

# EXECUTIVE

# SUMMARY 2022-2023

## ACCESS

Throughout the year, the student body president Ashely Potokar held **Taco Tuesdays with Ashley** where students could get a coupon for a free taco from Tres Habaneros and discuss their feedback and concerns. 1,740 students participated this year.

Leadership Learning Academy (a charter school in the Ogden area) sent 38 sixth grade students to visit the Ogden Campus to tour and meet with WSUSA Student Leaders about leadership opportunities at Weber State.

Campus Rec held **Experience Weber**, a high-impact overnight experience designed to help students with their transition to Weber State. The 103 students who participated represented a 51% increase over last year.

Approximately 40 volunteers from campus departments and student organizations volunteered to help 900+ students move in at Wildcat and University Villages during **Welcome Our Wildcats**. This Fall saw Weber State's highest ever occupancy rate.

**Child Care** saw improvements and expansion this year. Forms were digitized so that parents could access and submit the forms quicker and easier, cutting processing time. Services were extended to advocacy for student parents in cooperation with the Women's Centers and for interpreters in cooperation with Disability Services while participating in those programs.

**Laptop rentals** allow students without needed technology to complete their educational pathway. This year, Student Affairs Technology rented out 380 laptops - a 175 percent increase over last year.

Arrangements were made for fresh produce and herb donations from the WSU Davis Community Garden to be delivered to the Weber Cares Pantry at the Ogden Campus.

The Counseling & Psychological Services Center (CPSC) ran support groups for both BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ students throughout the year. A total of 48 sessions were held, averaging 5-6 students per session. 82.5 percent of participants said that they had made progress toward their personal goals and 100 percent indicated that they felt a greater sense of belonging at Weber State as a result of their group experience.

Disability Services co-hosted a **community transition fair** with Davis School District Special Education that reached an estimated 285 disabled high school students and their families.

Career Services organized multiple **career fairs** for students looking to enter the workforce. Among the most popular this year were the Spring and Fall Career and Internship Fairs (374 & 304 students respectively) and the Student Job Fair (about 250 students).

## LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

**Foam Bash** is an annual event hosted by the Activities Team that features a large stage, foam pit, various inflatable rides & games, free food from local food trucks, airbrush tattoos, a mechanical bull, and a rock climbing wall provided by the ROTC. This year 1,700 students attended.

**Late Night at Weber** is a traditional, pre-semester event hosted by the Activities Team which 894 students attended.

The **International Banquet** provides an opportunity for international students to share their culture with the Weber State University community and the greater Ogden community. 300 participants shared Pacific Island cuisine, watched student talents and cultural performances, and held a silent auction to raise scholarship funds for international students.

# LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

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The Women's Center collaborated with the Department of Criminal Justice, the Department of Social Work & Gerontology, the Department of Political Science & Philosophy, the Department of Child & Family Studies, the Weber County Sheriff's Office, and Weber County to present the first **Human Trafficking Symposium** at Weber State University with 250 people attending.

Aligned with the theme, "Mental Health in Minutes," **Mental Health Day** had 218 students engaged in simple activities incorporating mindfulness and relaxation into everyday experiences while encouraging them to learn quick and easy methods to improve their mental health and clarity.

The Money Management Center again put on the **Game of Life** event in the Shepherd Union. Volunteers were gathered from Access & Diversity, Financial Aid & Scholarships, and the Executive Director of Auxiliaries to have one-on-one conversations with 42 participating students about their career trajectory, financial planning, and life decisions.

There were 24 **Success Duos** formed with 22 participating students representing every class standing and every college at Weber State. Success Duos were piloted by Mentoring this year and look to form committed, formal, one-on-one mentoring relationships between students and faculty/staff mentors.

There were 941 attendees at **Budgeting and Benefits Comparison** courses taught by the Money Management Center and organized by SSS/SSS-STEM, Access & Diversity/Special Populations, and Communications Courses. 12 Classes with SSS/SSS Stem, 36 Classes with Don't Cancel Class, FYE, Communications, and Access and Diversity/Special Populations.

40 people participated in the **Buddy Program** conducted by the International Student & Scholar Center (ISSC). Domestic and international students are connected through this program to be "buddies" with incoming exchange students.

The **GROW Leadership (GROWL) Conference** hosted by SIL had 165 students from nine high schools in attendance. The GROWL Conference is designed to help high school student leaders improve their leadership skills and interact with peers from across northern Utah, and Weber State students have the opportunity to present leadership content to attendees.

Veteran Upward Bound, in collaboration with Veterans Services and other departments, collected and delivered 518 holiday gifts to Veterans in the community who are homeless, disabled, or otherwise in need as part of the annual **Shoebboxes for Veterans** project.

Working through the Center for Community Engaged Learning, students volunteered over 87,000 hours with an estimated financial equivalence of over \$2.7 million.

**Día de los Muertos** was celebrated this year by events including cookie decorating, educational materials about the holiday's background, and cultural foods and recipes.

For a second year, Campus Rec partnered with the Stromberg Complex to host the **Special Olympics UT Unified Sports basketball tournament** in March as part of UT First Lady Abby Cox's "Show Up" initiative. 384 students from 25 high schools participated.

For a second year, Campus Rec Competitive Sports organized/hosted the **National Wheelchair Basketball Association's (NWBA) Juniors West Coast Conference Championships (WCCC)**.

The **16th Annual Ogden Climbing Festival** drew 300 participants (a 108 percent increase) and focused on Accessibility and Inclusivity in the Outdoors.

# COMMUNITY

The **Weber Cares Pantry** distributed over 21,000 pounds of food and hygiene products to the WSU Community. 80 ten dollar food vouchers were distributed to 50 students in immediate need which covered \$716.02 of additional support.

WSU celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the original 1922 **Mount Ogden Hike**. More than 200 Students, Faculty, Staff, and General Public made the trek to the summit.

