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A Monthly Insight into Multicultural Life on the WSU Campus

Weber State Alumni

"Kim Phan played a crucial part in building what is now the STEPS program. While employed here at Weber State she held the title of Data Specialist and Team Lead. After graduating in Fall 2012 with a Bachelors degree in Computer Science, Kim shortly starting working for Hill AFB as a Computer Scientist. She believes that the MSC has prepared her for life by giving her the work and leadership experience that she needed to succeed. In Fall 2014, Kim plans on attending an online Master's program with the University of Illinois. We're so proud of Kim and thrilled to see her taking huge steps towards her career and life goals!" Chelsea Bybee

"The MSC has helped me tremendously by helping me pay for school, giving me a job during school, and offering me a job right after I graduated. Many students graduate and can spend months looking for employment after graduation, but I was fortunate enough to land a job at the MSC pretty much immediately after I graduated. The MSC has helped me along every step of my college career, and for that I am thankful." Stephanie Quinn, BS Sociology Minor in Psychology.



Stephanie Quinn

Ceremony of Excellence

This one-of-a-kind tribute to honor our ethnically diverse scholastic achievers and baccalaureate candidates will be presented on the evening of April 16, 2014. Weber State University faculty, staff and community leaders will have an opportunity to mix and mingle with our honorary student guests and their families. During the ceremony the top ten honorees will receive Kente Cloth. The traditional Kente Cloth is a hand-woven ceremonial article of clothing originating from the country of Ghana. Kente Cloths are worn by recognized members of their communal society during important social and religious occasions. The Kente Cloth carries a more symbolical meaning that just a decorative cloth. It is a casual icon of history, philosophy, ethics, and social code of conduct that an individual strives to represent. Within the academic world, Kente Cloths have been used to recognize individuals who have developed and embodies the ideals for the organization who awards them.

Top Ten Honorees

Julian Alvarez
B.S. in Quantitative Economics
Technology
B.S. in Applied Mathematic

Tashina Barber
B.S. in HAS Health Information Management
B.A. in Art/General

Allison Dooley
B.S. in Early Childhood

Jimmy Franco
B.S. in English
B.S. in Microbiology

Jayrod Garrett
B.A. in English/Creative Writing

Leontra Hill
B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering

J.D. Marett
B.S. in English/Creative Writing

Andres Morelli
B.S. in Law and Justice

Laura Natalia Muñoz
B.S. in Health Administrative Services

Stephanie Quinn
B.S. in Sociology

From the Desk of Our Director

“Embracing our past, enhancing our present to inspire our future”



Happy Spring! To all the game-changers: I'd like to congratulate all of our students, student leaders, student-athletes, faculty, and staff, and community leaders for a tremendous job well done as we approach the end of the academic year! A special shout-out to our STEPS (student employees) who have rallied together and done a superb job in their leadership and academic roles.

Please don't forget to support the "Dining for Dollar\$" event (April 10th at Ogden's Sonora Grill where all proceeds will be donated to help support first-generation and low-income students. On that weekend (Saturday, April 12th), the Hispanic Area Council is sponsoring the "Kick It For Higher Ed." soccer tournament where proceeds will also benefit first-generation students. Special thanks to Image members/volunteers (Annalane Arroyo and Stephanie Ware) for their amazing support.

Let's celebrate the work of our graduates. Join us on April 16th as we host the 5th Annual Ceremony of Excellence honoring Top Ten Seniors who have distinguished themselves through their leadership and academic work and have striven for excellence having actively participated in making Weber State a better university for all students and their community.

Another shout out to Advisory Board member, Mitch Moyes, for encouraging and supporting the committed student leaders who campaigned for student government. Join us at the Inauguration on April 18th.

At the end of the month on April 25th, we eagerly anticipate WSU's 143rd Commencement. Congratulations to ALL graduates! Don't forget to stop by the Center.

Go Wildcats!!!!

Michiko Nakashima-Lizarazo

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10	Dining for Dollars Sonora Grill	7:00AM-9:00PM
April 12	HAC Kick it for Higher Ed Soccer Tournament	8:00AM-5:00 PM
April 17	Tasty Thursday SC 150	11:00AM-2:00PM
April 18	WSUSA Inauguration Duck Pond	6:00PM

The Multicultural Student Center would like to congratulate the STEPS student employee WSUSA elects for 2014-2015.

**Jeffery Henry-Legislative Vice President
Juhi Dubal-Asian Senator
Ashlee Cawley- Arts and Humanities Senator
Chelsea Bybee-College of Science Senator**

Leadership Life Series

The Leadership for Life Series is hosted by the Student Alumni. They invite student leaders from different departments on campus such as the Multicultural Student Center, Women's center, LDSSA, and many others. Guest speakers come and talk to students about the successes they have had holding a position and getting involved with Weber State University and the community. They share some awesome stories, books, quotes, etc. For this Spring 2014 semester we had the privilege to hear Todd Anderson and Bret Millburn. Students also get to attend lunch with the speakers and ask questions or opinions they may have.
Timmy Phomsouvanh

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Latinos in Action

On March 13, 2014, Latinos in Action conference took place at Weber State University! This was a huge event with over 1,300 students from grades 8-12 coming from all over Northern Utah. There were many volunteers and coordinators who were excited to empower students and get them ready for college.

During the conference, the students were able to attend different workshops. These workshops were mostly about growing up in a community of diverse cultures. The presenters talked about how it was okay to be in this environment and they don't have to have separate identities or feel like they have to choose between the cultures. The students are told they should embrace where they come from and who they are. In addition, America Ferrera was the keynote speaker of this event and was able to emphasize what the students were learning from their workshops.

Sarah Cornell and Laura Parker were two of the many coordinators of this conference. They had lots of fun and enjoyed their time with the students. Overall, these ladies said this conference was a rewarding experience because they were able to see the students become empowered and proud of their uniqueness. Also, they saw the students become excited and less anxious for college. Everyone enjoyed the conference and were thrilled to be a part of it!

By: Juhi Dubal