazquez-- The Newgate Mall, I really like going there with my friends to shop and eat at the same time

• Ella Mitchell-- Costco

• Patrick Tadlock-- Cabela's

• Joan Gustafson-- Savers

• Taylor Calabrese-- Anything online

• Cassandra Backman-- World Market or any small local bookstore

• Raquel Lemos-- I like thrift stores.

• Bethany West-- Ulta or Sephora

• Giovanni Frias-- Sportsman's Warehouse or Cabela's

5. What is your favorite season and why?

• Katharine French-Fuller-- All of them - I like variety

• Becky Jo Gesteland-- Fall, because of all the new students!

• Natalie Hales-- I love the changing of the seasons in Utah, the equinoxes and solstices are my favorite times of the year.

• Barrett Bonella-- Fall. Not too hot, not too cold, not too many allergies. Plus, block party and football!

• Teresa Martinez-- Fall because my birthday is during this time. It's the right temperature for me, the colors are changing on trees, my allergies get a break, and I get to start snuggling up with my blankets
• **Zadoth Vazquez**—SPRING! It is the perfect combination of warm and cool weathers. I also love watching as new plants and green grass grows.

• **Ella Mitchell**—Fall (fresh tomatoes)

• **Patrick Tadlock**—Fall

• **Joan Gustafson**—All four seasons are amazing in their own way.

• **Taylor Calabrese**—I love skiing, but summer is still my favorite. You don't have to worry about snow on the roads or on your car, and you can do a bunch of activities outside

• **Cassandra Backman**—Fall - colors and cool weather

• **Raquel Lemos**—Spring, because my birthday is in the spring and everything starts to bloom.

• **Bethany West**—Summer— I can never get enough sunshine and warm weather. I love being outdoors, so I can do my favorite activities in the summer.

• **Giovanni Frias**—Fall or spring, because it is not too hot or cold. In the day time you can wear shorts and in the afternoon a sweater.

6. **What is your favorite place on Weber State's campus?**

• **Katharine French-Fuller**—The grove of trees behind Lampros with the picnic tables.

• **Becky Jo Gesteland**—Duck pond

• **Natalie Hales**—The bell tower area. Love the waterfalls and landscape they have added along with the mountain view.

• **Barrett Bonella**—Lately it's the gym. Probably because I miss it so much these days...

• **Teresa Martinez**—Duck Pond at the Ogden Campus (Ada Lindquist Plaza)

• **Zadoth Vazquez**—CCEL, duh! Also the MLS lab and the Art-Elements coffee shop...

• **Ella Mitchell**—CCEL!

• **Patrick Tadlock**—CCEL or the Union

• **Joan Gustafson**—Walking around the duck pond doing the poop scoot shuffle.
• Taylor Calabrese— The library, it's so peaceful

• Cassandra Backman— Duck Pond

• Raquel Lemos— The gym or the Honors Center

• Bethany West— I love the duck pond. It is peaceful and quiet, and I love watching the ducks play in the water.

• Giovanni Frias— CCEL Duhhhh

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**Thoughts from CCEL**

**April 20th - April 24th, 2020**

“*Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees*”

1. **What is your dream vacation (dream big)?**

   • Katharine French-Fuller— Maldives, Spain and Portugal, Australia, Mexico, so many places!

   • Becky Jo Gesteland— 1 month in New Zealand

   • Natalie Hales— A remote cabin by a lake in the woods with a big porch swing and a canoe. There would be a river or waterfall to listen to during the day, a fireplace to sit by at night and beautiful trails to hike and explore.

   • Yesenia Quintana— Costa Rica / Panama

   • Teresa Martinez— Week-long road trip to try different foods around any country (start with the U.S.)

   • Zadoth Vazquez— Going to Morocco and taking a cruise and stopping around every Mediterranean country. Specifically Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, France, and Israel.

   • Ella Mitchell— Everywhere. I want to see it all. (could skip Antarctica if necessary)

   • Patrick Tadlock— Finishing exploring the rest of the Northeast USA and then Europe.
- Joan Gustafson-- A trip to the Scandinavian Countries

- Taylor Calabrese-- A whole year in Japan!

- Cassandra Backman-- Australia with my mom - she has never been able to go due to money and illness but I hope to bring her there one day since her recovery.

- Raquel Lemos-- Backpacking through Europe and Asia with a group of friends.

- Bethany West-- I have always wanted to take my parents to New Zealand. My dad lived there when he was a teenager and hasn't been back. I love Maori culture!

- Ana Wutz-- Hawaii

- Giovanni Frias-- How to Win Friend and Influence People

2. What has been your favorite place to visit (vacation or otherwise)?

- Katharine French-Fuller-- No one place: Argentina, Chile, England, Maine, Boston, etc.

- Becky Jo Gesteland-- Norway and Ireland

- Natalie Hales-- Camping anywhere.

- Yesenia Quintana-- Anywhere with a warm beach

- Teresa Martinez-- I absolutely love visiting my grandma in Abiquiu, New Mexico!

- Zadoth Vazquez-- Spain has been my favorite so far, mainly because of the streets being so close together, you can walk everywhere!

- Ella Mitchell-- Costa Rica

- Patrick Tadlock-- Walt Disney World

- Joan Gustafson-- The Black Hills-Dakotas

- Taylor Calabrese-- The Redwoods in CA

- Cassandra Backman-- Joshua Tree - so diverse and a live

- Raquel Lemos-- My family lived in Okinawa for a bit. I would like to return to Japan and see more of the culture, rather than living on an Air Force Base.
Bethany West-- I loved Holland. I could live there! It is beautiful, the food is great, the air is clean, and the people are so kind!

Ana Wutz-- Hawaii or Italy

Giovanni Frias-- Best place I have been is Hawaii, and the best place I go often is camping!

3. What is your favorite State or National Park in Utah or close by?

Katharine French-Fuller-- Bryce Canyon

Becky Jo Gesteland-- Bryce Canyon National Park - I worked there for 4 summers :)

Natalie Hales-- Zions. Great variety of awesome hikes!

Yesenia Quintana-- Zions

Teresa Martinez-- Love Colorado!

Zadoth Vazquez-- Zion's national park

Ella Mitchell-- Goblin Valley

Patrick Tadlock-- Any National Forest really as long as I can hike and explore

Joan Gustafson-- San Rafael Swell

Taylor Calabrese-- Zion National Park

Cassandra Backman-- Joshua Tree National Park but I love Antelope State Park

Raquel Lemos-- I've . . . never been to our national parks. Hey, maybe that's what I'll do when the quarantine ends. I haven't really been to state parks either, besides Willard Bay, Bear Lake, and Antelope Island. For nostalgia I'll say Bear Lake, just because I have a lot of memories of boating, fishing, and eating raspberry shakes with my family there. I will say that Antelope has the better hiking trails.

Bethany West-- I love Snow Canyon State Park. I spent a lot of time running around those big, red rocks when I was growing up.

Ana Wutz-- Goblin Valley State Park

Giovanni Frias-- Only one I have been to is Zion, and that place is beautiful!
4. Do you prefer the beach or mountains for rest and relaxation?

- Katharine French-Fuller -- OCEAN!!
- Becky Jo Gesteland -- beaches are nice for a while, but I think I like the mountains more
- Natalie Hales -- Definitely mountains!
- Yesenia Quintana -- Beach
- Teresa Martinez -- Mountains
- Zadoth Vazquez -- I love both, but I would pick the beach.
- Ella Mitchell -- Which ever one has fewer people there
- Patrick Tadlock -- I have always loved the Mountains, but the beach is great for relaxation!
- Joan Gustafson -- Mountains because you did not list on the Lakes/Rivers....
- Taylor Calabrese -- Mountains
- Cassandra Backman -- Mountains
- Raquel Lemos -- Mountains. I've been to multiple beaches in multiple countries, and they're always so crowded. Besides, the waves are vicious, and my eyes are really sensitive to saltwater, so it's not a good time for me. The mountains are peaceful, and I get to hike and enjoy the scenery. If we're talking about rest and relaxation, it's definitely the better of the two.
- Bethany West -- Always the beach!!
- Ana Wutz -- beaches
- Giovanni Frias -- Mountains, the beach is full of sand and sunburns):

5. Do you prefer to fly or drive on your vacation?

- Katharine French-Fuller -- Fly - must go far away!
- Becky Jo Gesteland -- drive - nothing like a long road trip!
• **Natalie Hales**—Drive, if the drive is under 8 hours.

• **Yesenia Quintana**—Fly

• **Teresa Martinez**—Drive

• **Zadoth Vazquez**—Flying because it's quicker

• **Ella Mitchell**—Fly

• **Patrick Tadlock**—I love to drive. A long road trip is so much fun!

• **Joan Gustafson**—Drive

• **Taylor Calabrese**—Flying, I actually love airports!

• **Cassandra Backman**—Drive

• **Raquel Lemos**—If it's more than 20 miles, I'd prefer to use public transportation or fly.

• **Bethany West**—It depends. Road trips are super fun, but if I am just trying to get to a destination I would rather save time and fly.

• **Ana Wutz**—flying.

• **Giovanni Frias**—Depends on the car I am driving. I can literally drive from Florida to Alaska, if I am in the right sports car.

6. **Do you prefer tent camping, RVing, or hotel/motels when traveling? Why?**

• **Katharine French-Fuller**—Hotels or Air BnB - more relaxing

• **Becky Jo Gesteland**—when I was young, I loved to backpack and camp; now I enjoy a comfy bed in a nice hotel

• **Natalie Hales**—RVing. We like to take our trailer and go camping because it stores everything we need, we just hitch up and go! Also, you can step out the door into nature, hotels are more stuffy.

• **Yesenia Quintana**—Hotels because comfort

• **Teresa Martinez**—Tent camping because I love feeling the fresh air, experiencing minimal living and figuring out how to survive to the next day
• Zadoth Vazquez-- It depends on the reason you're traveling. If I were to be a tourist I would for sure pick a hotel. I like staying in an actual building.

• Ella Mitchell-- There's a time and place for it all. Hard to have campfire songs in the hotel. Hard to dress up nice for dinner from a tent.

• Patrick Tadlock-- I like all of them depending on the experience I am seeking. My preference is always a RV though.

• Joan Gustafson-- My travel trailer because I know who sleeps in my bed, we can stay in rural/quieter locations and we can take our motorcycles with.

• Taylor Calabrese-- I prefer Airbnb's because they're all so personal and different. When we visited the Redwoods, we were able to stay in a mountain village through Airbnb

• Cassandra Backman-- Tent Camping - Backpacking is so much fun!

• Raquel Lemos-- I like toilets, so if given a choice, I'd take the RV or hotel/motel

• Bethany West-- I love camping, but I can only do it for one or two nights before I turn into a monster from sleep deprivation. Hotels are my way to go.

• Ana Wutz-- Hotel/motels,

• Giovanni Frias-- If I am traveling like across the country a motor home would be perfect to stay at different places. And if it's like flying to different places I would do a hotel. And camping like on a weekend would be tent camping.

Thoughts from CCEL
April 13th - April 17th, 2020

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. Please share a book or books you suggest others read.

• Katharine French-Fuller-- The Poisonwood Bible
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks

- Natalie Hales-- The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

- Yesenia Quintana-- Evicted, finished it up a few days ago and it was great!

- Teresa Martinez-- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson; Redefining Realness by Janet Mock; Harry Potter series; Hunger Games series

- Zadoth Vazquez-- Psycho-Cybernetics

- Ella Mitchell-- The Stand… Just Kidding :)


- Joan Gustafson-- Red Stangland's Norwegian Home Companion

- Taylor Calabrese-- The Martian is a great book because it's hilarious, and it deals with real scientific concepts

- Cassandra Backman-- Code talker by Joseph Bruchac

- Raquel Lemos-- A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki

- Giovanni Frias-- How to Win Friend and Influence People

2. **What will be the first place you visit or go back to when social distancing is not happening anymore?**

   - Katharine French-Fuller-- A restaurant with my spouse

   - Becky Jo Gesteland-- Art Elements + Beans & Brews + Grounds for Coffee + Starbucks + Wasatch Roasters = all the coffee shops!!!

   - Natalie Hales-- Thai Curry Kitchen on 25th Street

   - Yesenia Quintana-- Probably family and a sporting event.

   - Teresa Martinez-- My mom in Texas or my grandma in New Mexico, whichever comes first
3. We are four and a half weeks into working remotely. What work habits have changed since that first week?

- Katharine French-Fuller-- Not much surprisingly
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- I now move around the house--don't like sitting/standing in the same place.
- Natalie Hales-- During the first week I was in the mood to work in comfy clothes on my comfy couch. The sudden slowing of the outside world made me want to hunker down with my family (there was also an earthquake that week, so that added to the mood). My two Jr. High age kids and I have migrated to the kitchen table for school and work because we found it was more productive (but I can still keep an eye on what they're doing there). We have gradually built new routines and learned the importance of taking breaks to get outside and move. This week there were some cold, rainy days so every couple of hours we had a ten minute dance party. We went retro with 80’s dance party songs and Awesome Mix from Guardians of the Galaxy.
- Yesenia Quintana-- I'm walking around more and taking a proper lunch (usually).
- Teresa Martinez-- Consistent eating and exercising my dog regularly
- Zadoth Vazquez-- Waking up early...
- Ella Mitchell-- "I rearranged my workstation so that you can't see my messy house behind me on zoom calls."
Patrick Tadlock-- I now work from all over the house instead of a desk. I am learning how to work through distractions better.

Joan Gustafson-- I am on week 9 of working remotely, I have been eating less chocolate, doing more quick exercises and listening to more easy listening music

Taylor Calabrese-- I've been working outside for half of my shift (weather permitting)

Cassandra Backman-- More focused and ability to manage time

Raquel Lemos-- I'm not very productive. If I don't make it a habit to sit down and work on homework, I won't do it.

Giovanni Frias-- I am now better at sitting in front of my computer without getting distracted.

4. What is a subject or topic you enjoy learning more about in your free time?

Katharine French-Fuller-- Free time?

Becky Jo Gesteland-- WWII, because I binged the PBS show "World on Fire"

Natalie Hales-- Free time...hmmm....If I have free time, I catch up on reading for my master’s degree so I guess the answer is professional communication. :)

Yesenia Quintana-- I have things I want to learn more about but it's not like I have more free time than usual.../

Teresa Martinez-- labradoodle breeds

Zadoth Vazquez-- This is really random, but the history of Sweden

Ella Mitchell-- Currently I like to obsess over scholarly articles on corona virus and earthquakes.

Patrick Tadlock-- Exercises and Workout Variations

Joan Gustafson-- What Free Time.....???

Taylor Calabrese-- It may sound bizarre, but I love learning about plane crashes. It's really interesting to see how many improvements have been made to planes, ATC, pilot training, etc. as a result of these crashes.

Cassandra Backman-- Western Bird Identification by sound
5. What is your favorite hobby?

- **Raquel Lemos**-- I don't have one in particular. I enjoy learning about a variety of stuff, like different cultures and traditions, animals, and history.

- **Giovanni Frias**-- How to become the best salesperson or cars, I can always learn more about cars.

- **Katharine French-Fuller**-- I guess now it would be baking?

- **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- knitting

- **Natalie Hales**-- Hiking, but I don't do it as much as I would like.

- **Yesenia Quintana**-- Knitting

- **Teresa Martinez**-- It is becoming playing videos games

- **Zadoth Vazquez**-- Baking!!! It's what is keeping me sane

- **Ella Mitchell**-- Music

- **Patrick Tadlock**-- Archery, Exercise, and Home Remodeling

- **Joan Gustafson**-- Sewing, knitting, crocheting, motorcycle riding, ATVing, camping

- **Taylor Calabrese**-- Can listening to music count as a hobby? Because I basically do that all day

- **Cassandra Backman**-- Hand Sewing

- **Raquel Lemos**-- Right now, folding origami.

- **Giovanni Frias**-- Anything related to cars (car shows, cruising, hosting car events, installing new car parts, etc)

6. Share your favorite dish to make?

- **Katharine French-Fuller**--broccoli with tofu and peanut sauce

- **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- cranberry bread
Natalie Hales-- "Chicken/Vegetable Pot Pie:
- 4 chicken breasts boiled in:
  - 1 chopped onion, 1 tsp. minced garlic, dash of salt and pepper, 1 bay leaf and 1 tsp. Rosemary.
  - 3 c. potatoes, boiled and cubed
  - 2 c. carrots, chunky sliced
  - 1 c. frozen peas
  - 1 c. corn
  - 2 cans cream of chicken soup
  - 1 ½ c. chicken broth reserved from cooking chicken breast
  - 2 c. self-rising flour
  - 2 c. buttermilk
  - ½ c. butter, softened
- Boil chicken breast in seasonings and 3 cups of water. When chicken is fully cooked, remove and boil potatoes and carrots in the broth. Cube chicken. When carrots and potatoes are tender, remove vegetables and 1 ½ cups broth to a new pot. Stir in cream of chicken soup, peas, corn and cubed chicken. Spray a 9x13 pan with oil then fill with chicken/veg/soup mixture. In a bowl, add flour, buttermilk and butter. Mix until moist. Drop by tablespoon over mixture. Bake at 425 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Put a cookie sheet under the pan, mixture has tendency to go over edge.

Yesenia Quintana-- Shrimp cocktails - Mexican-style

Teresa Martinez-- Chicken enchiladas!

Zadoth Vazquez-- Churros

Ella Mitchell-- "Curry. I will absolutely share my recipe. Email me if anyone wants it!

Patrick Tadlock-- Chili

Joan Gustafson-- "Crock Pot Picante Chicken and Black Bean Soup (Crockpot Meal)
- Ingredients:
  - 2 cans 15 oz black beans, rinsed and drained
  - 3½ cups natural chicken broth
  - 2 cans 14 oz cans diced tomatoes
  - 1 red bell pepper, minced
  - 1 can 4 oz diced green chiles
  - 1 Tbsp ground cumin
  - 1 tsp garlic powder
  - 1 tsp onion powder
  - ¼ tsp oregano
2 natural boneless chicken breast
½ cup chopped cilantro, divided
2 green onions, diced,
Cut limes, for serving
1 medium avocado, sliced

Directions:
- Take one can of beans and place in the blender along with 2 cups of the chicken broth; puree then add to your slow cooker. Add the remainder of the beans and chicken broth into the slow cooker along with tomatoes, bell pepper, diced green chiles, cumin, chile powder, garlic powder, onion powder, oregano, chicken breast, and 1/4 cup of the cilantro. Set slow cooker to HIGH 4 hours or LOW 6 to 8 hours. After it's done, remove chicken and shred with 2 forks. Place back into the slow cooker and add fresh scallions, remainder cilantro and adjust salt and cumin, to taste. Serve hot with lime wedges and avocado slices.

- Taylor Calabrese-- Spinach alfredo with farfalle!
  https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/231860/spinach-alfredo-sauce-better-than-olive-garden/

- Cassandra Backman-- Chickpea and Tomato Stew with basil and parm soda bread

- Raquel Lemos-- My oven chicken bake. I combine a cup of rice, 2 cans of beans, 2 cups of water, a pinch of salt, 1 tsp of Cuban seasoning, and a pinch of cayenne pepper, stir it, and pour into a greased bake pan, then place chicken dipped in flour and gently browned on each side. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 90 minutes at 350 degrees. Sprinkle with cheese if desired.

- Giovanni Frias-- I haven't had any time to really cook. I wake up early in the morning around 6 to do homework, then work with CCEL, and after that work at Ken Garff Nissan. Leaving me with 2-3 hours before going to bed to do some homework. But Mo' Bettahs is always a must!

Thoughts from CCEL
April 6th - April 10th, 2020

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. What have you been doing to stay active during this “Stay Home, Stay Safe” period here in Utah?
• Barrett Bonella-- Taking dogs for walks, jogs, and body weight strength training, but I miss the gym... So much.

• Katharine French-Fuller-- Hikes, play in yard with kids, yoga, some meditation

• Ana Wutz-- running outside, frisbee golfing, at home kettlebell/weights, hiking

• Becky Jo Gesteland-- yoga and neighborhood walks

• Natalie Hales-- We live on a small hobby farm with horses, cows, chickens, a couple of goats, a cat and a dog. This keeps us busy and active outside. We've found more time lately to enjoy the new baby animals that have arrived this spring. We have a garden and small orchard that we have renewed interest in this year and we own a small nursery and garden center on the side, so there has been lots to keep our family busy and active.

• Yesenia Quintana-- Walking the dog around the block.

• Teresa Martinez-- Walk outside to the river in my backyard and enjoy the birds, ducks and people on the other side who are walking on the parkway. I participate in a push up challenge with my sister and a Move challenge on my Apple watch with my mom, so I have some motivation to move. So far, I'm winning in push ups and not so much in moving.

• Jenny Frame-- Tennis - the greatest sport there ever was. It lends itself quite nicely to social distancing.

• Zadoth Vazquez-- I walk outside all around my backyard. That is pretty much it.

• Ella Mitchell-- Walks on the trails. Also, I found a zumba video on Amazon Prime.

• Patrick Tadlock-- I have been working out and running as normal just in the garage and my neighborhood.

• Joan Gustafson-- Get outside for some fresh air and go on walks

• Taylor Calabrese-- I bought a set of dumbbells so I could still consistently work out at home.

• Bethany West-- I work out longer in the mornings, and I go on walks every afternoon.

• Raquel Lemos-- I'm not as active as I'm used to being, since the gym at Weber is closed. However, I do try to get out and walk my dog for an hour whenever it's sunny (and play with him in the unfinished basement on rainy days). Other than that, I do planks in my room and run on
the treadmill when I can. We have one of those "simply fit" boards at home, and sometimes I'll get on to work on my balance and abs while listening to music.

2. Have you or your family made any food that stands out during this time?

- **Barrett Bonella**-- I made some pretty tasty sesame chicken with improvised ingredients we all liked.

- **Katharine French-Fuller**-- A completely failed attempt at making bollers (Norwegian sweet buns) because I forgot the baking powder and apparently miscalculated the measurements from grams and ML into US measurements. NOT good.

- **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- Grilled salmon

- **Natalie Hales**-- We pulled out the wheat grinder and bread dough mixer and have been baking all kinds of yummy things that we haven't made time for in a while. Bread, scones, cinnamon rolls, homemade pizza and breadsticks... I might have to do little work down the road to work off the quarantine "emotional eating" weight but I'll think about that later:).

- **Yesenia Quintana**-- Nope...same old same old here

- **Teresa Martinez**-- We have Every Plate deliver food with three meals during the week. Our last meal was a Beef Banh Mi Bowl, which was pretty delicious. Before that we supported Craftburger and got our free Raptors tickets.

- **Jenny Frame**-- Thai Yellow Curry! So good and so easy.

- **Zadoth Vazquez**-- I have been baking, everyday. I stress bake and then stress eat.

- **Ella Mitchell**-- We're eating like kings. Call me for my Puerto Rican pork roast recipe.

- **Patrick Tadlock**-- We have been making the same old things we made before.

- **Joan Gustafson**-- Turkey Chili

- **Taylor Calabrese**-- I've been making one of my favorite foods ever, Pasta Aglio e Olio. It's essentially pasta in olive oil, lemon juice, fresh parsley, red pepper flakes, etc. I call it my spicy pasta!

- **Bethany West**-- I haven't made anything spectacular, but I have been eating ice cream in concerning quantities.
●  **Raquel Lemos**-- Nope. My mom's a stay-at-home mom, so I've always been spoiled with home-cooked meals.

3. **What has your favorite TV show, series, or movie during the last few weeks of remote work or school?**

  ●  **Barrett Bonella**-- Only thing my family can all agree on is Adam Ruins Everything.
  
  ●  **Katharine French-Fuller**-- Peaky Blinders, 30 Rock
  
  ●  **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- "The Valhalla Murders" on Netflix
  
  ●  **Natalie Hales**-- I haven't had time to watch anything yet, life hasn't really slowed down. I don't normally take much time to watch TV or movies though.
  
  ●  Yesenia Quintana-- None, but I think I'm going to start watching that Tiger King series on Netflix.
  
  ●  **Teresa Martinez**-- I've had the television on in the background, but I couldn't tell you what has been on. I've mostly spent time playing some old video games.
  
  ●  **Jenny Frame**-- Cheers - there are some good jokes and some pretty terrible jokes. I have yet to venture into the world of the Tiger King.
  
  ●  **Zadoth Vazquez**-- Cases of Gabriel Fernandez; The Office
  
  ●  **Ella Mitchell**-- Emma (2020) and Rise of Skywalker, both available to watch at home for an elevated price.
  
  ●  **Patrick Tadlock**-- I don’t watch much television, but I have watched some older cartoons with my child on Boomerang.
  
  ●  **Joan Gustafson**-- HGTV, Discovery, TLC, History, Highlander
  
  ●  **Taylor Calabrese**-- Schitt's Creek and Community.
  
  ●  **Bethany West**-- I have been really into '90s Rom Coms lately… and they are all good. My Big Fat Greek Wedding and Runaway Bride have probably been at the top of the list.
  
  ●  **Raquel Lemos**-- I've been able to finish some of the shorter anime series on my "must-see" list, but I've also really gotten into RuPaul's Drag Race. A friend recommended it to me, and now I can't stop watching it.
4. What games (digital or board) do you suggest people play during this time?

- Barrett Bonella-- Just Cause 4 has been nice when I get a free second. It just helps to be able to relieve my stress by blowing things up.

- Katharine French-Fuller-- My son's interest in minecraft has taken over the family.

- Becky Jo Gesteland-- Risk

- Natalie Hales-- We've been playing Scrabble and Code Names. It's nice to take a break from the computer screen.

- Yesenia Quintana-- Risk! Or some other hours-long game

- Teresa Martinez-- Game of Life, Phase 10, Scrabble, Soda Crush (free 24-hours each day!), 1,000+ piece puzzles

- Jenny Frame-- The Game, Monopoly Deal, Bird Memory and there are online escape rooms that are pretty fun.

- Zadoth Vazquez-- UNO!

- Ella Mitchell-- Harry Potter Hogwarts Battle Deckbuilding Game (we're on year 5)

- Patrick Tadlock-- We broke out the old Wii and are playing Mario Kart.

- Joan Gustafson-- Any card games!

- Anja Wutz-- Scrabble

- Taylor Calabrese-- We've been playing so much Super Smash Bros, and the card game called Exploding Kittens.

- Bethany West-- I bought this new card game called SkyJo, and it is great for adults and kids.

- Raquel Lemos-- Anything, really. Board games are great to pull out and play together with your family on a rainy day, and digital games give you the chance to connect with your IRL friends and get that social time in. Recently, I've been playing a DND campaign with a group of friends on Discord, and it's been a great way to keep in touch with others and relieve stress.

5. What have you done to add some positivity to your life during this time of negativity?
- **Barrett Bonella**— Try to touch base with people online. Sharing resources, donating part of my income to Youth Futures

- **Katharine French-Fuller**— Still working on that...

- **Becky Jo Gesteland**— Read the Daily Good email and share quotes on Facebook

- **Natalie Hales**— I've finally started using my allotted wellness time (I've had good intentions to use that for a very long time) to take an occasional walk and clear my head. I have also found gratitude lists really helpful to keep my perspective.

- **Yesenia Quintana**— Learning to watercolor and sleeping in a little

- **Teresa Martinez**— FaceTime with my sister to help with her anxiety. Talk to my grandparents regularly. Call my mom to listen to her daily shenanigans while living in the hot and humid Houston weather.

- **Jenny Frame**— Lots of Meme and GIF sharing

- **Zadoth Vazquez**— I dress-up with clothing combos I've been wanting to try, that I wouldn't normally try wearing in public.

- **Ella Mitchell**— My office space/kitchen table is now equipped with a seat cushion and electric shoulder massager.

- **Patrick Tadlock**— Slow down, read less news and spend more time outside

- **Joan Gustafson**— Eat more healthy (except for chocolate), get outside and remember to put myself in some else's shoes because they may just be having a bad day.

- **Anja Wutz**— Nothing in particular

- **Taylor Calabrese**— My friends and I will facetime every Thursday to do a craft night.

- **Bethany West**— I try to FaceTime someone different every day. It keeps me feeling connected, and it (hopefully) is a pleasant little surprise for them!

- **Raquel Lemos**— I've been limiting my news intake to the 30-minute nightly news. It's enough to keep me informed, without becoming obsessed with what's going on. I spend more of my time doing things that are relaxing and make me happy, like folding origami, listening to music, writing, and playing games.
6. Share a bit about what you miss about being on Weber State’s campus each day?

- **Barrett Bonella**-- The STUDENTS! Oh God I miss the students! I miss my colleagues too. I love my family and there’s no one else I would rather be stuck with, but seeing my students and friends really brings a light to my face.

- **Katharine French-Fuller**-- Not being on the screen all day, being away from the kids at least a little bit, walking as a part of my day, seeing humans.

- **Becky Jo Gesteland**-- Seeing people, hearing geese, smelling Starbucks

- **Natalie Hales**-- I miss the buzz of energy and conversations that are always in the background in CCEL and throughout the Shepherd Union.

- **Yesenia Quintana**-- I miss seeing the mountains next to campus

- **Teresa Martinez**-- Camaraderie with colleagues and students and listening to any stories of daily happenings.

- **Jenny Frame**-- Being able to sign a piece of paper with a pen and then delivering it to the person who needs the signed paper. Digital signatures - boo.

- **Zadoth Vazquez**-- The people, friends, co-workers! Even the endless stairs that always make me run out of breath. As well as the parking mess!

- **Ella Mitchell**-- All of you!!

- **Patrick Tadlock**-- The students and the interactions with everyone in person.

- **Joan Gustafson**-- The face to face interactions!

- **Anja Wutz**-- Having access to the gym

- **Taylor Calabrese**-- I miss working in person and doing homework in the library. I love face-to-face interactions, so it's been tough not having those.

- **Bethany West**-- I miss seeing familiar faces, even if I don't know them that well.

- **Raquel Lemos**-- There’s a lot I miss about campus--the gym, the Honors Center, club meetings, and interacting with friends, peers, and instructors. I was about to graduate, so I wouldn't be spending much time on campus in a few months anyway, but I still wish I could have stayed involved until my graduation. Of course, I am still in touch with my friends and plan to hang out with them when the quarantine is lifted.
Thoughts from CCEL
March 30th - April 3rd, 2020

“Unedited Thoughts from your Favorite CCEL Employees”

1. What does your current desk space look like now that you have transitioned to working from home?

- Barrett Bonella-- The desk is messy, but the computer camera doesn't pick any of that up.

- Cassandra Backman-- A small writer's desk with 8 different plants, a mug and a laptop with a birds nest outside my window.

- Katharine French-Fuller-- Table in bedroom or kitchen table.

- Ana Wutz-- Just a table and a chair

- Becky Jo Gesteland-- I use an old dining room table in my office/spare bedroom and have a PC monitor, docking station, and laptop set up at the end of the table. My chair is a hand-me-down red Swopper Classic.

- Natalie Hales-- I usually work on the living room couch with my laptop. My kids are old enough to work independently on school assignments while I work from home, so we all sit around the living room together working on our devices. My fav spot is in the La-Z Boy, foot rest up, blanket on my lap, window view of my front yard next to me.

- Yesenia Quintana-- It's an actual desk in our home office.

- Teresa Martinez-- My 6-person kitchen table with a laptop and mouse.

- Jenny Frame-- It's quite nomadic. Sometimes in the sunroom, sometimes on the kitchen table, sometimes in my bedroom.

- Zadoth Vazquez-- My desk space is currently working like the office desk space I used. However, now I use two individual laptops instead. I also have a notebook of where I write down a schedule for that day/week. It also helps me when in virtual meetings.
• Ella Mitchell-- It's my kitchen table

• Patrick Tadlock-- A small desk in my bedroom near a window with a view of the mountains. It is basic otherwise laptop, Coffee Cup Water Bottle a piece of paper and pen.

• Joan Gustafson-- Living Room chair and stools for additional monitors, my house cubicle mate took over the kitchen table...

2. Share an interesting or funny moment you have had with video conference meetings.

• Barrett Bonella-- I guess it was President Mortensen's address to the school on the legislative update which went for a full 20 minutes before his whole IT team around him said not enough people can join, so they had to start all over.

• Cassandra Backman-- My dog rested her head on my shoulder for 10 minutes of the meeting and was watching everyone.

• Katharine French-Fuller-- Just my kid sneaking out while he was supposed to be doing schoolwork while I was on a zoom call with Becky Jo and Yesenia.

• Anja Wutz-- My cat likes to join the meetings sometimes

• Becky Jo Gesteland-- Nothing too weird for me yet...though I heard about a colleague's spouse who was walking naked through the house during a recent department meeting ;)

• Natalie Hales-- My husband came through a door behind me thinking he wasn't in camera view and that I was the only one who could see him. He did exaggerated movements putting his finger to his lips in a “sshhh” sign and a bouncy “I'm being sneaky” tip toe movement as he went through the doorway. Everyone on the call could see him the whole time!!

• Yesenia Quintana--Gabe likes to sneak in and hide directly behind me during conference calls. He feels so comfortable with Katharine that he showed her his favorite stuffy.

• Teresa Martinez-- I was on a national Zoom call with about 50+ colleagues in various areas. The main speaker was giving updates about the census and she had a battery going out on her smoke detector. So throughout her 40-minute lecture, there was a consistent beep every minute until she muted her microphone!

• Jenny Frame-- My and my double-chin have become well acquainted.

• Ella Mitchell-- Not being able to stand up to go to the bathroom because I didn't want everyone to see my pajama bottoms.
Patrick Tadlock-- Mostly it has been fun watching other people fidget around. I have noticed a lot of folks cannot sit still including myself.

Joan Gustafson-- Our dog decided she did not like who was outside so she was aggressively barking to protect me or her couch.

3. What snacks do you keep near your computer as you work?

- Barrett Bonella-- Cookies, 3 musketeers, cough drops.
- Cassandra Backman-- Coffee and Nuts
- Katharine French-Fuller-- Coffee and water. I try not to keep anything else.
- Anja Wutz-- Water
- Becky Jo Gesteland-- Altoids and Trident gum; water bottle; cup of coffee or tea.
- Natalie Hales-- Only healthy snacks, my kids eat up all the good ones!
- Yesenia Quintana-- Coke, what else?
- Teresa Martinez-- Cereal
- Jenny Frame-- I just finished eating a banana and around mid-day, usually dive into the malted Robin's Eggs.
- Zadoth Vazquez-- I always keep my water bottle and gum nearby. I also tend to treat myself with nut mixes and chocolates!
- Ella Mitchell-- All of them.
- Patrick Tadlock-- None or I would eat too much.
- Joan Gustafson-- Coffee!!! Almonds and berries

4. What does your current work attire look like now versus when you went into work?

- Barrett Bonella-- From the waist up I look pretty much the same.
- Cassandra Backman-- I try to keep dressed well but usually my running clothes.
● Katharine French-Fuller-- Work top, comfy bottoms

● Anja Wutz-- active wear or pjs

● Becky Jo Gesteland-- This week I decided I'd better wear regular work clothes, rather than PJs; however, I'm not dressing up much: jeans, blouse, sweater, socks, but no shoes. Yay!

● Natalie Hales-- Yoga pants and bare feet!

● Yesenia Quintana-- Professional shirt, leggings :)

● Teresa Martinez-- Same attire. Nothing has changed.

● Jenny Frame-- Comfy pants and a non-matching top - in other words, the same.

● Zadoth Vazquez-- I am wearing much more comfortable clothing now than when I would go into work. Sometimes I tend to stay in sweats or pajamas, but at work I would always try to look presentable and good.

● Ella Mitchell-- No comment.

● Patrick Tadlock-- I still like to wear regular clothes as much as possible. It is usually jeans, khakis and a t-shirt. I always wear shoes though. Shoes are a signal to my mind it is time to work, not relax.

● Joan Gustafson-- T-shirts and sweatpants

5. How are you socially connected in this time of social distancing?

● Barrett Bonella-- Facebook mostly.

● Cassandra Backman-- Phone Calls, Messenger and Instagram

● Katharine French-Fuller-- Talking to family more. Kids facetimeing with friends.

● Anja Wutz-- My general lifestyle is socially distant, so not much has changed.

● Becky Jo Gesteland-- I exchange daily texts with several friends and call my parents in SLC every other day. My 22-year old son, who also lives in SLC, opted to stay there, so I check in with him often. Fortunately, my 20-year old daughter lives with me, so I see her whenever I want. My husband works from home now too, and we're making time to eat dinner, take walks, and watch movies together.
Natalie Hales-- All this time at home with my immediate family has actually been nice. We are usually very busy and going a lot of different directions, so I'm loving this chance to connect with my teenagers! For work and school I'm experiencing the "Zoom Boom" and that helps us stay connected. Any chance to talk on the phone with extended family and friends is a nice change.

Teresa Martinez-- FaceTime family, Zoom calls

Jenny Frame-- My 8-year-old nephew and I exchange jokes every day. His last joke you ask? Where can you go to relieve yourself but also enjoy a nice meal? Crapper Barrel

Zadoth Vazquez-- I FaceTime my friends quite often, sometimes once per day. I also call everyone when I can. I have taken the time to get to know my family members even more as well.

Ella Mitchell-- I share a lot more memes. And I started going with my neighbor when she walks her dog.

Patrick Tadlock-- I have been talking on the phone a lot more than in the past. I would normally just text folks, but now I call.

Joan Gustafson-- I have been calling family more often and FaceTiming my kiddos

6. How have you handled adjusting to the new routine at home? How has your family, pets, roommates, etc. handled this shift?

Barrett Bonella-- The kids have mostly been complaining about all their safe space at home being invaded by so much homework. Otherwise, it feels first as busy and chaotic as always, if not more. Social distancing has resulted in more work, not less.

Cassandra Backman-- I like the extra 30 minutes in the morning to eat and settle in. My dog is spoiled and does not like it when I sit down for more than 4 hours- I guess it is good - we both are getting 6 walks a day.

Katharine French-Fuller-- It's difficult.

Anja Wutz-- My pets love whatever's going on right now, even though they have no idea what it is.

Becky Jo Gesteland-- So far so good. As an introvert, I don't mind the quiet at home and am fortunate to have a room of my own--per Virginia Woolf's recommendation. The cats are confused about why we're here all day, but they're getting used to it.
• **Natalie Hales**-- Since I normally work half of my time from home anyway, the transition was not difficult. I love splitting my time because I stay focused and get a lot done on the days when I’m home, but get to stay in touch with everyone in CCEL and work with the team on the days that I’m on campus. Before, though, I would work from home while my kids (Jr. High and High School age) were at school, in a quiet house with no distractions! Working while overseeing their homeschooling was overwhelming at first, but we have settled into a new routine and I find blocks of time for me to focus on work.

• **Yesenia Quintana**-- The first full week was stressful. This week was better. Hopefully, I won't get too used to it.

• **Teresa Martinez**-- It is hard to sit in a chair for a longer period of time, so I try to stand up in between Zoom calls to stretch. My dog loves that I am home. He'll often come up, bump my elbow and show his face on my Zoom calls. I do not see my partner much as she works upstairs and I work downstairs, so it feels the same as if I was still physically at work.

• **Jenny Frame**-- I love it. I'm cooking a lot more which equals food that I actually like!

• **Zadoth Vazquez**-- It has been quite hard working and studying in the same place where I eat and sleep. I used to spend my whole day on campus and coming home was a feeling of de-stress and relaxation. Clearly, that is no longer the case, and I had trouble in the beginning with it for sure. Ultimately, I figured that making a schedule for each day like I normally would, helps me not waste my time and focus when needed. Both of my parents are still working outside the house and that has eased me into this transition by having alone time. It certainly is not easy with all the distractions I have so easily accessible, but it has gotten easier as the weeks go by.

• **Ella Mitchell**-- We're fans of it all. #homebodies

• **Patrick Tadlock**-- My son and wife are also both at home due to working from home and childcare closures. So it has been an adjustment for all of us to stay in our separate spots to work. My son is 3.5 yrs old and he doesn't get why his dad cannot play all day.

• **Joan Gustafson**-- We have a friend from church staying with us because he sold his house and if finding a new place. His two boys come every Thursday and every other weekend. We were empty nesters and now we are not.... I would not want them on the street, so we make things work. I find myself wanting to start work earlier than my scheduled time because I am a morning person and have things to get done.