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Cover photo: Bill Chambers ('90, faculty 1963-1996), Phyllis Erk, Jan Chambers, and Laurie Fletcher (AA, '15) learn how to make pasta on the CC Alumni trip to Tuscany, Italy. (Cover photo courtesy/Denise Bressler)

Editor's note: In the summer 2022 edition of Footprints, we misidentified the first two photos that illustrated the story "Looking Back: Connections and Reconnections by Lea Schoenwald (AA, '72) on Page 4. The person with Schoenwald was misidentified and should have been Laurie Winslow Pipinich ('72). We regret the error.

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Casper College:

The fall semester has given us a wonderful start to the 2022-2023 school year. I can't wait to see what the rest of this year brings!

I'm really looking forward to the open house for the new Dick and Marialyce Tobin Visual Arts Center in May. The alumni board was given a tour of the new facility at its fall meeting; it is absolutely stunning; we couldn't be more excited for the staff and students.

During the fall semester, my wife and I attended Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" performance at the Gertrude Krampert Center for Theatre and Dance, and it was spectacular! Our daughters attended the show with us, and watching them light up when Cinderella spun and revealed her dress was worth everything; they even got to take a photo with Cinderella!

Both the men's and women's basketball teams had wonderful seasons! My family love attending the men's and women's basketball games at the Swede Erickson Thunderbird Gym. We loved seeing everyone at our Alumni Homecoming game on February 17. The chili was delicious and both teams won!

The Casper College Student Senate gave a presentation at the Casper College Foundation board meeting on their food pantry program. The pantry is a way to combat food insecurity among Casper College's student population.

They spoke about how students utilize the pantry, what it costs to fund the program, what items they need, and how we can support them. For more information on this program and how to help, please reach out to Devin Fulton, student life coordinator, at devin.fulton@caspercollege.edu or 307-268-2638.

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring and summer!



Ben Winkler ('04)
Casper College Alumni Association president

(Courtesy photo/Ben Winkler)



Ben Winkler ('79), Casper College Alumni Association president.



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Casper College Med Tech Program Provides Teaching Innovation for Hospital District

When Sharon Rutsch, lab director for Sublette County Hospital District, had her longest-serving employee announce plans to retire, Rutsch got right to work. She posted the medical technologist position nationwide in January 2021, hoping to have someone hired to train under her veteran employee Vicki Haffey. The simplest solution would have been that Haffey train her replacement and pass on the institutional knowledge she had gained after so many years on the job. Nine months later,

remotely. **Bernadino Madsen**, M.S., MLS, ASCP, Casper College MLT program director, was game to try something new. Hence the “Pinedale Cohort” was born. Consisting of four current employees of the Sublette County Hospital District, the students enrolled in Casper College. The Casper College MLT program is designed to allow 70% of the classes to be done online. The largest hurdle to enrolling in the program from Pinedale would be the once-a-month “hands-on” labs that are required with each class and would require the students to travel to Casper. However, through cooperation and coordination with the Casper College MLT program instructors, these students now complete this lab requirement locally in the clinic labs. The weekend labs are proctored by the hospital district med techs — both current employees and retired med techs — that have volunteered their time to teach the skills portion of the class.

Finding funding for the students’ education was another barrier to success. Kari Dewitt, SCHD public relations director, assured Rutsch that if she could convince the employees to do the hard part of working on a college degree while holding a full-time job, then Dewitt would find and write the grants to help take the burden of tuition out of the picture.

When the students started class in January 2022, no one quite knew how the program would go. Madsen noted, “When we first got into this, I was a bit reluctant. Would the students get enough technical skills in the training labs where they were working?” In May 2022, the “Pinedale cohort” traveled to Casper College for their hands-on laboratory semester finals. The students received perfect scores on their microscopic examination demonstrations. “In a class of that caliber, a perfect score puts them in a special category.

The Casper College MLT program is designed to allow 70% of the classes to be done online.

Scoring perfectly means they are part of an elite group of students. For them to pull that off is a big deal,” said Madsen. “I am very proud of the effort that these young women have put out. They already



Med Tech Aaron Donalson shows Randi (Scott) Foster the results.

in September 2021, Haffey retired after 27 years of service to Sublette County. Rutsch threw her a grand going away party complete with cake and balloons, but she had yet to find anyone to replace Haffey. By the fall of 2021, it was clear that the staffing shortage affecting health care nationwide was affecting her hiring plans. There was a real concern that she would never be able to find a new med tech, especially one who wanted to live in rural Wyoming. Rutsch needed to think outside the box.

With that in mind, she approached Casper College to see about the possibility of offering their two-year medical technologist college program

(Courtesy photos /Tara Bolgiano)



Karol Brew teaches Courtney Meisner.

have this opportunity — not only to further our education but to develop skills to help our patients and provide our community the best care we can. We wouldn't be in school right now if it weren't for all the amazing people backing us and showing their support every step of the way." The support of Casper College has been instrumental in helping these employees improve their education.

Part of the Sublette County Hospital District's mission statement is "To excel at providing comprehensive health services in Sublette County." "What better way to build our professional team

had challenging lives with working full time and raising families, and to take on the role of a full-time student is a lot to ask. They are going to need these skills when they work in ANY lab, but I am proud that they are going to be working for me here at the Sublette County Hospital District," Rutsch said. The students are on track to graduate in 2024 with their MLT degrees.

This will be perfect timing, as the Sublette County Hospital District is currently in the process of applying for funding to build a critical access hospital with an attached long-term care facility. Sublette County has the dubious honor of being the only county in Wyoming without a hospital. Voters voted in 2020 to rectify that situation and form a special hospital district. Plans are underway to break ground this spring and complete construction in 2024. "The timing could not have been better. When the hospital is complete, the laboratory will have a higher level of complexity, and many more tests can be done in-house. This will require that we have credentialed technologists to work in the lab. Helping to educate people that already own homes here, send their children to school here, and are invested in the community just makes sense," Rutsch noted.

The students, **Elizabeth Wood, Randi (Scott) Foster, Courtney Meisner, and Jennifer Rowan,** are excited for their futures in health care. Wood expressed it best, "We are so blessed to be able to



Liz Wood studies a sample.

than to educate the people that we already employ and grow our own talent!" Rutsch exclaimed. Madsen concurred, stating, "Everyone is putting time and effort into this. It's filling a void that SCHD has finding qualified lab techs. I'm excited to see where it's going to go in the future."

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Looking Back: Remembered in McMurdo, Antarctica

Written March 28, 1996

As I start this version of my Antarctic Journal, the time is 2:30 a.m. What am I doing up at 2:30 a.m., listening to the music of Simon and Garfunkel on my CD headset, typing on my computer? You guessed it — I can't sleep.



Matthew A. Nelson with Wyoming flag at Ceremonial South Pole.

They are now singing "So Long, Frank Lloyd Wright." This song came out about 1970 when I was repeating my freshman year at Casper College in Casper, Wyoming. My first attempt at college was in 1964, but then, it was more important to goof off than to study. Four

years of Army life convinced me that there are finer things in life.

A GPA of 0.323 may indicate to some that I flunked my freshman year of college. Semantics! I like to say that I liked **Mrs. Margaret Demorest's** (1961-1985) humanities class and **Mrs. Jane Katherman's** (1972-1985) History of Western Civilization class so well that they were worth repeating.

The humanities class was disguised as Advanced Freshman Composition. Students were taught how to fine-tune their writing, but more importantly, they were introduced to the arts and writings of the 20th century. For 31 years, I have had with me "The Humanities In Contemporary Life," textbook. It is well-worn, and every now and then, the passages I underlined way back then still jump out at me. Mrs. Demorest taught us how love and the arts could impact our everyday lives. Man, do I ever love that teacher and the gift of humanities she introduced me to.

I had to have my parents send me the textbook from Mrs. Katherman's class. Quite a lady! Hair

always in a bun. Tough. Regal. What a gift I had to repeat her class after I came back from Turkey. I didn't flunk the first time — the Foundations of Western Civilization only required extra reinforcement for me to remember them.

Other people may have made better grades their first and only time as students of Mrs. Demorest and Mrs. Katherman. I received the better education. Through those two ladies, I learned about the joys and sorrows of kings, poets, architects, writers, painters, musicians, everyday farmers, and the common soldier. They gave me their friendship and insights into man's eternal struggle and taught me how beautiful and precious life is. I will forever be grateful.

Back in the states, different semester and different term paper. At Mrs. Demorest's suggestion, I wrote it on Vincent Van Gogh. He wrote that the difference between the Japanese artists and Western artists was that a Western artist painted fields of grass, while the Japanese artist painted only a single blade of grass. Simple. Elegant. Mrs. Demorest said once familiar with Vincent Van Gogh's style; I would always recognize one of his paintings.

Tonight, 26 years later, I just touched a Vincent Van Gogh calendar that I have hanging in my room. Above my single bed here in Antarctica is a photo of me at the South Pole in 1991, holding a book written by another Casper College instructor, **Harry Dinges** (1962-1984), titled "Foolish Pursuits." Behind the book is a hand drawing of a deer that Mr. Demorest gave me a few weeks before I left the states.

Dale Burgess (1964-1968) taught chemistry at Casper College in 1964. I did better in his class — I walked away with a "D"! But that's OK because I had much more fun in one of the labs than the other students. One morning, magnesium strips were lying next to the trusty Bunsen burners. Mr. Burgess hadn't arrived yet. High school chemistry taught me the beauty of burning magnesium. Guess who walks in just as Matt Nelson finishes displaying his knowledge of how brightly magnesium burns. I was 18 and had to give Mr. Burgess a good answer when he asked me what I was doing. "Just demonstrating the effect of the oxidation of magnesium." "Fine. Everybody



Matthew A. Nelson stands next to a piece of communication equipment he helped to develop for NASA.

else will perform the regular lab experiment, but your assignment for today, Mr. Nelson, is to tell me the percentage of oxidation. If you don't, you will fail today's lab."

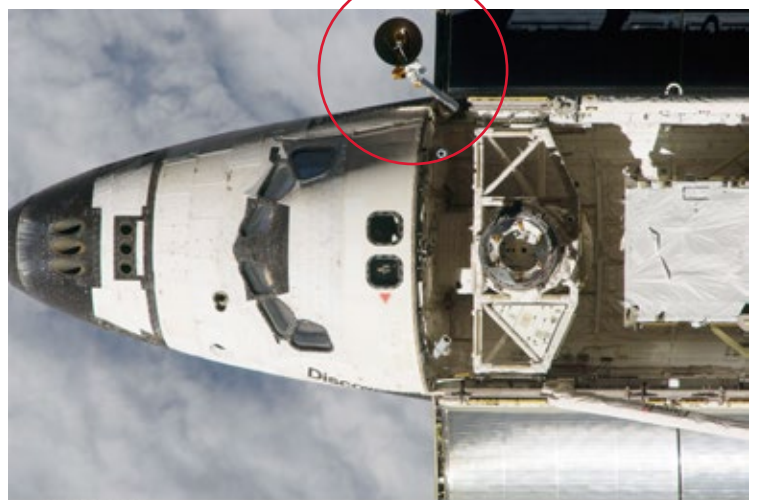
The race was on. The only way I could think of how to exit this mess gracefully was to burn more magnesium and weigh it. I pulled it off and made an "A" for that lab. Seven years later, I stayed overnight at Mr. Burgess's house in Hamilton, New Zealand. He was teaching science at a Mormon high school. As I helped him tie wires on the Ferro-concrete sailboat he was building, he told me that he knew I had given him a smart-aleck answer but was trying to teach me a lesson. I learned the lesson well. It is more fun to burn magnesium than to dunk it in water and not have the chance to see it burn. It is more fun sometimes to go off on your own tangent. A year or so later, I received a postcard from Mr. Burgess saying he was ready to start sailing around the world; that was the last time I heard from him.

Time to return to Casper College for the third time. Change majors once more. This time I was going to be an electronics technician. The first time, in 1964, I had planned on a chemistry degree. I wanted to be a lab technician like in "Dick Tracy" and reconstruct crimes based on glass and paint samples. I found there is more to chemistry than outlawing the burning of magnesium. When I was readmitted on probation in 1969, the marvels of the United States Army Security Agency changed my focus to that of an electronics engineer.

I went directly to Casper College from the Casper airport without stopping to shower. My mother told me later that I stunk. I had showered just a few hours before, but airplanes always have an odoriferous effect on me. Whom do I meet in the hallway? Mrs. Katherman, of course. My beard was jet black, and my hair had been uncut

for months. I still have my Casper College spring semester 1972 student identification card. I have never used illegal drugs in my life, but I am sure some people didn't think so in those days. Now, looking at the student ID card gives me a wee bit of understanding of why Mrs. Katherman didn't stand very close to me.

Mr. Dinges and **Richard Kingsolver** (1960-1979) were the two main electronics teachers then. I admired both men but came to know Mr. Dinges better on a personal level. My writing was so bad that he started making me turn in single sheets of A's and B's, in one-inch high letters, like in first grade. I was infuriated. Most people think I write terribly now. Mr. Dinges forced me into writing block letters so people could at least read my handwriting. Looking back, it's kind of funny having to hand in with my other assignments, pages from Red Chief writing tablets when I was a 25-year-old college student.



That piece of communication equipment Matthew A. Nelson helped to develop for NASA, is shown attached to the Space Shuttle Discovery.

As mentioned earlier, Mr. Dinges gave me a copy of his book, "Foolish Pursuits." I read this at the South Pole. He wrote bits and pieces of his life. He left many stories out about being an infantryman in World War II. Over the years, I sent him some of my writings and some of the published technical articles on the space shuttle written by others. His letters were full of humor, wisdom, love for his family, respect for his fellowman, and God. They don't come any better than Harry Dinges.

Looking Back: Matthew Nelson, cont.

My ninth-grade science teacher, **Dana Van Burgh** ('57) (1996-2015), and I have been friends for 35 years. His wife, **Nora Van Burgh** (1956-1991), used to work at the Goodstein Foundation Library on the CC campus. A year after she died of

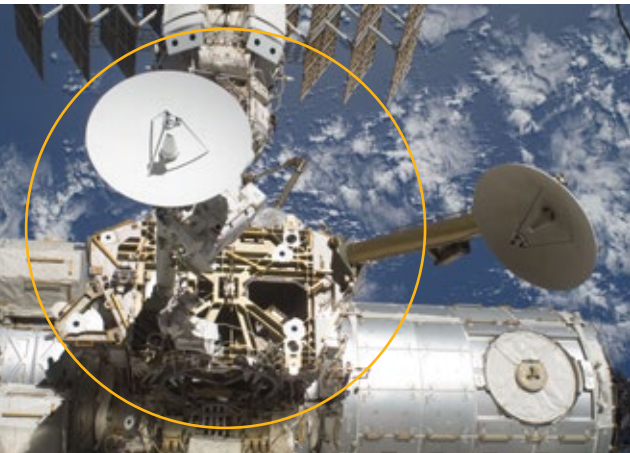
cancer, I wrote two pages titled "Memories of Nora." I am not going to repeat it now. Dana and Nora have been such a major influence on my life. I had to call someone the night my sister Cathy died as a result of a car wreck in 1968.

Nora answered the phone. Dana went with me to see the launch of

the space shuttle STS-66 mission. I receive email from him here on the ice; he has put me in touch with other teachers. One paragraph does not cover 35 years of friendship.

Writing about former teachers probably aren't typical entries in Antarctic journals. Living in Antarctica is certainly a good place to write about teachers when one has time to reflect on the good things that have happened in his life. I finally graduated from Casper College in 1973. I had about 95 credited hours, acquired over a period of nine years, seven semesters, and three changes of majors. For 18 years, I have worked on the space shuttle program and other NASA contracts.

Over the years, I have been so very fortunate to have not one but several favorite teachers. Through the Casper school system, I have had many good teachers. All of the teachers mentioned in this segment of my journal dedicated their lives to their profession. Each set an example to students with high standards of integrity, and each, in their own way, expected and demanded that I did better when all I wanted was to slide. My thanks to each of you for encouraging me to do better, for accepting me as I am, for being a role model, and for giving of yourselves. Thanks for listening to me and for caring for me. I hope I can live up to your standards. God bless you all.



Another piece of communication equipment Matthew Nelson helped to develop for NASA, is shown attached to the International Space Station.

Matthew A. Nelson was stationed in the Army Security Agency from 1965 to 1969 in Turkey and Japan. He received satellite tracking and communications training, which became the foundation of his entire career.

He and his wife **Karoline (Antonovich)** (AS, '72) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2022. She is a graduate of the Casper College Nursing Program. They both grew up in Casper and moved to Townsend, Montana, in 2009 when they retired.

In 1978 Nelson was hired on with Lockheed Electronics — now Lockheed Martin — at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. He was assigned to the electronic systems test lab, where he started as an electronics technician and worked his way up to principal engineer.

In 1982 he graduated with a B.S. in electro-optics from the University of Houston–Clear Lake. In 2000 he graduated from the University of North Dakota with an M.S. in space studies.

After retiring in 2009, he returned to McMurdo for another winter stay in 2012 and then went to the South Pole from November 2016 until February 2017.

Nelson has seen each of the space shuttles — Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, Endeavour, and Atlantis — launch and has seen 12 space shuttle launches.

He has been on all seven continents and in all 50 states. "God has blessed my family and me. I have had a good life," said Nelson.

Letters to the Editor

July 27, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

Please add to your mailing list **John O'Brien** (AA, '64). I am a classmate of **Father Kevin Burke, S.J., S.T.D.** ('72). We go back to our days at St. Anthony's School in Casper, Wyoming, until he left to attend a Jesuit prep school in Wisconsin. I was surprised to see that he and I both enrolled at

Casper College. He and **Mike Brattis** (AA, '74) were the "glue that held us together" at St. Anthony's, where I was scolded a lot. The nuns could swing a yardstick or chalkboard pointer like a ninja warrior, and they were just as silent!

Thomas O'Brien (AA, '75)

August 4, 2022

Barbara Vinzant (AA, '58) shared a few lines with us. After Casper College, she went to the University of Wyoming and graduated in 1962. She traveled with her spouse, who was in the U.S. Air Force and returned to Casper in 1999. Her granddaughter, Bethany Sagerer, graduated

from Casper College in 2019 with her Associate of Science in health science/medical technician. Sagerer is currently working on her Bachelor of Science in medical laboratory sciences at the University of Wyoming-Casper. Vinzant ended her note with, "CC is the best!"

August 19, 2022

Dear Denise,

Congratulations on another outstanding issue of Footprints. I was saddened to learn of the passing of several Casper friends — **Randy Stutheit** (1978-2008), **Doug Bull** (2006-2018), and **Charlotte Babcock** (AA, '49). Your tribute and Lisa's were very touching. 2022 was the year of retirements for many in Student Services I worked with: **Kim Byrd** (1991-2022), **Tanya Peterson** (2000-2022), **Donna Sonesen** (1999-2022), and **Paula Epperson** (CERT, '92, 2007-2022). I wish them all the best, plus the others who gave their time and talents

to CC. I have moved back to our farm and am enjoying grandkids: Adaline (11), Case (9), Eleanor (5), August (3), and Ryker (5 months). All are in Missouri, so we see them fairly often. Ken (hubby) is glad I'm around more as we were apart much of the time the last 15 years. Me too. Please use my donation in whatever way you choose — but it is my way of honoring Randy, Charlotte, and the many great folks I was blessed to know that we loved.

Best wishes for a great year,

Joanna Anderson (2007-2013)

August 29, 2022

Dear Sirs;

I was amazed, surprised, and excited to receive Footprints from the Casper College Alumni.

I continued my education and graduated from Eastern Montana College of Education in 1965, now a university, and taught school for 32 years. I just talked to a good friend, **Linda (Scholz) Anderson** (AA, '59), who did not receive Footprints. She graduated from CC ahead of me.

I sang tenor in the 100 voice choir directed by Mr.

Russell Schwejda (1947-1983) from 1961-1963.

Since 2000, my wife, Ruth, and I have traveled all over the U.S., Canada, Alaska, and the Philippines doing gospel concerts. We've lived in a motorhome pulling a 20-foot trailer with our instruments and car. Been to Casper several times!

I was delighted to be remembered.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Engstrom (AS, '63)

Do you have something you would like to share? Send your letters and emails to us! See "Keep in touch" on the inside front cover.

Students Achieve Success Thanks to Donor Generosity

Each year both traditional and nontraditional students are able to pursue their educational dreams thanks to the generosity of donors.

The Casper College Foundation hosts a luncheon in the fall and spring semesters to thank the many donors who contribute so much to the success of students. Scholarship recipients were asked to participate in a video where they could express their thanks to those donors who helped make their educational journey possible.

A new video is created each semester. Footprints staff want our readers to share in these heartfelt messages from students and see how important these funds to enable us to help our students during the fall 2022 semester.

it's really difficult to find any funding if you are 25 years or older, that are willing to give any kind of a chance to someone who's trying to further themselves in their education.

Alexandria Bright — Health Science and Biology/Freshman

• *Barbara Crews Key/Ed Scholarship*

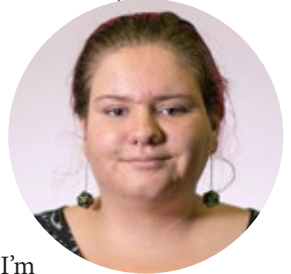
I received the Barbara Cruise Key/Ed Scholarship, and I'd really like to thank **Barbara Crews** (1969-1999) and everyone associated with that scholarship. The scholarship has really helped me out in paying for my college on my own without my parents' help. I can focus more on my studies and being a good student.



Michelle Burgess — Psychology and Criminal Justice /Sophomore

• *Ted and Marie White Memorial Foundation Trust Scholarship*

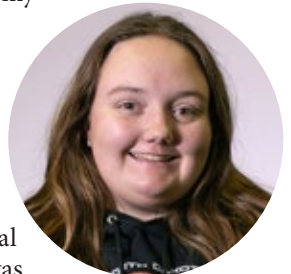
I am thankful for the Ted and Marie White Memorial Foundation Trust Scholarship that I got this year. I'm working toward my master's in counseling. Thank you for the money that you've provided me in helping my education and furthering my learning process.



Jayden Carrier — Paralegal Certificate and Criminal Justice/Freshman

• *Theresa Ulen Memorial Scholarship*

I received the Teresa Ulen Memorial Scholarship this fall semester, and I was fortunate enough to receive this scholarship with a criminal justice degree and a paralegal certificate. This scholarship helped me finish out my school year, and it's going to continue helping me into next semester. A big shout out to **Heather Lloyd**, criminal justice instructor, for helping me finish my scholarship; thank you.



ReAnn Christensen — Nursing/Freshman

• *Billy D. Lewis Scholarship*
• *Ellbogen Opportunity Scholarship: All Students Successful*



Cian Ahern — History/Sophomore

• *Vince Hayes/Outlaw Trail Rides Memorial Scholarship*

My major is history. I'd like to thank the Vince Hayes/Outlaw Trail Rides Memorial Scholarship and faculty member **Tanis Lovercheck-Saunders**, history instructor, for helping me out through college and getting all my classes and degrees set up.



Dennis Bergren — Electrical Engineering/Sophomore

• *Crestwood Midstream Scholarship*
• *Michael and Joan Burger Engineering Scholarship*

The generosity of these donors has allowed me to quit my full-time job and just do school full-time and be supported through their donations.

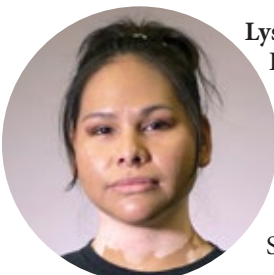
These scholarships have just been an incredibly massive help in allowing me to achieve my dream of becoming an electrical engineer. Thank you very, very much.



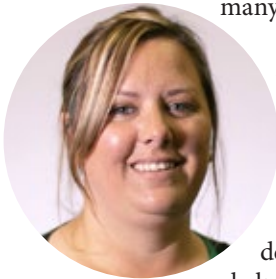
Lysander Blackbird — Medical Laboratory Technician/Sophomore

• *Ellbogen Opportunity Scholarship: All Students Successful*

My name is Red Earth Singer, but my public name is Lysander. I received the Ellbogen Opportunity Scholarship, and I thank you because



I am a single mom, and I have six kids. I also have a previous degree I got way back in the day. I'm a nontraditional student, which disqualifies me from a lot of other aid and things for single moms. So, I'm really appreciative of my scholarships. I was awarded the Billy D. Lewis Scholarship and the Ellbogen Opportunity Scholarship, and I'm super grateful. I've just been a stay-at-home mom for the last 16 years, so I don't have a ton of work experience outside of the home, but I'm in nursing school and loving it. I am super appreciative of all the help that you guys are giving to me and so many other students. Thank you.



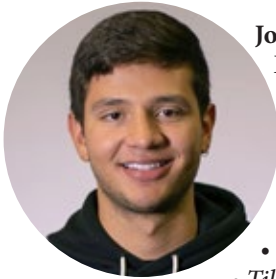
Audrea Cooper — Art Education/Sophomore
• *Ann Galles Scholarship*

I just want to thank the Ann Galles Scholarship for allowing me to come back to school and get my degree in art education so that I can help mold young minds.



Paulina Dzedzic — Physical Education/Freshman
• *Margaret Brown Hazelton Scholarship*
• *Women's Volleyball Booster Club Scholarship*

I'm from Poland, and I'm here because it's always been my dream to play volleyball and connect sports with study. I'm very grateful for the scholarship from Margaret Brown Hazelton and the Women's Volleyball Booster Club Scholarship. I'm very thankful for this help and everything.



José Álvarez Esquivel — Engineering/Sophomore
• *Energy Laboratories Inc. Scholarship*
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• *Tilghman H. Alely Scholarship*

I'm from Cali, Colombia, and this is my fifth semester at Casper College. I'm working on an associate degree in engineering. My goal is to

transfer to another school to get a bachelor's in mechanical engineering. I want to say thanks for all the scholarships that I got. They helped me a lot since I'm an international student and pay out-of-state tuition and the currency values between Colombia and the United States are quite different. I get to pay a lot of money if I change the values, so these scholarships helped me a lot. Without them, I couldn't be here, so I really want to thank them. I also want to thank the one instructor that has been really special and helpful, **Paul Marquard**, physics instructor and **Mala Stagg**, financial aid counselor and international student coordinator. I want to thank you for all of the scholarships and thank you for trusting me and giving me the opportunity to attend Casper College. I really appreciate the fact that you guys considered me to receive these scholarships, and I always will do my best.

Galen Fleming — Nursing/Freshman
• *Ann Galles Scholarship*

I'm a 54-year-old nontraditional student, and I wanted to show my appreciation for receiving the Ann Galles Scholarship. It has not only helped me financially, but it has also helped me be more accountable and work even harder. This is quite the reward, and I would not want to squander this opportunity. So, thank you very much; I'm very humbled.



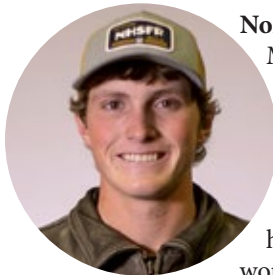
Aragon Garro — Mechanical Engineering/Sophomore

- *Crestwood Midstream Scholarship*
- *James and Nancy Doyle Scholarship*
- *Robert and Mary Gawthrop Engineering Scholarship*

I'd like to thank the Crestwood Midstream Scholarship, the James and Nancy Doyle, and the Robert and Mary Gawthrop Engineering scholarships for their contributions to my academic career. Now, all these scholarships help me to focus on school rather than work or other things that might distract me from achieving my goals, so thank you.



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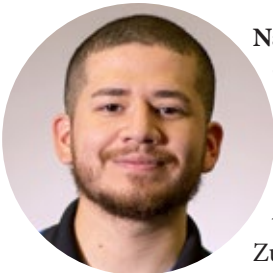
Norris Graves — Range Management/Freshman
• *Denver/Francis Miller Memorial Scholarship*

I'd like to thank the Denver/Francis Miller Memorial Scholarship for this scholarship. This scholarship has really helped me not to have to work through college, and it opens up some free time to study. I'd also like to thank the family of **Sandy Bob Forbes**, assistant rodeo coach, for helping me get to where I am on my bronc ride. Thank you.



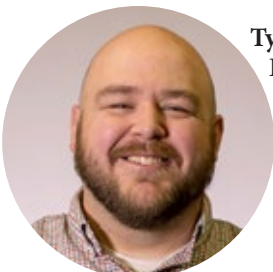
Ned Hageman — Radiography/Sophomore
• *Sneesby Family Scholarship*

I was awarded the Sneesby Family Scholarship, and I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity you have given me and the investment you've made in my education. I promise you that I will do everything I can to make sure that I am successful in my education. I work my tail off every day. Casper College is great; it's a great school for people just starting or unsure of going to college. I'm a radiography major, and everything's been great for my family and me. I thank you for the investment you've made.



Napoleon Hart — Nursing/Sophomore
• *Ann Galles Scholarship*
• *Zula and Deryl Safford Scholarship*

I'm a paramedic who lives on campus at Casper College. I've been blessed with scholarship funds from the Ann Galles Scholarship and the Zula and Deryl Safford Scholarship. These scholarships have made it a lot easier for me to balance work life and nursing school. I am truly blessed for their contributions, and I'll continue to give back to my community when I am a registered nurse serving at a local hospital.



Ty Hebbert — Secondary Education-Social Studies/Sophomore
• *Gawthrop Education Scholarship*

I just wanted to say thank you for myself and my wife and just how

thankful we are for the donors for that extra bit of funding. Being a nontraditional student at this time in my life, any little bit helps, along with working full-time and being a full-time student. So, I want to say thank you and a shout out to the education department and **Renee Griffith**, education instructor, for continuing to help guide me through this journey that I'm going on.

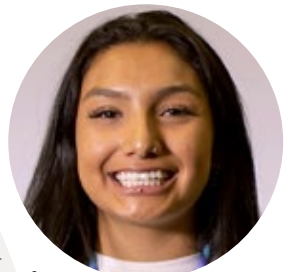
Renee Hoffard — Nursing/Sophomore
• *Ann Galles Scholarship*

This scholarship has helped me immensely. I have four children who are all busy doing their own things, and it's helped me not to feel guilty about not working so much so I could spend more time with them and their activities. Right now, my favorite instructor is **Daniel Gallegos**, political science instructor. He really makes the class fun.



Amya Her Many Horses — Pre-Vet/Freshman
• *B. E. Galbreath Memorial Scholarship*
• *Zula and Deryl Safford Scholarship*

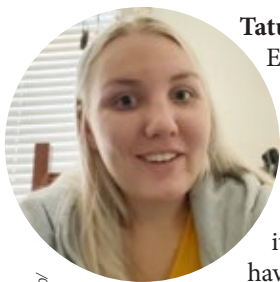
I'm from Ethete, Wyoming, and I want to say thank you to the B. E. Galbreath Memorial Scholarship and the Zula and Deryl Safford Scholarship for helping me financially toward my goal of becoming a veterinarian. These two scholarships have helped me a lot in my first year at Casper College, and I do want to say thank you for your help.



Bobbi Kammerer — Nursing/Sophomore
• *Anna and Louie Strohecker Memorial Scholarship*

This year I received the Anna and Louie Strohecker Memorial Scholarship. This kind of thing is a really big deal because scholarships, especially coming from out of state and not really expecting to get anything if you're not local, it just helps to know that people really are here to invest in your future, support you, and make sure that you reach your goals. They are just as excited as you are to see where your future takes you.





(Courtesy photo/
Tatum Kunard)

Tatum Kunard — Elementary Education/Sophomore

- *Elvin and Jacque Booth Scholarship*
- *Zula and Deryl Safford Scholarship*

I just want to say thank you to the people that gave me the scholarships. Oh my goodness, has it made a difference in my life. I didn't have to worry about paying for some of my classes and then having money for books for certain classes that I needed. To have that little extra money that I need for some groceries in my dorm room or to just have just in case I needed it for emergencies is amazing. Now I get to worry about studying and doing homework and just worrying about my classes and making sure I stay on top of them and have good grades. So, I just wanted to say thank you again, and I really appreciate it.



Zachary Nagy — International Studies and Spanish/Sophomore

- *Alfred Persson Scholarship*

I'm majoring in international studies and Spanish here at Casper College. It's already tough as a college student, so this scholarship is incredibly helpful for just about everything from school supplies to bills to anything you can think of. I want to thank you so much for this scholarship. I also want to thank both **Erich Frankland**, political science instructor, and **Eric Atkins**, Spanish instructor, who are just phenomenal and always incredibly helpful and incredibly kind.



Charlie Ogle — Automotive Technology/Freshman

- *Neil and Doris McMurry Single Parent*

I am able to attend Casper College because I got in with the McMurry Single Parent Support Fund. I'm actually working on an automotive technology certificate to better my life for my three kids and me. This means the world to us, and is going to better our future for sure, so thank you very much.

Noelle Romer — General Studies/Sophomore

- *Don and Donna Klinker Alumni Scholarship*
- *Martin and Zoe Rathvon Scholarship*
- *Neil and Doris McMurry Single Parent Support Fund*

These scholarships have been a tremendous help for me to focus on my academics, my family, and the things most important to me. The scholarships have set the foundation and caused this ripple effect of continued opportunities for me to be successful as a student here at Casper College. I just want to say thank you so much; it really means a lot to me, and I'm so appreciative; thank you.



Lacey Sanford — Ag Business/Freshman

- *Jean D. True Memorial Scholarship*

I'm from Asotin, Washington, and I'm at Casper College majoring in ag business as well as a member of the livestock judging team and the fitting and showing team. I was a lucky recipient of the Jean D. True Memorial Scholarship, and I would just like to give a big thanks to that scholarship for allowing me to focus on school and not worry about my financial situation. Also, a big thank you to everybody in the Casper College Agriculture Department for being so welcoming.



Jacob Sears — Secondary Education-Social Studies/Freshman

- *Ellbogen Opportunity Scholarship: All Students Successful*

I'm attending Casper College for secondary education. I'm a 38-year-old nontraditional student, so scholarships are very important to me especially having two kids and working to support them. The Ellbogen Opportunity Scholarship has helped me immensely, and I would like to thank the Ellbogens for helping me pursue my dreams and journey.



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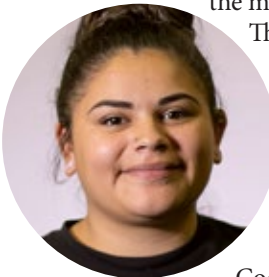


Cole Sorensen — Psychology/
Sophomore

- *Des Bennion Family Scholarship*

I'd like to thank the Des Bennion family for their donation to my college education. You're helping not only me but, hopefully, in the future, a lot of people in rural areas who aren't getting the mental health help that they may need.

Thank you, you're doing a great service.



Alanha Osseiran — Nursing/
Sophomore

- *William W. Cook Charitable Trust Scholarship*

I'm a recipient of the William W. Cook Charitable Trust Scholarship. This scholarship helps me take care of my son during school time and not have to work as much, so I can take more credit hours and get closer to finishing my degree. The scholarship has helped a lot, actually, with groceries, car payments, and all that. It's really nice, and thank you so much for helping me out in school. I don't get financial help from a family or anything like that, so it really helps. Thank you also to **Mr. (Patrick) Amelotte**, English instructor, for helping me write papers because I had no idea how to do that before I started college, and it helps me in every class.



Katarina Vulic — Marketing/
Freshman

- *Hardy and Ione Ratcliff Scholarship*
- *Women's Volleyball Booster Club Scholarship*

I'm from Belgrade, Serbia, and I wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here and for the scholarships you gave me; the Hardy and Ione Ratcliff Scholarship and, of course, being

a volleyball player here, I got a chance to be given the Women's Volleyball Booster Club Scholarship, so, I really appreciate that.



Maisy Wilkinson — Early
Childhood Education and
Elementary
Education/Sophomore

- *Zula and Deryl Safford Scholarship*

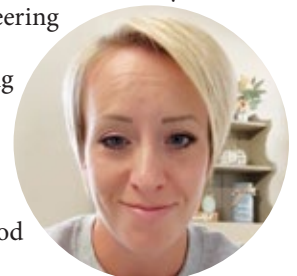
I would like to thank Zula and Deryl Safford for giving me their scholarship. I'm doing elementary education and early childhood, and I would also like to personally thank **Kerri Mahlum** (AS, '90), education instructor, for helping me throughout the semester and throughout my journey in education. Without these people, none of us would be here.



Kelly Wills — Engineering
Technology and Design, and Architectural
Graphics and Design/Sophomore

- *Ellbogen Opportunity Scholarship: All Students Successful*
- *Gene Haas Scholarship*

I'm a nontraditional student. I got the Ellbogen Opportunity Scholarship as well as the Gene Haas Scholarship. I appreciate these scholarships because they give me the opportunity to continue being who I want to become. I'd like to thank two faculty members, **Paul Brutsman**, engineering technology and design instructor, and **Jason Eggemeyer**, engineering technology and design instructor, two lovely men who have made things easier for me.



Leslie Wistisen — Early Childhood
Education/Sophomore

- *Corporal Jason Corbett Memorial Scholarship*

I had the honor of receiving the Corporal Jason Corbett Memorial Scholarship. I'm beyond grateful to my donors for choosing me as the recipient of such a generous scholarship that has truly benefited

(Courtesy photo/
Leslie Wistisen)

Anna Kinder 2023 Distinguished Alumna

In 2020, everyday life changed with COVID-19. **Darren Divine**, Ph.D., president of Casper College, wanted the college open to students for the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters. He relied on many people to help him accomplish that goal. **Anna Kinder** (AS,'87), Casper-Natrona County Health Department director, was one of those. She has been selected to receive the Casper College Alumni Association's 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award.

While other schools were struggling with reopening their campus for the fall semester, Divine was determined to have Casper College return to normalcy. He announced in an email to employees in July "... our final reopening plan for the fall 2020 semester," adding, "... we have worked with the Natrona County Health Department on this plan."

It was Divine who nominated Kinder for the Casper College honor, saying, "The leadership and assistance she provided the college and the community during COVID was a huge inspiration to me! She always went above and beyond her job and tried to balance controlling the disease while allowing the college to stay open and function. She was always helping us put the needs of our students first," he added.

"The first interaction that I had with the college, in the beginning, was **Brandon Kosine**, vice president for academic affairs, reaching out to see if we could figure out a way for paramedic students

and they participated in several Zoom meetings. "We discussed everything from cleaning processes, in classes, the dorms, and the current guidelines and recommendations. It was in one of those meetings where I first met President Divine. His presence really requested keeping the semester going," she said.

According to Kinder, it was Divine who "... helped move mountains by giving us access to the college firehouse for drive-thru testing. It was a very giving partnership; he always asked what he could do." The Casper College Firehouse location opened in September 2020. While the CNCHD no longer uses the firehouse, Kinder noted that it was "... a great asset where we did COVID testing and flu shots."



(Casper College photo/
Zach Nagy)

"The leadership and assistance she provided the college and the community during COVID was a huge inspiration to me!"

~Dr. Divine, Casper College President

to complete their testing so that they could enter the workforce," Kinder recalled. With the shortage of health care providers, Kinder wanted to try and figure out a solution for the college. "I worked with the county health officers to develop a way for them to take their test safely for the students and the faculty," said Kinder.

Around this time, Kinder began working with a team that was pulled together by Vice President of Student Services **Kim Byrd** (1991-2022) and **Rhonda Franzen**, director of human resources. Kinder brought her health department team to several in-person meetings at Casper College,

and they participated in several Zoom meetings. "We discussed everything from cleaning processes, in classes, the dorms, and the current guidelines and recommendations. It was in one of those meetings where I first met President Divine. His presence really requested keeping the semester going," she said.

"I could babble on and on, but there are a lot of memory blocks because it was a horrible time — it is tough for me to put things into words about that time — I can't describe it sometimes," Kinder concluded.

The Distinguished Alumni Award winners are nominated by their peers and chosen by the Casper College Alumni Association board of directors.

Dr. Mark Dowell, Natrona County health officer and infectious diseases specialist, agreed with Kinder to do "... what was possible to help the college because he knew they were working to follow the guidelines," said Kinder. "We,

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CC Veterans Club Hosts 'The Eyes of Freedom' Memorial

"The Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial" was at Casper College this past summer. Hosted by the Casper College Veterans Club, the memorial was on display in the third-floor lobby of the Walter H. Nolte Gateway Center.



The memorial display featured eight life-sized paintings of the 23 fallen Marines and Navy Corpsmen of Lima Company 3/25, along with their own boots, which stood at the base of their portraits. Lima Company is a Marine reserve unit and remains one of the hardest-hit units during Operation Iraqi Freedom. A life-sized bronze "Silent Battle" was also part of the memorial and featured blank dog tags for visitors to write the names of their loved ones on. According to "The Eyes of Freedom" website, the sculpture was created "... to recognize the struggles that some veterans have when they return home from service."

"Moving from town to town and city to city, 'The Eyes of Freedom' rallies the public around one common theme, saluting our great military and their families who also sacrifice with their commitment," said Mike Strahle, a former Marine member of the unit, who was wounded in action.



Casper College Joins Got Your 6 Network

The Casper College Veterans Services office has joined the Got Your 6 Network to support military-affiliated students.

"Through the Got Your 6 Network at Casper College, we offer a text service specifically for our military-affiliated students. The Got Your 6 Network allows them to reach out to one of our student veteran leaders or me at any time and for anything," said **Nick Whipps**, Ed.D., veteran and military student services coordinator.

The Got Your 6 Network is part of the Bob Woodruff Foundation. According to the foundation, "Got Your 6" comes from a saying from World War I. "American fighter pilots covering a plane's rear position coined the phrase 'I've Got Your 6' to mean 'I've got your back,' an enduring message of support. Through their service, veterans have our backs. When they return home, we've got theirs."

\$2,000 Scholarship Set for Kaycee Graduates

A \$2,000 scholarship specifically for students who have graduated from Kaycee High School has been established by the Bunning Family.



The Bunning Family Scholarship will provide \$2,000, split between the fall and spring semesters at Casper College, to a KHS graduate majoring in any program with a 3.0 GPA going into their freshman year of college. If the recipient maintains a 2.0 or better GPA during their freshman year, the scholarship will be renewed for their sophomore year. Financial need will also be considered for awarding the scholarship, and the recipient must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

The scholarship was created, according to **Richard Bunning** ('65), "To encourage students of Kaycee High School to pursue higher education."



(Casper College photo/Cory Garvin)

CC Foundation Honors Jorgensen With Endowed Scholarship

The Casper College Foundation established an endowed scholarship to honor the former longtime president and member of the foundation board, John Jorgensen.

The John Jorgensen Theater Award Scholarship is worth \$750 and will be given

to an incoming freshman for the fall semester at Casper College. While the recipient can be enrolled in any degree program, they must also be a recipient of a Casper College Theatre Activities Award, have a cumulative GPA of 2.0, enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours, and be a Wyoming resident who graduated from a Natrona County high school or was home-schooled in Natrona County.

"John's years of dedication to the foundation and the college is evident through all the new buildings across the campus," said **Denise Bressler** ('84), foundation director. In addition to his volunteerism, Jorgensen supports the college through donations. Those donations include two pieces of art, the "Best Friends" bronze in front of the Casper College Student Union and University of Wyoming at Casper building, and the

"Moongate" artwork, which is in front of the new Dick and Marialyce Tobin Visual Arts Center.

For many years Jorgensen was an active participant in plays produced by the Casper College Theatre and Dance Department. "John selected theater students to be the recipient of his endowed award. We hope the recipients of this award enjoy participating in Casper College plays as much as John did," said Bressler.



'Influence: It Starts With Us' Topic of September Seminar

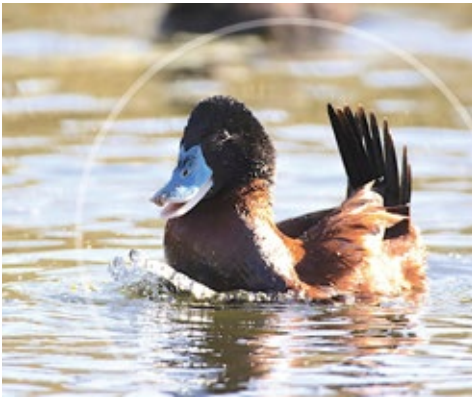
"Influence: It Starts With Us" was the topic for this year's Casper College School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Seminar held in September. The seminar also included a Constitution Day talk. "This year's seminar sought to address the divisiveness and polarization on the rise across all aspects of American life," said seminar co-chair and criminal justice instructor **Heather Lloyd**, Juris Doctor. "We hoped to influence how we interact with one another and to promote the return of a more civil political discourse."

Casper College instructors who presented included **Nathan Blank**, Ph.D., political science instructor, who spoke on "The Elusive Middle;" **Kristina Pham**, psychology instructor, and **Jennie Miller**, Ph.D., psychology instructor, who presented "The Psychology of Language and Influence;" "What if Socrates Had a Facebook Page?" was the topic of **Chad Hanson**, sociology instructor; Lloyd presented "I Respectively Dissent: The Supreme Court and the Discourse

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of Disagreement,” and **Doug Hall**, director of forensics and communications instructor, moderated a debate between members of the Casper College Forensics team.

The 2022 Social and Behavioral Sciences Seminar with Constitution Day was sponsored by the Casper College School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Casper College.



Birds and High-altitude Evolution Topic of Zimmerman

During the fall 2022 semester, the Zimmerman Lecture Series presented “Tempo and Mode in High-altitude Evolution.” Kevin G. McCracken, Ph.D., discussed the results

of his 20-plus years of work studying adaptation to hypoxia — a condition where body tissues don’t have enough oxygen — in Andean waterfowl. McCracken also discussed an especially intriguing problem in diving birds at high altitudes, because these species must adapt to environmental hypoxia and simultaneously need to hold their breath.

“This lecture presented an integrative research approach linking population genomics, physiology, biochemistry, systematics, phylogeography, and wildlife biology to answer questions about adaptation and natural selection under a historical context for the evolution of populations and selected traits,” said McCracken.

McCracken is an associate professor at the Department of Biology, Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science, and at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami, Florida. His research interests are in evolutionary biology. Waterfowl and other waterbird species inhabiting high-altitude regions such as the Andes are of particular interest, as are diving birds.



Dinosaur Nesting at Polar Latitudes Topic

Patrick Druckenmiller, Ph.D., presented a special lecture at the Tate Geological Museum at Casper College during the fall 2022 semester.

Druckenmiller’s talk, titled “Dinosaur Nesting at Polar Latitudes: New Insights From the Cretaceous Prince Creek Formation,” looked at Alaskan dinosaurs and Druckenmiller’s latest discoveries in the far north, focusing specifically on discoveries from outcrops along the Colville River in Alaska’s North Slope. “The work is not easy but has yielded some special finds, the results of which are hinted at in the title of Pat’s presentation, featured in a recent episode of Nova on PBS,” said **JP Cavigelli**, museum collections specialist.

Druckenmiller is the director of the University of Alaska Museum of the North and a professor of geology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He began his career at the UA Museum in 2007 as the earth sciences curator, with a research focus on Mesozoic marine reptiles and dinosaurs, particularly those from high latitudes. He became the director of the museum in 2018. In addition to his director and curator duties, Druckenmiller is an assistant professor of geology in the Department of Geology and Geophysics at UAF.

RedStone Recital and Gallery Series Launches ‘The 10th Season’

The Casper College RedStone Recital and Gallery Series presented a free evening of art, music, and literary readings in September.

The series launched “The 10th Season” with an evening of artworks by Casper College art faculty

titled “A Celebration: The Casper College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition.” The show featured work from **Carli Holcomb** (AA, '14), art instructor; **Shawn Bush**, photography instructor; **Michael Olson** (AA, '93, AAA, '96), ceramics instructor; **Justin Hayward**, drawing and painting instructor; and **Cynthia Harrison**, graphic design instructor.

Literary readings followed the exhibition reception by English instructors **Cara Rodriguez** and **Joseph Campbell**. Both read from their original works.

Immediately following the literary readings, the music faculty held a recital in Wheeler Concert Hall. The recital featured the performance of five compositions. “Eye of the Storm” with **Gary DePaolo** on viola and **Jennifer DePaolo** on violin in collaboration with Holcomb and her visual art piece “Tempest.”



Joshua R. Mietz, clarinet; **Richard Turner**, bassoon; and **Delores Thornton**, flute; collaborated on “Fragments (1960).” With **Paula Flynn** (AFA, '06), on piano, soprano **Veronica Turner** presented “New England Songs.” Flynn performed again in collaboration with Spanish instructor **Eric Atkins** on “Chants d’Espagne, op 232, No. 4 Córdoba.” The evening ended with “Black Dog,” performed by Mietz and Flynn in collaboration with Harrison.



Tate Celebrates Fossil Day and Dedicates Beautiful Bronze Fossil Bird Sculpture

The Tate Geological Museum celebrated Fossil Day 2022 and dedicated a new bronze of *Gastornis* in October.

The bronze, titled “*Gastornis*” by paleosculptor Gary Staab, was purchased with Tate monies held by the Casper College Foundation. *Gastornis* is an extinct, giant flightless bird that lived during the late Paleocene through early Eocene Epochs, about 61 to 50 million years ago. According to **Dalene Hodnett**, director of museums for Casper College, the most complete skeletons are from the Bighorn Basin in Wyoming. “This is a beautiful sculpture, and we appreciate the support of the Casper College Foundation in attaining this famous piece of paleo art,” said Hodnett. “It is relevant to our area’s paleontological history and is a wonderful addition to our collection.”

Herrs Create Scholarship and Provide Red Wings for Trades

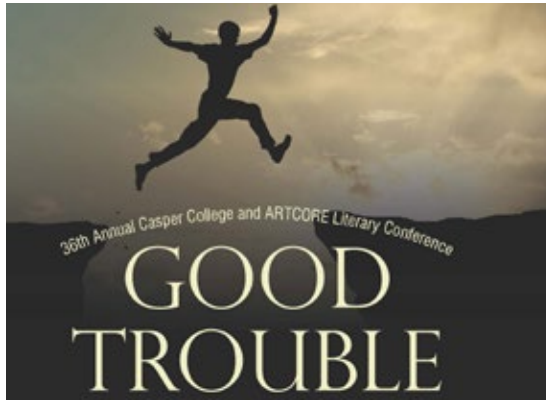
Dylan and **Rob Herr**, owners of the Red Wing store in Casper, have created a scholarship and gift of a pair of Red Wing boots for students majoring in a trades program.

One student will receive a scholarship of \$500, and another graduating trades major will receive a new pair of Red Wing boots.

“We are establishing this scholarship because of the value and importance the trades have on our community and business,” said Dylan Herr. “Red Wing is very committed to the trades, and as a local dealership, we are honored to help in our local community,” he added.



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36th Annual CC Literary Conference

The 36th Annual Casper College Literary Conference was held in November. The theme was “Good Trouble.”

Workshops for the conference were led by award-winning essayist Amy Butcher, the author of “Mother Trucker;” acclaimed novelist David Wright Falade, author of “Black Cloud Rising;” and **Chad Hanson**, Ph.D., sociology instructor, author of seven books, nonfiction, and poetry collections. The conference ended with a reading by writer Francesca King, 2022’s winner of the Creative Writing Fellowship from the Wyoming Arts Council.

“Riffing off the late John Lewis’ idea that we must ‘... find a way to get in the way, to get in trouble ... good trouble, necessary trouble ...’ we celebrated the rebel, the antagonist who risks career and safety to pursue bigger things. We celebrated the ability to question power structures. We honored the long-standing American tradition of bucking the system and standing up for the little guy,” said **David Zoby**, conference director and Casper College English instructor.

New CC Veteran Center Open in Gateway

The new Casper College Veterans Center is now open in Room 207 in the Walter H. Nolte Gateway Center. The new center, which began operations at the beginning of the fall 2022 semester, replaces the previous one located in the Goodstein Foundation Library.

The new center features two sections: a social side featuring a kitchen, TV viewing area, comfy furniture, and anything else that a student veteran would need to connect with other student veterans on campus.

The other side has been set up to accommodate and promote academic excellence. Here students can sit, study, and do their homework. The space even features laptops and noise-canceling headphones for students to use.

There is also office space dedicated to the day-to-day operation of the center.



Visitor's tour the new veterans center during it's grand opening.
(Casper College photo/Chris Lorenzen)

Casper Comes Out to Celebrate Former Teacher's 90th Birthday



Dana Van Burgh greets and treats party guests to ice cream for his 90th birthday at the Rialto Soda Fountain. Van Burgh worked for years as a science teacher at Dean Morgan Middle School. (Lauren Miller/Casper Star-Tribune)

At noon on Monday, June 20, 2022, **Dana Van Burgh** ('57) sat in a yellow suit coat on the corner of Second Street listening to the buzz of conversation around him. The crowd that gathered outside the Rialto Soda Fountain in downtown Casper was there for just one reason.

Him.

Van Burgh turned 90 on Monday, and with the help of his daughter, Christine, the lifelong Casper resident invited the community to celebrate with him and enjoy some ice cream. Van Burgh's flavor of choice: vanilla. The birthday celebration was set to last six hours — Van Burgh wanted to make sure to give others ample time to stop by either on their lunch break or after work.

For much of his career, Van Burgh was a science teacher at Dean Morgan Junior High School. He later worked as a geology professor at Casper College (1996-2015).

Ellen Parke, who attended Dean Morgan, remembers Van Burgh as “a permanent fixture at Dean Morgan ... He was so tall and always had his beard. You knew you better be doing what you

should be doing when you passed his door ... He was always by the book. We need more of that right now.”

Old students, colleagues and new faces who heard about the celebration online all gathered to share their favorite memories and wish him well. In turn, they met other new people or reconnected with acquaintances they hadn't seen in a while.

That was part of Van Burgh's ultimate goal: to create community.

“If you listen to what's going on here, you can't

hear any of it, but you can hear the yap yap yap,” he said.

Even though his eyesight has worsened with time, Van Burgh said he woke Monday feeling great. And as a 4-wheeler passed, he piped up.

“I think I should have one of those,” he said. “Run around the block on a 4-wheeler and yell at people as I go by.”



Dana Van Burgh greets and treats party guests to ice cream for his 90th birthday on Monday at the Rialto Soda Fountain including **Melissa Connely** (AA, '93), and instructor (2002-2021). (Lauren Miller/Casper Star-Tribune)

Up Into the Bright Blue Sky

The day was perfect for a balloon ride with bright blue skies and cool temperatures. Despite the early morning hour, there was no missing the excitement on the face of longtime Casper College Trustee Kathy Dolan as the balloon she would be riding on was filled with air heated by a propane-burning heater.

Dolan was representing Casper College at the 2022 Casper Balloon Roundup. Gathered on the college's Murane Field, where the college's soccer teams play, were unfilled balloons, each getting pumped up with hot air and then taking off with wide-eyed passengers aboard. "I just think that this is so much fun to see the balloons come to life, and then to be able to ride one over Casper as a representative of Casper College is a highlight of my summer," said Dolan.

Dolan, and her guest, former Casper College photographer and videographer **Cory Garvin** (AA, '15), were riding in the balloon owned and operated by Someday Came Hot Air Balloon Team and piloted by Pat Newlin.

The Casper Balloon Roundup began in 2005 and consisted of 10 hot air balloons launched that year. At its largest, the roundup featured 25 balloons. Then, COVID struck, and the roundup went dormant for two years, coming back to life in July 2022 with six balloons.



Kathy Dolan watches a balloon take off.

Kathy Dolan smiles from inside the basket of the Someday Came Hot Air Balloon Team balloon floating over Casper.





Three participating balloons float over the early morning prairie with Casper Mountain serving as a backdrop.



One of the participating balloons being filled with hot air in preparation for flight.

Culture, Cuisine, and Cultivation: A Trip to Tuscany

Tuscany. A region in Italy that is known for beautiful landscapes, picturesque architecture, and mouth-watering pasta. Green rolling hills, lush vineyards, and pieces of art that define history greeted us upon our arrival on September 29, 2022. The Casper College Foundation and Alumni Association office, with the help of Collette Tours, took a group to visit Italy. What awaited us was a wonderful journey of culture, cuisine, and cultivation.

Our adventure began when our group of 22 stepped off the plane in Florence, Italy. We stayed in the quaint town of Montecatini Terme. A beautiful mountain backdrop, colorful buildings, and friendly faces surrounded us. The tour started with a six-course Tuscan feast as we met our tour guide, Daniel, and were given a schedule for the next six days of our "Spotlight on Tuscany" tour.

On our first outing, we visited Lucca. The rain did not prevent us from exploring this medieval walled village. We learned about many Italian specialty food entries made from simple ingredients. It was

terrific knowing these ingredients could be crafted into tempting dishes. We continued that day and visited the Devil's Bridge in Borgo a Mozzano, and an abandoned bunker, now home to a few tiny bats. Our tour ended at a local winery, where we tasted some of Tuscany's finest wines.

The city of Florence was next on our tour. Florence was by far the busiest town we visited



(Courtesy photo/Laurie Fletcher)

L-r: Terry Divine, Losina Bennett, and **Ann Heberlein** (AAS, '85, AS, '86), relax outdoors after a pasta-making class.



(Courtesy photo taken on Devil's Bridge by an unknown passerby)

Back row, l-r, Sally Sarvey, Susan Williams, **Denise Bressler** ('84) Terry Divine, Darren Garhart, Kim Garhart, Erica Gilrein, Zachary Garhart, **Jessica Dalton** (AS, '17), **Ann Dalton**, **Kathryn Finch** (AS, '13). Front row, l-r, Carin Finch, **Anne**

Heberlein (AAS, '85, AS, '86), Christine Vukelich, Ashley Garhart, Phyllis Erk, **Samatha Finch** (AA, '10), Sabrina Finch, **Laurie Fletcher** (AA, '15). Not pictured, **William "Bill" Chambers** (1963-1996), Jan Chambers, and Losina Bennett.

during our trip, full of rich and historical art, churches, and larger-than-life statues. Artwork from famous artists surrounded us as we admired the sights and sounds of Florence. We saw the statue of Perseus holding the head of Medusa, created by Benvenuto Cellini. How lucky we were to see the magnificent David, sculpted by Michelangelo. They say Michelangelo had a vision and saw David “hidden” within one single block of marble. It took him from 1501-1504 to complete the statue of David, which was breathtaking. In the Piazza della Signoria, the Fountain of Neptune looked upon us, almost as if he was protecting the citizens of Florence. Daniel, our fabulous tour guide, said he felt like Florence was a walking museum.

The town of Siena was next on our journey. A hidden gem, this walled city is known for Palio horse races. Dirt fills Siena’s town square, and 10 of the 17 contradas — neighborhoods within the walled city — participate. The horses, not the jockeys, are blessed in their contrada church. Upon entry into the church, a red carpet is rolled out to welcome the local horse. The horse is then walked into the church and blessed by the priest. The contrada, whose horse wins the one-lap race, is presented with a beautiful drape or drappellone. This

drappellone is a large painted canvas specially designed for each year’s race and hung in the winning contrada’s museum. Every museum’s walls proudly display its winning drappellones, and many other hidden treasures are on display.

Pisa and the Field of Dreams was our next stop. The Field of Dreams comprises the largest



(Courtesy photo/Ann Dalton)

Manarola, Cinque Terre, — one of the most picturesque sights of the trip.



The many flavors of gelato. Gelato was for sale nearly everywhere the group stopped.

(Courtesy photo/Jessica Dalton)



L-R: **Ann Dalton**, **Kathryn Finch** (AS, '13), **Jessica Dalton** (AS, '17), and **Sabrina Finch** enjoy some delicious gelato.

(Courtesy photo/Jessica Dalton)

baptistery in Italy, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Duomo, and the Monumental Cemetery. We learned that the Leaning Tower of Pisa leans because of unstable soil. Many scientists tried to correct it. Local businesses in Pisa are not too sad that the Leaning Tower of Pisa was not corrected to stand straight. Visitors from around the world come to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the local economy is grateful.

Upon our return to Montecatini Terme, we went to a countryside farm to learn a few baking secrets. We were taught an age-old way to make pasta. Simple, really. Oh, and we made tiramisu. All had an incredible evening, and needless to say, we left with full bellies.

To view the seaside villages of Cinque Terre by boat is simply beautiful. Cinque Terre is a coastal region comprised of five villages that appear to be emerging from the Mediterranean Ocean shoreline. These colorful buildings are painted with yellows, pinks, and greens accentuating the rugged terrain surrounding the villages. We had the pleasure of visiting the Vernazza and Manarola villages.

A Trip to Tuscany, cont.

Each was similar, but had its own unique charm and beauty. One of our travelers enjoyed a swim and several dipped their toes into the ocean. The villages are almost like scenes from a fairy tale. Romantic, breathtaking, and magnificent are just a few words to describe Cinque Terre.

Freshly made cheese, yogurt, and bread awaited



L-r: Susan Williams, **Ann Heberlein**, and Christine Vukelich. The three sisters all have the maiden name of Gialdini, with family ties in Tuscany. (Courtesy photo)

us when we visited the Poggio di Camporbiano organic farm. “Right from the start, our cultivation method used is that of biodynamic agriculture, which makes use of natural products and preparations for fertilization, for the defense of plants and in the care of animals, adopts crop rotation, and has as its

objective the increase in the vitality of the soil,” noted information provided by the farm. Even though our bags were completely full, we found room to purchase a few kinds of cheese to enjoy back in the states. We then stopped in the town of San Gimignano. Daniel referred to this town as the Manhattan of Tuscany. Initially, 72 towers surrounded this village. Today, 14 are still intact. The views from the top of the largest tower were spectacular and truly encapsulated our Tuscan experience.

All good things must come to an end. We enjoyed our last meal together at a mountaintop restaurant with sunset views of Montecatini-Terme. We celebrated with a five-course dinner — antipasto, primo, secondo, contorno, and dolce. But the celebration did not end there. We also celebrated

two birthdays after dinner. It was a magical evening to bring our Tuscan journey to an end.

We are grateful for the time we were able to spend together. The new friendships cultivated. Scenery shared. The pasta, the gelato, the coffee, and the wine; repeat. The culture embraced us, and we were accepted with open arms. Arrivederci, Tuscany. Saluti.



(Courtesy photo/Jessica Dalton)

Members of the tour could enjoy the Italian lemon liqueur Limoncello.



(Courtesy photo/Jessica Dalton)

One of the many delicious meals served during the trip with Tuscany beverage must-haves: a glass of wine and a cup of cappuccino.

2023 Commitment to Excellence: Janet de Vries

Born and raised in Ohio, **Janet de Vries** (1995-2016) first discovered Wyoming on a Girl Scout camping trip in 1972. "That's when I fell in love with Wyoming and decided I would move here when I grew up," she said.

De Vries earned her bachelor's in geology from the University of Akron, Ohio. She then went to Utah State University for her master's in geology.

"Coincidentally, my bachelor's geology field camp was based at Casper College. When that course finished, I stayed, worked in the oil field for one year, earned my master's in geology at Utah State University, and returned to Casper for my first professional job," de Vries recalled.

The year was 1982 when de Vries started working for Dwight's Hotline Energy Reports in Casper. In 1989, she decided to change careers. "When the oil industry provided me with the opportunity to change careers in 1989, I pursued a career working with people," de Vries said.

Her decision to work helping people also meant earning a new degree, and in 1995 de Vries graduated from the University of Wyoming with her master's degree in education with a concentration in higher education student affairs. Her thesis: "Career Guidance and Development Functions at Wyoming Community Colleges."

"When I was asked, 'What do you do?' my answer was, 'I give people hope.'"

While working on her UW degree, de Vries worked in a variety of jobs helping people with job placement, training, and coaching. The hard work paid off when she was hired as the school-to-work coordinator at Casper College in 1995. A year later, she became a career specialist, and a year later, she was named the director of career services and then director of student success services. After a successful and rewarding tenure of 21 years, de Vries retired from Casper College in 2016 and was honored with the recognition of director emeritus, student success services.

"When I was asked, 'What do you do?' my answer was, 'I give people hope.' When they come to my office in career services/student success, they are usually confused. Through career

counseling, I helped them identify good matches for their educational, career, and life goals. I could often tell if we were successful by the look in their eyes. Time and time again, I felt like I had performed a miracle," de Vries said.

While at Casper College, de Vries received her Master Career Counselor, National Certified Counselor, and Licensed Professional Counselor certifications.

Some of her recognitions and honors include Woman of Distinction in 1997, the Wyoming Counseling Association

Outstanding Service Award in 2004, Casper College Outstanding Administrator in 2006, the Casper Social Change Committee Community Appreciation Award in 2010, the

Wyoming Counseling Association Outstanding Service Award in 2015, and the Wyoming Counseling Association Teresa Wallace Lifetime Professional Service Award in 2021.

"Oftentimes, we have no idea of the impact one conversation can make on a person's life," said de Vries. "I have been fortunate during my years of employment at Casper College, and since my retirement six years ago, to have people thank me for the help and guidance I gave them. It is truly an honor to be nominated (and selected) for the 2023 Commitment to Excellence award."

de Vries will be presented with the Casper College Alumni Association's Commitment to Excellence Award during the 2023 commencement ceremonies Friday, May 12.



(Casper College photo/
Eric Valdez)

Casper College Dance Teacher Opens Her Home to Students at Thanksgiving

Jodi Youmans-Jones, dance instructor, loves the South.

Her family was from there, her daughters now live in the region, and she feels like a Southern girl at heart, she said.

The South's famous brand of hospitality — the door is always open to anyone, no questions asked — is the kind of culture her parents raised her in, even though she was born in Colorado. And it's a culture she continues to foster each year, especially around the holidays, for her dance students at Casper College.

She came to Casper College in 1996 to start the dance program. For most of her 27 years there, she has invited students over to her house for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and all the holidays in between. They're also welcome to hang out when they need a break from campus living and campus food, she said.

When she was growing up, her parents never cooked for just their family — they always had more people coming over to eat every night, she said. That attitude extended to the holidays. Her mom's "natural heart" was to invite everyone in.



Casper College dance instructor Jodi Youmans-Jones poses for a portrait at her home in Casper. She hosts students who don't have a place to go for Thanksgiving and other holidays. (Casper Star-Tribune photo/Lauren Miller)

“... It never was just us. ... So my mom and dad would have Christmas parties and find out, you know, people didn't have anywhere to go,” she said. “So then they would come over, so of course then they have presents under the tree as well. ... Then extended family would come in through the day, and we'd have presents with them. And ... there were... 25 people at times like crazily walking through a house, and then we'd have Christmas dinner. It was crazy. It was nuts.”

When she was an undergrad and then a graduate student, she had people who invited her in when she needed something more substantial than a college dinner in a dorm.

“It meant the world when I couldn't be home or when I was sick of looking at my apartment, and I was sick of looking at my dorm room or wherever I was, you know,” she said. “(To) just sit on a couch and have an actual meal that is not kept in a warmer for however long it's been there.”

While Youmans-Jones isn't sure how many students she will host this Thanksgiving — plans change rapidly, she said, and they're often dependent on weather and family situations — her home is open regardless. She's even had people stay over at her house while she's not there if her family will be traveling, but her students still need a place to go. She's also invited students for Thanksgivings at her mom's or brother's houses, if that's where her family is eating.

“I would say that it's definitely a lifestyle,” she said of her and her family's hospitality.

The most students she's ever had was around seven or eight, on top of the family and other people she was hosting.

And if her students don't know what they're doing until the day of, that's fine too.

Kyler Rabourn and **Abigail Lipson** study under Youmans-Jones' instruction. They're first- and second-year Casper College students, respectively, and they are both dance majors. Lipson is from Riverton, Wyoming, and Rabourn is from Boulder, Colorado.

“Gonna spend, like, a day with my mom in Billings, Montana,” Lipson said of her Thanksgiving plans. “I

don't think we're doing it on Thanksgiving, though, so I might go to Jodi's. I haven't decided,” she said with a laugh.

Rabourn might go back to Colorado, might stay here, might eat with friends, might eat with Youmans-Jones. He wasn't sure. Regardless, he knows that her house will be open to him, and there's no such thing as overstaying a welcome there.

“I've been to her house once so far. And it was just like, kind of a welcome to dancers and theater kids in general,” he said. “And it was funny, 'cause like ... every kid left the house except me. And I stayed like an extra hour. And just kind of hung out with Jodi and her husband.”

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Outside of being a dance instructor, Youmans-Jones is an elder at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Casper. Her faith tints the lenses through which she views hospitality and why she believes in extending as much of it as possible.

Family is not limited to biological relations, she said.

“The faith of my grandparents, the faith of my parents and the faith of my great-grandparents. Family has always been at the heart of that,” she said. “I think that our faith is definitely ... about that as well. I mean, being hospitable and welcoming and opening, without judgment. But beyond that, you know, not just being hospitable. Beyond that ... just come as you are.”

Faculty and Staff News

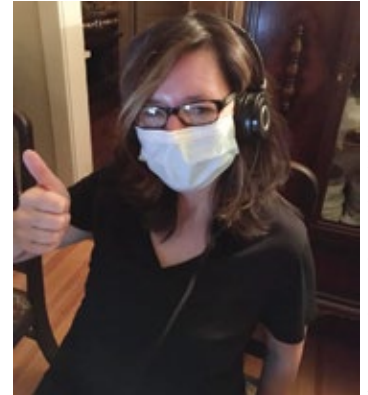
After 34 years of conducting the Casper Municipal Band, **Roger Fenner** (1974-2004) has handed his baton to Brent Rose bands director at Casper's Kelly Walsh High School. Fenner was still involved with the band doing some administrative work and helping Rose transition into his new role. Fenner conducted both the Fourth of July concert and the season finale concert. Fenner was a music instructor and director of the Casper College band before he retired.

Justin Hayward, art instructor, was part of the August edition of the Casper Art Walk. August's Art Walk included live music, rock art activities, new art gallery openings, a scavenger hunt, and a large robot display. The Justin Hayward Show and Sale featured 100 of his figurative and portrait drawings that were available for sale.



(Casper College photo)

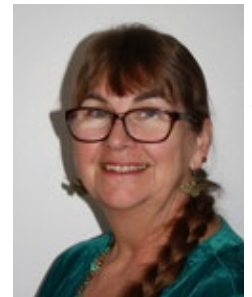
Valerie Innella Maiers, Ph.D., visual arts instructor at Casper College, co-presented "MCast: Podcasting for Museums and Cultural Institutions" as a workshop at the Mountain Plains Museum Association Conference in October 2022. "The M Files" podcast was developed by Innella Maiers with co-hosts from the Wyoming Veterans' Memorial Museum and the Penn State College Of Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum and Art Gallery during the pandemic to facilitate conversations between museum professionals when many institutions closed and conferences, where these dialogues usually take place, were on hold. "The M Files" is now in its third season.



(Courtesy photo/ John Woodward, director, Wyoming Veterans' Memorial Museum, podcast)

One of the new fall exhibits at the Nicolaysen Art Museum in Casper, titled "Reflections of a Life Well Lived" displayed works by **Jim Gaither** (AA, '57), from the NIC's permanent collection. Gaither taught art at Casper College from 1964-1998.

India Hayford (CERT, '99), Werner Wildlife Museum assistant, retired from the Natrona County Sheriff's Office Victim Response Unit in January of 2023 after 10 years of volunteer service.



(Courtesy photo/ India Hayford)

Lisa Mixer (1988-2014) received the volunteer spotlight for the month of October at the Reach 4A Star Riding Academy in October. Mixer started volunteering when she retired from Casper College in 2014. Mixer currently has three weekly classes, which take about six hours of her time. Plus, she adds a subclass or two each week, averaging 10 hours per week. According to the organization, "... (she) is a special lady who has given her time and talent for approximately eight years to Reach 4A Star. She can often be found with a broom in her hand and is ready to jump in and help with any

Patti Wood Finkle (2010-2021), former director of museums, recently had her paper "Year Of The Student: Attracting College Students To Campus Museums" published in the Natural Sciences Collections Association.

Wood Finkle, is now the collections manager at the Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum & Art Gallery on the main campus of Penn State in University Park, Pennsylvania. She based her paper on a presentation she made with **Valerie Innella Maiers**, Ph.D., director of museum studies at Casper College, when the two co-hosted a symposia at the joint Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections and Natural Sciences Collections Association Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland in June 2022.



L-r: Patti Wood Finkle and Valeria Innella Maiers take a break at the symposia that they participated in Edinburgh, Scotland. (Courtesy Photo)

task. Thank you so much for all you do to take care of the horses, riders, and our facility Lisa Mixer.”

Ginny Garner, hospitality and marketing instructor, was featured on Episode 346 of “The Outdoor Biz podcast” hosted by Rick Saez in September 2022. You can find the episode at theoutdoorbizpodcast.libsyn.com.



(Courtesy photo/Bri Weigel)

Bri Weigel, communication instructor, and her husband Mitch welcomed their first child, Renlee May, on June 14. Renlee May was 19 inches long and weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz.



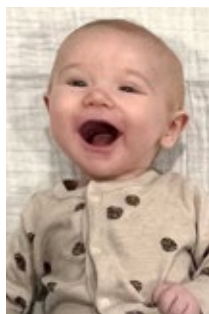
(Courtesy photo/Bri Weigel)

Dan Russell (AS, '06), former assistant coach (2007-2012) and then head coach of the Thunderbird Men's Basketball team (2013-2018), was named assistant basketball coach for the Weber State University Wildcats located in Ogden, Utah. Russell comes to the Wildcats after spending the last three seasons as an assistant coach with the Montana State University Bobcats in Bozeman, Montana. During his time at MSU, Russell helped lead the Bobcats to three winning seasons, including a Big Sky regular season, tournament title, and a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2022. Prior to Montana State, he spent 11 seasons at CC with the last six as head coach. While head coach, Russell had a 145-52 overall record and led the Thunderbirds to six-straight Region IX tournaments. Before he left Casper in 2019, his Thunderbirds won the Region IX championship and earned a trip to the NJCAA National Tournament. While a student at Casper College, Russell played basketball for the T-Birds.



Casper College photo/Cory Garvin

Thomas Myler (AA, '17) marketing coordinator, and his wife **Ashley (Christopherson) Myler** ('13) welcomed their second child Bridger James Dec. 16, 2022. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Bridger joins older brother Noah.



(Courtesy photo/Thomas Myler)

Nicholas Whipps, veteran and military student services coordinator, welcomed his third child with wife Courtney. Macey Rae Whipps was born on July 3, 2022, weighing in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. According to Nick, she is well-loved by her big brothers Bennett and Carter. During the year, Whipps also received the distinct honor of being named a 2022 Veteran Champion of the Year in Higher Education by G.I. Jobs. According to G.I. Jobs, the award recognizes those who excel as advocates for student veterans in higher education. This year's list includes 22 honorees.



(Courtesy photo/Nick Whipps)

David Zoby, Casper College English instructor, was awarded a 2023 creative writing fellowship in nonfiction from the Wyoming Arts Council. Fellowships are merit-based awards given to selected Wyoming artists based on their submitted portfolio of work that reflects serious and exceptional artistic investigation. Recipients each receive



(Casper College photo)

Kelsee (Blower)(Miller) Rodabaugh (AA, '95), Castellow Adult Learning Center at Casper College instructor (2000-2022), retired from Casper College to move to Omaha, Nebraska with her long-time partner Tom Rodabaugh. Kelsee and Tom got married on May 29, 2022, and decided to be with her step-kids and daughter who all happen to live in the Omaha area. She started a new job last fall as an adult education program facilitator at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha.

CC Students and Employees Perform with Symphony

In October, the Casper College choirs, under the direction of **Zachary Vreeman**, DMA, director of the Casper College choirs and CC choral instructor; and **Veronica Turner**, adjunct vocal instructor, were invited to join the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra in the performance of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9."

In addition to the Casper College choirs, the Gillette Chamber Singers, the Sheridan College Chamber Choir, and the Casper Civic Chorale joined the WSO in the concert. Turner, who was the soprano soloist was joined by mezzo-soprano Emily Quintana, tenor Ryan Landis, and bass baritone Jeffrey Keele.

The large undertaking could not have succeeded without these extra groups and individuals. But, within the WSO itself, there are a number of Casper College employees, graduates, and current students who are symphony musicians. For the special presentation of "Symphony 9," a large number of Casper College graduates, students, and employees, participated. The Casper College Music Department continues to be a leader in music education in the state of Wyoming and regionally.

Violin 1

Michael Vitanza, student.

Viola

Gary DePaolo, adjunct music instructor.

Audrey Ortberg (AAA, '98).

Steve Rich (AAS, '95).

Cello

Tim Jones (AAA, '99), adjunct music instructor.

Flute

Charlotte Gruner, computer science instructor.

Clarinet

Joshua Mietz, music instructor.

Bassoon

Richard Turner, adjunct music instructor.

Contrabassoon

Mala Staggs (AAA, '99, AA, '18), financial aid counselor and international student coordinator.

Horn

Katherine Smith (AS, '04), adjunct music instructor.

Trumpet

Don Williams, adjunct music instructor.

Trombone

Nathan Baker, music instructor.

Percussion

Dallas Ely (AA, '07, AA, AFA, '09).



“Ode to Joy” Chorus CC graduates and students

Soprano

Katie Baumstarck, student.
Danica Boyce, student.
Izabelle Cardenas, student.
Ella Eco, student.
Amy Hahn (AFA, '17).
Bianca Hernandez, student.
Lynn Heyer, student.
Eun Seon Kim, student.
Jennifer Ly, student.
Sarah Ly (AS, '22).
Maggie Quinn (AFA, '18).
Lisa Rich (AA, '87).
Michele Stoner (AA, '69).

Alto

Robin Bisiar (AA '84), athletics
administrative assistant.
Jennifer Box (AA, AA, '22).
Adora Bradley, student.
Piper Champion, student.

Audrea Cooper (AFA, '21).
Indianna Covington, student.
Joan Davies, student.
Paula Flynn (AFA '06), adjunct music instructor.
Mary McGillivray (AAA, '01).
Jossilyn Miller, student.
Brenda Smallman (AS, '92, AAS, CERT, '06).

Tenor

Zach Becker (AS, '06).
Ty Hebbert, student.
Sam Orr, student.
Jeremy Rich, student.
Zach Vreeman, music instructor.

Bass

Chaemn Averett (AFA, '13).
Cole Cooper, student.
Dan Cooper, continuing education
and OLLI instructor.
Mark Heward, student.
Joshua Knutson, student.

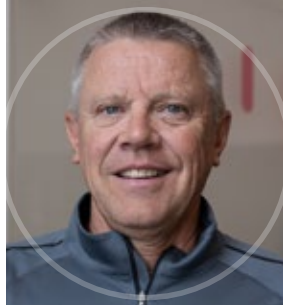


Meet Your 2022-2023 Alumni Board

We thought our alums would like to learn a bit more about their fellow alums who currently serve on the Casper College Alumni board. We asked each one two questions: How has your degree impacted your life, and what is your favorite memory? Their answers appear below.

Dale Anderson (AAS, '89, AB, '93)

"Without these degrees, I would not have been able to advance in my career. My favorite memory is the relationships I had with all of my outstanding instructors."



Derrel Carruth (AS, '65)

"With this degree and my bachelor's in ag business from the University of Wyoming, I went to work for the Department of Agriculture Farm Homeowners Association. Between that and the USDA Rural Development, I worked in finance for 38 years. My favorite memory was just getting registered at Casper College. **Mrs. Porter** (1946-1978) had me come back about three times that day before she finally decided I was really determined to attend CC."



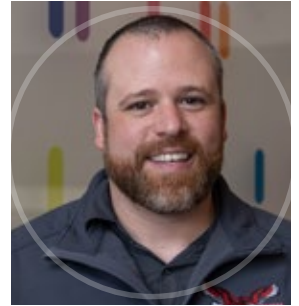
Sammie Andrew

Due to Sammie's disability, she never got a degree but was able to audit many classes over 10 years. Her favorite memory: "Getting to know **Jodi Youmans-Jones**, who allowed me to take classes over and over for me to participate, **Rich Burk** for teaching me drama, and **Aaron Wood** (2018-2022) for being a fun teacher."



Ryan Hieb (AAS, CERT, '08, AA, '09)

"My instructors and advisors inspired me to continue my education in a four-year program and eventually a graduate program. The education I received beginning at Casper College influenced my career, from being hired by the Casper Police Department to being hired by the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation. My favorite memories from Casper College go back to living on campus in Bailey Hall."



Kevin Bromley (AAS, '77)

"My degree has impacted my life a lot. I have been able to stay in business for over 20 years because of the knowledge and skills I learned at Casper College. My favorite memory is from the first day of statistics class."



Luella Hinderliter ('66)

"I went two years at Casper College but did not graduate because I had to go to work. I love Casper College, and I love being on the alumni board. My two years at Casper College helped me get the job of my dreams. I had the encouragement of **William Curry** (1945-1974); he taught English. He taught me to never give up, to keep trying, and to have confidence in myself."



Baleigh Hite (AA, '11)

"My degree has paved the way to experiences, personal and professional relationships, and places I would not have been able to access without it. My favorite memory of my time at Casper College is attending T-Bird athletic events with some of the lifelong friends I made while attending Casper College."



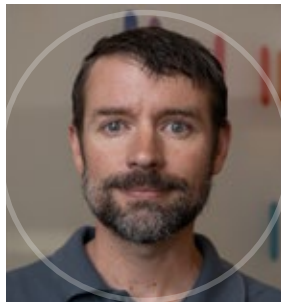
Odessa Rose Oldham (AS, '18)

"My degree has impacted my life by continuing my family legacy in agriculture. I am a proud agriculturalist, along with my father, **Dwayne C. Oldham** (AS, '81) and brother, **Jared D. Oldham** (AS, '11), who are also graduates of Casper College. We believe in giving back to our community and uplifting agriculture. My favorite memories are being the Casper College mascot at the games and judging livestock alongside my older brother for the Casper College Livestock Judging team."



Brendan Lamb (AAS, CERT, '05)

"Through the Casper College Electronics Department, I started working in my field before I graduated. Dec. 2022 marked my 21st year working in the industrial electronics field. I don't have one favorite memory, but many fond memories of the time I spent at the Myra Fox Skelton Energy Institute with amazing teachers, including **Dave Arndt** (1985-2020), **Megan Graham** (AAS, '88, instructor 1988-2022), **Jon Blesi** (1992-2018), and **Miles Hecker** (1976-2006)."



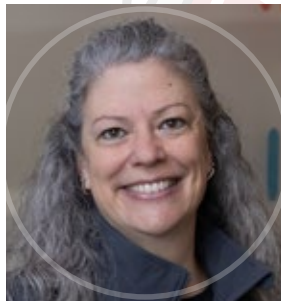
James Stress ('03)

"I've been a member of the Actor's Equity Association since 2007 — I owe that to **Tom Empey** (1979-2010) for believing in me. I've been in over 40 shows and have received many accolades. My favorite memory is when the Casper College Theatre Department performed 'Children of Eden' at the Buell Theatre in Denver in 1999 in front of thousands."



Linda Nichols (AB, '01)

"I feel like I'm a better employee having been a student. My associate degree encouraged me to go on for a bachelor's and master's degree. My favorite memory is when I took a class right before my wedding. I was so focused on my class and wedding prep at the same time. I got it all done!"



Ten board members, who were not in this story, will be featured in our fall 2023 issue. They are **Virginia Bodyfelt** (AA, '01), **Jan Cundy** ('70), **Nancy Gerlock** (AA, AS, '95, AS, '97), **Gabe Hathaway** (AAS, '11), **Joni Hedstrom** (AB, '94), **Kerri Mahlum** (AS, '90), **Mike Stepp** (AAS, '80), **Nelson Thomas** (AS, '75), **Hannah Willie** (AS, '13), and **Ben Winckler** ('04).

'In A Land Of Awe': Casper Author Explores Majesty of Wild Horses in Wyoming's Own Backyard



Chad Hanson

In early August 2022, a Casper photographer uploaded a photo he captured of wild horses in Wyoming that summer. Within a week, thousands of people from around the world had seen it.

What is it about wild horses that leads people from across the planet to seek out such photographs? Chad Hanson, Casper College sociology instructor, shares on his Flickr photo stream?

"People in Europe really like wild horse photos," Hanson said. "I think it's funny — we could go see wild horses almost any time, and most of us never do. But people a world away can't stop thinking about that sort of stuff. They dream about it. They save for a decade to get enough money to come over here and have a look at what we've got in our backyard."

Hanson explores the human desire for beauty and the sense of wonder that wild horses can elicit in his new book "In a Land of Awe: Finding Reverence in the Search for Wild Horses."

"I think you can learn a lot by watching horses," Hanson said. "They live in these really incredible families. One of the things that I think surprises people when they start watching wild horses is the affection that they show toward one another. There are hundreds of thousands of acres that they could run on — and they love to run — but they stand shoulder to shoulder."

"When you're looking for animals, that's one of the reasons you can tell the difference between a group of horses and cattle. Cattle spread out; horses

are nose to nose. There's a whole language of touch that they have and so watching them makes you think about their families and the relationships between these animals."

Hanson teaches sociology and religion classes at Casper College. Just as wild horses inform some of his lessons, knowledge of the world's wisdom traditions and new research into human psychology and society wind their way into his new book.

"A lot of the Plains tribes used to describe wild mustang herds as 'the horse people' to suggest that they're people like us," Hanson said.

Like people, wild horses are curious and will often come check out human observers who are patient enough to wait out on the prairie for horses to arrive, Hanson said. Wild horse behavior can also have a profound impact on emotions humans experience while watching them. Hanson said he's had a number of "peak experiences" or experiences of "flow state" while out in Wyoming's wilderness watching wild horses.

"You know when you're really locked in the moment," Hanson said as he talked about how wild horses can put people in an altered state of mind. "One of the reasons this works with wild horses is because they're bigger than we are. They weigh 1,000 pounds. They can run around 30 miles an hour. Sometimes they fight, and it's like dust, teeth — you can't think about anything else."

"Normally, our brains are thinking about something that somebody said to us this morning or what I've got to do by dinnertime. All of that melts away. And that's, I think, what's so therapeutic about it."

A lot of psychologists and sociologists have been researching the benefits offered by time spent outdoors, and in the presence of animals, Hanson said.

"There's a whole line of research on equine therapy," he added. "In fact, here in town, we have an organization called Reach 4A Star Riding Academy. They have all kinds of clients, anywhere from kids with autism to people struggling with PTSD and things like that."

"They serve a whole range of clients, but the evidence is really strong that time spent with horses is actually therapeutic."

The new research may be adding evidence to something that human wisdom traditions have long known about how attuning to nature and experiencing states of awe can be good for people.

"All of the wisdom traditions at one level or another try to get people to live in the moment," Hanson said. "For Buddhists, it's meditation. Christians would probably use the word 'contemplation' or 'contemplative practices.'"

"Looking at horses — it's kind of like that. I would say every time I go out and find and encounter a group of wild horses; it always puts me in a state of flow."

Even if people aren't successful when they go out searching for wild horses, the search itself puts them in nature. Hanson suggested that it has its own benefits, recommending a book called "The Awakened Brain: The New Science of Spirituality and Our Quest for an Inspired Life" by Lisa Miller.

"The questing mind is partly why people fly fish," Hanson said, recalling one of his other favorite activities. "It's that moment of tension when you're searching with all your senses to try for that next whatever-it-is."

In terms of wild horse watching, Hanson and his wife explore many areas of the state, but they frequent herd management areas near Jeffrey City, Wyoming. If people are looking for somewhere convenient to go out and look for wild horses near Casper, he recommends Green Mountain.

"Green Mountain is accessible, and it has good signs all the way up to what they call Wild Horse Point," Hanson said. "It's close to home. There are signs the whole way, and in high summer, you can find horses in the meadows right at the top of the mountain. There's a good gravel road all the way to the top. You can make a nice circle tour."

"Even if you don't see horses, when you get to the top, the views are so incredible. It's totally worth it."

Hanson takes students in an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute class he teaches out to see wild horses. In addition, he introduces students to some research done on wild horses in the Pryor Range near the Wyoming-Montana border.

"Wild horses have not been studied a lot," Hanson noted.

"While horses are often studied as domestic animals in college agriculture departments, biology departments tend to focus on animals that are fish or game species, and wild horses tend to get overlooked," Hanson said.

"We tend not to think of them as wild animals," he said. "Most people know horses from growing up with a pony. There's a new science around wild equine behavior, but it's in its infancy."

The study in the Pryor Mountains was able to reveal some of the family dynamics among wild horses, Hanson said. Students in his OLLI class learn about this family structure in a chapter from the book "The Horse" by Wendy Williams, Hanson said.

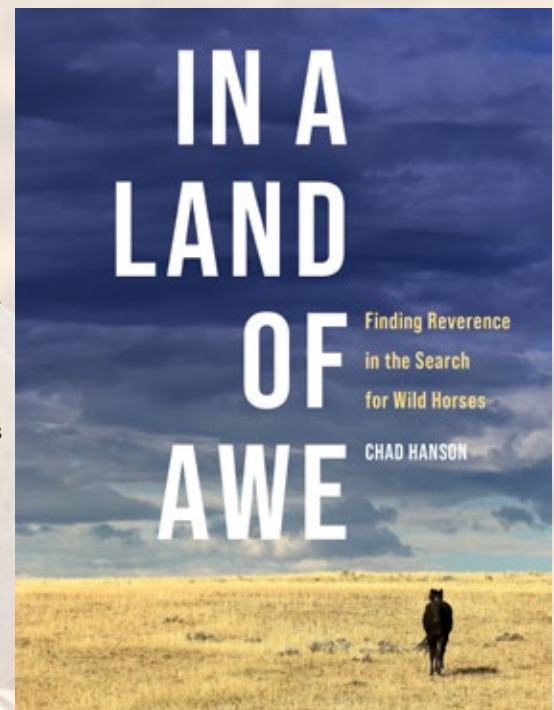
"It's almost like a soap opera," he said. "Usually, it's a stallion, a harem of mares — anywhere from one to 10 — and then there are foals."

"There's cheating that goes on — a wild horse mare might have a stallion that they really prefer to mate with, so they'll step out for a couple of days and then come back to their old family," Hanson said, referring to an example of what was documented in the study in the Pryor Range. "That stuff totally goes on."

Hanson didn't always have an interest in wild horses. He and his wife moved to Casper in 2001 from Wisconsin. While he frequently got outdoors for fly fishing, Hanson said it took a long time before wild horses came across his radar.

"I lived here for a decade before I even knew that we had wild horses," he said.

People may have seen wild horses in Wyoming and not even known it.



'In A Land Of Awe': Casper Author Explores Majesty of Wild Horses in Wyoming's Own Backyard, cont.

"Have you driven, for example, down to Rawlins?" he asked. "When you hit Muddy Gap and head south, you might have even seen horses on the right-hand side of the road. Those are wild. The first 10 years I lived here, I actually saw wild horses, but I didn't know what they were."

Hanson's interest in photography deepened his interest in wild horses once he realized they were in Wyoming.

"I figured out that it's almost hard to take a bad picture of a horse," he said. "One of my favorite authors has got a quote to the effect that he used to think Ferraris were impressive — and then he took a close look at a horse, this wonder of genetics."

Hanson has also been a bird watcher but said that this doesn't compare with what watching wild horses is like.

"I don't care what bird it is; if you've got your binoculars on a bird and a band of wild horses runs by, you know where the binoculars are going to go," Hanson said. "Birds are very cool, but there are just very few things on this planet that can compete with a band of wild horses for just raw scenery, energy — just the aesthetics of it."

"Wyoming communities might want to consider tapping more into the appeal wild horse watching has for people," Hanson suggested.

"We've actually documented bird watching is a big contributor to the Wyoming economy," he said. "People come here to look for birds and stay overnight."

"Nevada does a better job making people aware of the wild horses that live in that state," Hanson said.

"Nevada's ahead of the curve," he said. "There's a lot of commercial organizations that take people on wild horse photo safaris, wild horse excursions, things like that."

The way wild horses live in Nevada is also something Hanson thinks about when it comes to management.

"In some parts of Nevada and Arizona, there's a really natural predator-prey relationship that takes place," he said, noting that mountain lions will hunt wild horses. "Wild horse populations are controlled; cats are sustained, and it works."

"In some parts of Wyoming, mountain lion predation plays an important role in acting as a control for wild horse populations," Hanson said. "However, there are some areas of Wyoming where mountain lions don't exist in numbers sufficient to naturally keep wild horse populations in check," he said.

Hanson and his wife run a nonprofit known as the Wyoming Mustang Institute. When humans





need to step in and manage wild horse populations, Hanson said he and his wife advocate for the use of an anti-fertility serum called PZP that can be administered to wild horse mares in the field to prevent them from having foals for two years.

"As far as we know, it is reversible," Hanson said. "So mares can be darted multiple times, and then if a really bad winter wipes out half a herd or something, the BLM can let a few years go where the mares are left undarted, have foals for a couple of springs and then manage the herd by that means.

"In our minds, that's the affordable, humane way to manage wild horse populations. But in cases where the BLM hasn't taken those steps, then what happens is the herds get bigger than they wanted them to, and then they find themselves in a pinch where the best thing they can think to do is to round them up with a helicopter and then store them in long-term holding."

"Adoption should be part of the management picture," Hanson said. However, horses have not historically been adopted at high enough rates for that to be a solution on its own.

"Adoption is a nice option for the horses that have been rounded up, but historically there hasn't been enough adoption to find homes for all the horses

that they're rounding up," he said. "So it has made for a situation where there's tens of thousands of horses basically standing in feedlots.

"Some of them are finding homes in sanctuaries where they actually have room to roam, and they have lives not too different from what they had on the range. But everybody — it doesn't really matter what side of the issue you're on — everybody agrees that we've got too many horses (in long-term holding facilities)."

Hanson's book is more about the exploration of the importance of awe and encouraging people to get out and experience nature.

"I think my main purpose for the book was to let people know what an inspiration it can be to spend time with wild horses," he said. "That's the overriding theme."

Hanson has generously donated two signed copies of his book to the Casper College Alumni Association. We thought it would be fun to have a drawing. To enter, email the Casper College Alumni Association at alumni@caspercollege.edu or call 307-268-2325. Please include your mailing address. The winners will be drawn on May 30.

Werner Wildlife Museum: Celebrating Over Half a Century with Casper College

“If anyone is interested in fresh air and a thrill, he should take on a polar bear.”

— Herman Werner, founder of the Werner Wildlife Museum.

The trio of polar bears in the Werner Wildlife Museum bear witness that Herman Werner spoke from experience. The largest of the three, an 11-foot giant that in life weighed 1,400 pounds, ranked number 30 in the Boone and Crocket records of big game animals when Grace Werner donated it to the museum in 1973.

Without the Werners, there would have been no museum. Herman Werner was a Wyoming rancher who lived from 1892 until 1973. A Converse County ranch kid, he began hunting at a young age and eventually traveled to six continents in pursuit of that passion. He hunted polar bears in Alaska and on Norway's Spitzbergen Island. On safari in Africa, he collected prizes that included a black rhinoceros and a cape buffalo; the latter reputed to be one of the most difficult and dangerous animals to hunt. He brought home a sambar from

The idea of a museum sprouted in Herman Werner's mind when Natrona County schools and other groups requested opportunities to view his extensive collection of world animals. He approached the City of Casper with a proposal for an educational establishment offering exhibits and literature free to the public so that people could learn about and appreciate wildlife. The City of Casper provided a building site on East 15th Street, and Werner began to construct the building that houses the museum today. In style and building materials, it is a companion to Werner's former home, located across the street. Werner Wildlife Museum opened to the public in 1964 and housed not only Werner's trophy collection but a revolving art exhibition of work by members of the Casper Artists Guild. Unfortunately, even with the dedicated assistance of the artists, Werner was unable to keep the museum open on a regular basis. In 1970, Werner donated the museum and its contents to Casper College.

Werner Wildlife Museum reopened in 1971 under Casper College management, with a focus on the indigenous wildlife of Wyoming. Museum personnel hoped to develop exhibits based on life zones within the state. Limited finances prevented this with the exception of the Prairie Life Zone Diorama located in the basement. The background of this exhibit was inspired by the view from the intersection of Wyoming 220 and Wyoming 487 west of Casper and painted by Steve Munsinger and CC biology instructors **Jim Howard**

(1967-1998 and 2003 Commitment to Excellence honoree) and **Larry Lofgren** (1957-1991) with the assistance of their students. Lofgren was largely responsible for creating the foreground of the exhibit with plants and animal mounts prepared by Ray, another of Peterson's apprentices and owner of Ray's Taxidermy, a venerable Casper business. The diorama opened to the public in the spring of 1977. Other new exhibits at this time included 22 mountain bighorn sheep shoulder mounts, a mountain lion, and elk family from Werner's estate,



Facing north, the Werner Wildlife Museum building under construction, in 1964. (Courtesy photo/Western History Center at Casper College)

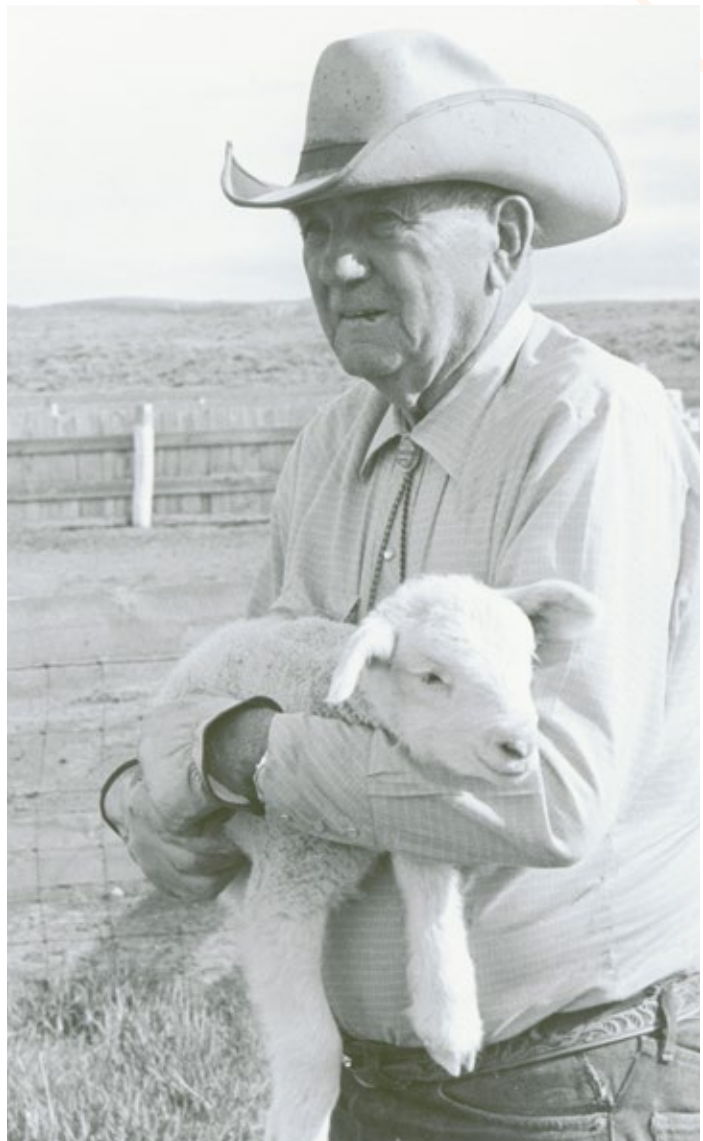
India and amassed numerous ungulates, goats, and sheep in North America. By the mid-1960s, he had dozens of trophies displayed in his Casper home. The majority of these trophies were prepared by Casper taxidermist Col. Gibson Peterson and Peterson's longtime associate, John Stevenson. Other taxidermists who contributed their expertise to the museum include Lewis Ray and Robert F. “Butch” Ziker.

and a whitetail deer from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. USFW later supplied a bald eagle for display in the museum.

Over the years, many other people have contributed to the collection. In December 1975, Nate Gibson donated his collection of 60 birds, including swans, geese, and a pelican, whose beak can hold more than its belican, according to poet Ogden Nash. Ray contributed a large collection of birds as well. A former Casper College zoology student, name unknown, sent a platypus and echidna from Australia. Snowflake, the famous Robertson Road albino deer, is housed in the museum thanks to the Atnip family and Stevenson, who says Snowflake was one of the most difficult mounts he ever did due to the deteriorated state in which she was found. More than a dozen Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep were donated by the Utzinger family. Richard Ullery donated a collection of large game animals that included a Pacific walrus, a Quebec-Labrador caribou, and a musk ox. Ullery's collection occupies a single downstairs gallery bearing his name. Three of the museum's newest exhibits were a gift from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous: a grizzly bear, an elk shoulder mount, and a magnificent free-standing exhibit featuring the Grand Slam of North American sheep. Another anonymous donor supplied a collection of bronzes featuring scenes of wild animals in various habitats. Perhaps the oldest exhibit is a quetzal, a beautiful green and blue bird with a long tail and a collection tag that reads 1918.

People also contributed knowledge and supporting documentation to the museum. Fred Eiserman, formerly of the Wyoming Game and Fish, extensively researched Wyoming ecosystems and the birds, fish, and mammals that inhabited them. Armed with this information, he created educational signs with the aim of giving visitors, especially students, as much information as could be posted on the walls. These days when most people carry small handheld computers everywhere they go, extensive posted information is less necessary.

In 2021, the museum simplified signage and began to compile a collection of Eiserman's work that will soon be available in booklet form to interested visitors. Instructors **Gail Zimmerman**



Herman Werner carries a lamb, 1973.

(Courtesy photo/Marallice Tobin, Western History Center at Casper College)

(1965-1987), Howard, **Tom Clifford**, and **Doug Crowe** ('68), (instructor 1998-2004), and 1993 Distinguished Alumnus also contributed specimens, interpretive materials, expertise, and volunteer labor over the first 30 years of Casper College's association with the museum.

In more recent years, former directors **Deanna Schaff** (2001-2018) and **Patti Wood Finkle** (2010-2021) added new exhibits and kept the doors of the museum open on a regular basis for the first time in its history.

Over the last eight years, staff has added more than a dozen wall-sized murals to enhance exhibits throughout the museum, as well as add color and texture to the museum experience. "The Lair," a children's interactive area, is located in the diorama room and includes books, puzzles, and a puppet

Werner History cont.

theater. Ever wonder what a grizzly bear's hide or an antelope's antler feels like? The Lair is the place to find out. Casper's children are also served with a popular summer series called "Summer Animal House" that features nature-related activities planned and executed in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management and naturalist, **Mike Bardgett** (AS, '87). "The Werner Wildlife Study Series" offers family-friendly programs on the third Thursday of each month, featuring speakers on everything from rattlesnakes to mountain lions to native vegetation. Readers can sign up on the

photographs and information occupy a place of honor on the lower level of the museum. His book, "Butterflies of Natrona County," is available for \$20; all proceeds go to the Werner Wildlife Museum to support its mission.

Thanks to the initiative of the museum's advisory board and Casper College's biology department faculty, plans are underway to create a living museum on campus that will feature flora from a variety of Wyoming landscapes. The Werner Wildlife Museum is surrounded by a garden that

attracts antelope and deer, along with any number of smaller mammals, birds, and insects. An extensive lawn beckons to families who need a place for children to run and play; benches and picnic tables offer comfortable places to enjoy a pleasant day, a sack lunch, or a few moments of bird watching. And the cherry on top of this delightful concoction: it's all free and open to the public, though donations are gratefully accepted.

Whether you have 15 minutes or two hours, drop by the Werner between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and fill your mind with a little new knowledge and your heart with a whole lot of satisfaction.

mailing list for The HOWL, a quarterly newsletter dedicated to wildlife biology. Artists and artisans may submit work to art shows that are hung in the museum each fall and spring; the fall show is dedicated to working with strong Wyoming-related themes. People interested in how the exhibits are created can start their museum visit with a trip to the antique taxidermy shop display.

Though vertebrates remain the museum's primary focus, insects aren't ignored. Dwaine Wagoner's massive volumes of moth and butterfly

A diorama of the Wyoming prairie is one of the features of the Werner Wildlife Museum.

*(Casper College photo/
India Hayford)*

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T-Bird Athletics

Three Lady T-Birds Receive All-Region Honors



Sandra Frau Garcia



Joslin Igo



Julia Palomo Vicente

Three players from the Casper College Lady Thunderbirds basketball team have been named to the 2022-2023 North All-Region IX team.

Those players named to the North All-Region IX Tournament Team for their high level of play during the Region IX North regular season include sophomore guards **Sandra Frau Garcia** from Pego, Alicante, Spain, and **Joslin Igo** from Douglas, Wyoming.

Garcia led the North teams in 6.7 assists, nearly doubling the second-place person in that category and was also first in steals, according to

Dwight Gunnare, head coach. "She averaged about three steals per game and was sixth in rebounding at 7.2 rebounds per game," he said.

Igo had the second-highest three-point shooting percentage in the North region at 39.7 and was sixth with 12.3 points per game.

Julia Palomo Vicente was named to the North All-Region IX Defensive Team. The 5'7" guard from La Seu d'Urgell, Spain, was the leading vote-getter for the all-defensive team in the North Sub Region, Gunnare noted.

"I just think all three are very deserving. All three played a huge role, not only in our success with a 27-3 record this year, but equally important from last year's season as well," Gunnare said.

Sixth Year in Row; Gunnare Named North Coach of the Year

For the sixth year in a row, **Dwight Gunnare**, the Casper College Women's Basketball team's head coach, has been named Coach of the Year for Region IX north for the 2022-2023 season. It also marks the 11th time since Gunnare began coaching at Casper College in 2008 that he has been named Coach of the Year for Region IX North.

"I cannot say enough about the ladies and other individuals that have been a part of this program over the last six years. I am humbled by this award and also proud of this program's success," said Gunnare.

The No. 15 Lady Thunderbirds ended the 2022-2023 season 30-3 and became three-time North Sub-Region Championship winners with a 10-0 conference record, winning the 2023 Region IX Women's Basketball Tournament against the Western Wyoming Community College Lady Mustangs 62-60.



T-Bird Athletics

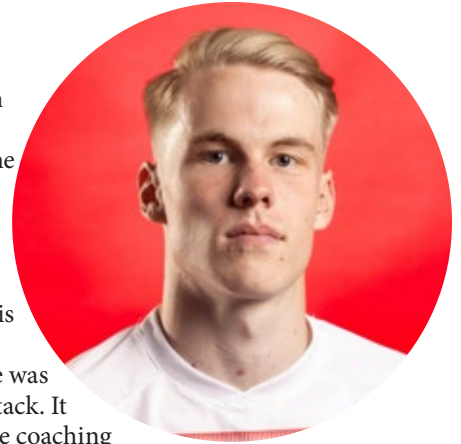
Van Halderen Signs to Play With Roos

Standout forward **Jesper Van Halderen** from Ursem, Netherlands, signed to continue his collegiate soccer career with the Kansas City Roos of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

For the 2022-2023 season, Van Halderen led Region IX with 15 goals and 11 assists. He was also a captain and leader for the Casper College Thunderbirds for the season. Van Halderen played for the T-Birds for three seasons and was named to the All-Region IX First Team.

The NCAA Division I Roos play in the Summit League and are coached by former professional soccer player Ryan Pore. The team welcomed Van Halderen in January 2023 to its roster. The Roos ended the year with a record of 7-5-5.

"Jesper has been a key player for us since we started the program. Coming off an injury in the 2021 season, he was motivated and focused on this year's season. By staying healthy, he was able to lead our attack. It has been a pleasure coaching him, and we look forward to watching his future success," said Men's Soccer Head Coach **Ben McArthur**.



Yissel Navarro



Sydney Hiatt



Valeria Hernandez



Sophia Henley

T-Bird Lady Soccer Players Commit to Universities

Four Casper College Lady Thunderbird Soccer players have signed letters of intent to play soccer at the university level. All four are three-year starters for the T-Birds.

Of the four, three will be attending Kansas Wesleyan University. Those attending KWU include **Yissel Navarro**, a defender from West Valley City, Utah, who played in the outside back position and was a captain for two years; forward **Sydney Hiatt** from Heber City, Utah, who was named Region IX's Freshman of the Year in her first season at Casper; and **Valeria Hernandez** from Oren, Utah, who played the center-back position and was named an All-Region IX Player.

KWU, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics affiliated school, plays in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. Under head coach

Henrik Sohn, the Coyotes had a record of 11-8-1 for the 2022 fall season.

Sophia Henley has committed to playing with the Louisiana State University of Alexandria Generals. A midfielder from Farr West, Utah, Henley was instrumental in creating the T-Birds' offense for the past three years.

LSUA is also an NAIA-affiliated school and plays in the Red River Athletic Conference. Under head coach Mark Hammond, the team had an 11-6-1 record for the 2022 fall season.

"All four of these ladies were an important part of building the foundation of our program and creating a winning team for the past three years. They were important to our region championship last year," said **Jocelyn Norcross**, women's assistant soccer coach.



Casper College Rodeo Team member **Elli Rettinger** demonstrates roping to golfers during the 2022 T-Bird Scholarship Golf Scramble.

Golf Scramble Raises Funds for T-Bird Athletics

The 2022 T-Bird Scholarship Golf Scramble raised some much-appreciated dollars to help raise scholarship funds for Casper College student-athletes.

“This event has been a long-running tradition that brings athletes, coaches, fans, and the community together for a day of camaraderie and fun. Money raised at this event goes to support athletic scholarships that attract talented athletes in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and rodeo,” said Chris Lorenzen, director of public relations.

The scramble took place on Aug. 25 and featured a silent and a live auction, a putting contest before tee time, and challenge holes hosted by Casper College athletes. The challenge holes included serving over a volleyball net, getting a soccer ball past a T-Bird goalie, roping a steer, or sinking free throws for golfers to have a chance to better their golf scores.

The Casper College 2022 T-Bird Scholarship Golf Scramble was held at the Casper Country Club and featured a delicious dinner following the tournament.

Many people and businesses from the community and state stepped up with sponsorships, including Hilltop Bank, golf cart sponsor; The McGinley Clinic, dinner sponsor; and Pepsi-Cola, hole-in-one sponsor. Pepsi-Cola also donated a registration bag.

Hole sponsors included Kirkwood Oil and Gas LLC; Lenhart, Mason and Associates LLC;

J.P. Morgan Private Bank; Williams, Porter, Day and Neville, PC; Advance Casper; Uncorked Fine Wine and Spirits Tasting Room; Ameriprise Financial; Don’s Mobile Carpet; First Interstate Bank; GW Mechanical; Sonny’s RVs; Summit ESP; ICO Inspection Services; Ashton Thomas Private Wealth; Lincoln Financial Advisors; IGO Oil Field Service; MOA Architecture; and RBC Wealth Management.

Auction sponsors included Three Crowns Golf Club, Paradise Valley Country Club, Bootheel 7 Ranch, Buffalo Golf Club, The Club at Devil’s Tower, Casper College, Nathan Edwards, O.D., Rob and Leslie Hendry of Clear Creek Cattle Company; Darren Divine, and the College of Southern Nevada.

Hole prize sponsors included Durbin Street Golf, Hutch’s Hi-Country Plumbing and Heating, Mesa Liquors, SunSations Tanning Salon, Medical Skin Care, Silver Fox Restaurant and Lounge, The Gaslight Social, Pepsi-Cola, Irma Bideau, Murdoch’s Ranch and Home Supply, Outlaw Welding and Art, and Peden’s Inc.



Casper College Men’s Soccer team member **Isa Yuseh Bramble** shoots for extra donations during this event.

People and Places

1970s

Kelly C. Morgan ('77) went on to earn a bachelor's from Viterbo College and a master's from Case Western Reserve University. She is currently a professor of communications media/theater at Fitchburg State University in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.



(Courtesy photo/Erin (Dowler) Kilbride)

1990s

Erin (Dowler) Kilbride ('96) was recently named to serve as Whitney Benefits' new executive director. Kilbride will lead the foundation into the future while honoring its 95 years of serving and enriching the Sheridan community, according to a press release from the Whitney Benefits board. Prior to her position at Whitney Benefits, she spent 15 years as the executive director of the Tongue River Valley Community Center.

Patrick J. McJunkin (AAS, '96), retired from the Casper Fire-EMS Department with the rank of captain after 25 years of service. Shortly after retiring, he was sworn in as a deputy with the Natrona County Sheriff's Office!

Craig Ferris (AA, '97), has been the head coach of the Wyoming Indian High School Chiefs boys' basketball team since he took over for Head Coach Alfred Redman in 2006. When he became head coach, Ferris was joined by his younger brother, Michael Hiwalker. Since Ferris took over, the Chiefs have earned six Class 2-A championships and one runner-up. In addition to his head coaching duties, Ferris is also the high school home coordinator for the school.

Todd Mason, (AAS, '98) a 21-year veteran of the Casper Fire-EMS was recently promoted to the rank of battalion chief. According to Casper Fire-EMS Public Information Officer, Dane Andersen, (AAS, CERT, '09), "Battalion Chief Mason was selected following a rigorous and competitive testing process to fill the vacancy of 'A' platoon battalion chief." Mason joined the department in May 2001, was promoted to engineer in Sept. 2008, and captain in Aug. 2018.

Reach 4A Star Riding Academy, owned and run by **Karol Santistevan** (AB, AB, '99, AS, '14), was named the 2022 Wyoming Agency of the year by the National Association of Social Workers.



Karol Santistevan

Based in Casper, Reach 4A Star Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding center. Founded in 2004, the riding academy works with approximately 65 participants each week. "Reach 4A Star has always been about helping people and what their abilities are, increasing what the abilities are, (and) not focusing on the disabilities," said Santistevan.

Mark Young (AAS, '99) was appointed State Fire Marshal and Director of the Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety by Governor Mark Gordon in August. According to information provided by Gordon's announcement, Young has served as deputy director and assistant state fire marshal since 2013 and served in the Wyoming fire service for 44 years. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter in Rawlins, Wyoming, then moved to Casper where he began a long career with the Casper Fire-EMS Department. Young served as Casper fire chief from 1999 to 2013.



Mark Young

(Courtesy photo)

2000s

Randall "Randy" Bower (AS, '01), assistant principal at CY Middle School in Casper, was selected as the 2022 Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals Assistant Principal of the Year. According to CY Principal Amy Rose, Bower was chosen because of his heart, integrity, humor, and character.

Joshua Clapp (AS, '01) is an associate professor of clinical psychology and trauma and anxiety-related pathology at the University of Wyoming. After graduating from Casper College, Clapp earned his

bachelor's at the University of Wyoming in 2003, and his master's in 2008 and Ph.D. in 2012 at the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.

Jacinda (Howiseson) Waldrip (AS, '03), was named Wyoming's 2023 Assistant Principal of the Year. Waldrip has been with the Carbon County School District for 17 years; as a second-grade teacher for 10, and then as the assistant principal for the last seven at Rawlins Middle School.

Jesse Bell (Jessica Barnes) (AFA, AFA, '05), had her show titled, "Mixed Feelings," exhibited at the Nicolaysen Art Museum this past fall. The exhibit featured a range of works in different mediums.

Valeri Hudson (AA, '05) was recommended to the Laramie County School District 1 board of trustees to be the next assistant principal of South High School in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She was approved during the board meeting on Aug. 15. After graduating with her elementary education degree at CC, she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education with a special education certification and her master's in educational leadership from the University of Wyoming.



Rochelle Hampton

Rochelle Hampton (AA, '06) is a new instructor at the Castellow Adult Learning Center at Casper College, where she teaches students at the CALC and assists with its corrections program. She is a certified teacher of special education through her studies at the University of Wyoming. A Wyoming native, Hampton attended Casper College for theater when she was younger.

Anthony Stengel's (AA, '06, AS, '08) short film "Fire Spinner" was chosen as Best Documentary in the annual 307 International Film Festival in Laramie, Wyoming, in August. The documentary was made for Wyoming PBS and features **Miranda Bressler** ('14) who is a fire spinner. In July, Stengel won a Heartland Emmy for his short documentary on glass blower **Connie Morgan** (AA, '22). The eight-minute piece titled "Dying Light" was aired in 2021 in Wyoming PBS' program "Our Wyoming."

Nathan Vondra ('06) received the Wyoming Association of Health's Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2022. Vondra is a physical education teacher at Manor Heights Elementary in Casper. According to Manor Heights Principal Kent Thompson, Vondra teaches downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, swimming, skating, etc. and mentors student teachers.

Ryan Hieb (AAS, CERT, '08, AA, '09) special agent for the Wyoming Attorney General's Office Division of Criminal Investigation, received the Distinguished Young Alumni Award from Chadron State College during the school's homecoming on Oct. 1, 2022. The award is presented to CSC alumni who distinguished themselves in their chosen career or community or shown exceptional service to the college and are 40 years of age or younger.



Ryan Hieb

(Courtesy photo/Ryan Hieb)

2010s

Melissa (Dillinger) Walker ('10) is a certified orientation and mobility specialist who has worked primarily with blind and vision impaired children to help them master techniques for navigating and traveling independently using a white cane. Walker grew up in Buffalo, Wyoming, and following her two years at Casper College transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas, to receive an education in orientation and mobility. She then had an internship with the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired. When she moved back to Wyoming, she became a mother but continues to work as an orientation and mobility specialist on a part-time basis.

Trinity (Holland) Lewis (AS, AS, AA, '12) was named by first-time Wyoming Congresswoman **Harriet Hageman** ('83) as her state director. During her time at Casper College, Lewis was student senate president and participated on the livestock judging team. She was on the Casper College Alumni Association board from 2012 to 2016.



Trinity (Holland) Lewis

(Courtesy photo)

People and Places cont.

Tamara Abrosimova ('13) now lives in Savanna, Georgia. She recently had her novel "Diary of Roxanne Temporis: The Promiscuous Time Traveler" recently published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

John May (AA, '15) and **Heath McAteer** (AB, '14) joined CC sociology instructor **Chad Hanson** in a music and poetry event last summer.

Joshua Bliss (AS, '16, AS, '20) received his bachelor's from the University of Wyoming in 2018 in communication theory. That same year, he traveled to Spain with the CC Spanish cultural immersion program. From 2020 to 2022 he worked for Breck Media Group as a marketing consultant. During that time he was a volunteer board member for Mimi's House. He is also the founder and primary coordinator of the Pumpkin Fest for three years; 2020, 2021, and 2022. Recently, he became the Natrona County 4-H/Rural Living Program Assistant. He also continues to run his own business, Jay's Jams as a side hustle.

Peggy Garman (AS, '17) set a breakaway roping record at the 2022 Cheyenne Frontier Days in July with a three-second flat run breaking the existing record by 4 tenths of a second. Garman, who is from Sundance, Wyoming, spent two years on the Casper College Rodeo team.

Bailey Patterson (AA, '17), is in her first year of a MFA in theatre performance and pedagogy program at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Shortly after our summer 2022 issue was published, she became the first Wyoming actor to win the national Irene Ryan Scholarship through the annual Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, beating out thousands of competitors from hundreds of colleges and universities across the country.

Taylor Stephenson (AA, AA, '18) left her writing job at Oil City News in Casper last summer to move to Boston to begin her master's program in international relations.

Two former Casper College Rodeo Team members competed in the 2022 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, December 1-10. After the final night of competition, bareback bronc rider **Cole Reiner** ('19) finished seventh in the world and **Trey Yates** ('18), along with his team roping partner Tyler Wade, finished ninth in the world standings for 2022.

Jesse Sanchez (AFA, '19) had his show titled, "From the Pit," exhibited at the Nicolaysen Art Museum this past fall. The exhibit featured a range of sculptures made with various objects.

Mixed decades

Several Casper College alumni, including **Andrea Sipe** (AA '97), **Regann Sipe** (CERT, '21), **Dauvi Thompson** ('22), **James Stress**, ('03), and **Erin Valdez**, ('20), participated in the kick-off of Casper Pride week with a performance of "A Prismatic Affair." The June performance featured local drag queens and entertainers at the Nicolaysen Art Museum in Casper.

A number of Casper College graduates and current students were involved in the Wyoming Opera Company's production of "Rent" last summer. They include: **Daniel Quintana** (AA, '16); **Alex Brus**, student; **Anastasia Zettl**, student; **Dauvi E.T. Rodriguez** ('22); **E'Lanae Medford** (AA, '08); **Faith Lockwood** (AA, '22); **Giuliana Engelman** ('21); **Jessica Cowen**, student; **Kailey McLean**, student; **Laurel Blake** (AA, '18); **Nicholas R. Johnson** (AA, AA, '20); **Tiana Saunders** (AA, '17); **Lance Robinson** (AA, '10); **Steven Spicher** (AA, '21); **Aaron Wood** (AA, '02) and (dance instructor 2017-2022); **Soren Engstrom** (AA, '19); **Schuyler Fox**, student; **Ender Collins**, (AA, '21); **Alex Finkle**, student, and **Kenda Spicher** (AS, '06).

(Courtesy photo/Josh Bliss)



Joshua Bliss

(Casper College photo)



Peggy Garman

(Oil City News photo/Dan Cepeda)

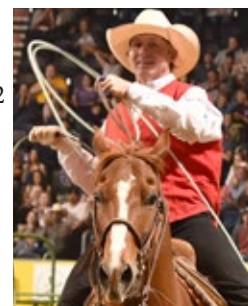


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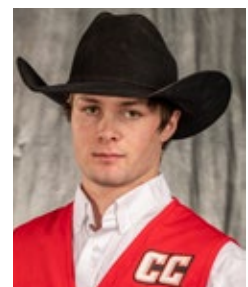
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Taylor Stephenson



Trey Yates



Cole Reiner

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Casper College Graduates Elected In The 2022 General Election

We thought it would be interesting to see how many of our graduates were reelected, or newly elected to positions in the state of Wyoming during the 2022 primary election in November. Below is that list, compiled by **Becky Wise** (AAS, CERT, '12), database manager, and **Katie Schwieger** (AB, '14), data assistant. If we missed you, or you won in another state, please let us know. We would love to hear from you at alumni@caspercollege.edu.

Harriet Hageman ('83), 2010 Distinguished Alum, U.S. Representative.

State of Wyoming positions by county.

Big Horn County: **David Neves** (ATE, '71), County Commissioner.

William "Bill" Robertson (AS, '78), Big Horn County School District #3 Trustee.

Jacob Davidson (CERT, '95, CERT, '96), Cemetery District Trustee, town of Burlington.

Campbell County: **Ogden Driskill** (AAS, '80), State Senator.

Carbon County: **Quade Palm** (AS, '16), Medicine Bow Conservation District Director.

Converse County: **Trent Kaufman** (AA, '84), County Commissioner.

Jared Vollman (AS, '98), Converse County School District #1 Trustee.

John Kenfield (AB, AB, '95), Glenrock Cemetery District Director.

Lynn Dampman (AA, '95), Glenrock Cemetery District Director.

Melody Dugan (AAS, CERT, '07, AS, '08), (CC employee 2011-2021), Glenrock Hospital District Director.

Sharon Burns (AA, '64), Glenrock Hospital District Director.

Crook County: **Ogden Driskill** (AAS, '80), State Senator.

Joseph Baron (AB, '80), County Attorney.

Chase Williams (AS, '08), County Attorney.

Fremont County: **Patrick LeBrun** (AA, '87), County Attorney.

Sherry Oler (AAS, '90), Mayor, town of Hudson.

Joshua Hahn (CERT, '99), Lander City Council.

Van Hill (AS, '05), Fremont County School District #6 Trustee.

Rose Stanbury (CERT, '79), Cemetery Director, town of Mountain View.

Kelly Gardner (AAS, '89), County Fire Protection District Director.

Johnson County: **Barry Crago** (AS, '98), State Representative District 40.

Matthew Carr (AAS, CERT, '11), Powder River Fire District Trustee.

Natrona County: **Bill Landen** (AS, '76), college relations director and associate vice president of student services and athletic director (1985-2015), 2017 Commitment to Excellence, State Senator.

Arthur Washut (AS, 1978), criminal justice instructor, State Representative.

Dallas Laird ('67), County Commissioner.

James Milne (AAS, '91), County Commissioner.

Steven Freel (AAS, '14), County Commissioner.

Brandy Haskins (AAS, '05), Casper City Council.

James Whipps (AS, '87), County Coroner.

Dan Itzen, (AA, '95), 7th Judicial District Attorney.

Tammy Saulsbury ('22), County Assessor.

Jill Kiester (AA, '17), Clerk of District Court.

Leah Juarez (AFA, '10), Mayor, town of Mills.

Cherie Butcher (AS, '14), Mills City Council.

Steven Garrett (CERT, '86), County Fire Protection District Director.

Stewart "Stew" Anderson (AAS, '92, AAS, '93), Casper Mountain Fire District Director.

Niobrara County: **Justin Kremers** (AAS, '96), Rural Fire District Director.

Park County: **Joseph Bassett**, (AAS, CERT, '18), Big Horn School District #1 Trustee.

Frank Lewis (AAS, '89),

Meeteetse Fire District #3 Director.

Platte County: **Brook Brockman** (AS, '98, AS, '01), Resource Conservation District Board Member.

Sheridan County: **Barry Crago** (AS, '98), State Representative.

Andrew Patceg (AS, AS, AS, '02), Sheridan City Council.

Weston County: **Ogden Driskill** (AAS, '80), State Senator.

Friends We'll Miss

1940s

Ralph Leroy Stevens ('49)
July 14, 2022

Virginia Sue Harris (AA, '48)
July 28, 2022

Frank "Pinky" Ellis (AA, '48)
October 25, 2022

1950s

Delores Chandler ('54)
April 19, 2022

Thomas Hool (AA, '56)
June 17, 2022

John Hilde Jr. (AS, '57)
Alumni Association Board Member
July 8, 2022

Ruth Cenia (Bowden) Green (AA, '56)
July 23, 2022

Rosemary (Story) Mathers ('51)
August 4, 2022

Dixon Goodman ('55)
August 22, 2022

Michael R. Temaats (AS, '59)
August 22, 2022

Duveene E. (Dickinson) Hamilton ('53)
September 18, 2022

Berenice McLaughlin (AA, '57)
October 19, 2022

Frederick Russell "Russ" Huson (AA, '57)
1992 Distinguished Alumni
October 25, 2022

James Edgington (AA, '53)
November 15, 2022

Leon Corpuz (AA, '56)
December 4, 2022

Earl Guthrie ('57)
December 11, 2022

1960s

Mary Ellen (Sanderlin) Farmer (AS, '61)
June 8, 2022

Delores "Dee" (Woody) Edwards ('64)
June 11, 2022

Roy Edgar "Ed" Baker ('65)
June 13, 2022

Douglas J. Curtis (AB, '67)
July 18, 2022

Zackrey Ash ('67)
July 21, 2022

Roy T. Brazelton ('68)
July 28, 2022

Gordon Wolford (AA, '62)
July 28, 2022

Gary Hamilton ('68)
September 4, 2022

Debra St. John ('69)
September 10, 2022

Patricia Baldwin (AB, '66)
September 14, 2022

Roland Steve Einer (AA, '62)
September 17, 2022

Marlene Marie (Brill) Bower ('69)
September 30, 2022

LaDonna (Thomas) Schmidt ('67)
October 8, 2022

Ronald M. Cutts (AA, '60)
October 15, 2022

David "Dave" Dill ('64)
October 23, 2022

Robert Pavey ('69)
November 3, 2022

Errol Boyles (AS, '64)
November 5, 2021

John A. McAteer Jr. (AB, '68)
November 14, 2022

Robert Korenke (AA, '62)
November 28, 2022

Frederick D. Dyer (AS, '69)
December 5, 2022

Edward "Joe" McPherson ('65)
December 16, 2022

Anita Swartz ('69)
December 18, 2022

Jo Ann Whitman (AS, '62)
December 28, 2022

1970s

Michael "Mike" Kennedy Ward (AS, '71)
June 11, 2022

James "Jim" R. Andrews ('71)
June 12, 2022

Daniel E. Mahoney ('78)
July 25, 2022

Douglas Leroy Hunter (AAS, '77)
August 26, 2022

Andrea "Andy" (Nelson) Lorton ('73)
August 31, 2022

John Clark Moen ('77)
September 8, 2022

Ree Grant Noë ('78)
October 6, 2022

Samuel Owen Evans ('71)
October 7, 2022

Angela (Alm) Smith ('72)
October 25, 2022

Kurt Devish ('78)
November 16, 2022

Gary Lund (AS, '75)
November 21, 2022

Dennis "Denny" Harper ('78)
November 28, 2022

Stanley Vialpando (CERT, '79)
December 2, 2022

Mary Moenkhaus (AAS, '76)
December 26, 2022

1980s

Pamela R. Steveson ('80)
June 19, 2022

Mary Elizabeth (Kinnison) Swartz ('81)
June 21, 2022

Jesse R. Spielman (AAS, '89)
July 5, 2022

Richard Schanck ('89)
July 8, 2022

David Todd (Martinez) Burnett (AB, '86)
July 22, 2022

Randall C. Weber (AS, '86)
August 1, 2022

David Evenson ('87)
August 16, 2022

Dwight Newsome ('83)
August 16, 2022

Brenda (Ward) Kovachevich ('86)
August 20, 2022

Michael D. Allen ('83)
September 4, 2022

John V. Roberts (AS, '84)
October 6, 2022

Michael K. Stone (AAS, '81)
October 24, 2022

Janice Dona ('87)
November 16, 2022

Kimberly Kinion-Schranz (AB, '83)
November 24, 2022

Diane Jackson (AS, '83)
November 28, 2022

Patricia (Becker) Sellers ('88)
December 26, 2022

David Madrigal (AA, '84, AS '85)
December 27, 2022

1990s

David L. Suazo (AAS, '96)
May 14, 2022

Dianne L. Herring (AA, '96)
June 2, 2022

Marchia Pee-Ann Bernal (CERT, '86, AAS, '90)
June 22, 2022

Susan Byers ('92)
June 22, 2022

Michial Brown ('92)
July 25, 2022

Robert "Bobby" Atnip ('93)
September 5, 2022

Brian "Bud" Foote ('97)
October 12, 2022

Rhonda Hartman-Gallegos ('90)
December 8, 2022

Ronald Rickabaugh (AAS, AAS, '96)
December 8, 2022

Michael Sannes (AS, AS, '95)
December 24, 2022

Helen M. Rodriguez (CERT, '97, AAS, '98)
December 26, 2022

Scott Thomas Kroll ('92)
December 30, 2022

2000s

Martha Zitterkopf (CERT, '03, AA, '04)
July 9, 2022

Bonnie L. (Abeyta) Ridley ('01)
August 14, 2022

Aaron Joseph McClure ('07)
August 16, 2022

Kyah Raechelle Armajo ('07)
September 7, 2022

George F. Kohl III (AAA, '00, AFA, AA, '02, AA, AA, '04)
October 10, 2022

2010s

Michael D. Metcalf ('10)
June 18, 2022

Rex Campbell (AAS, AAS, '93, AAS, CERT, CERT, '10)
July 31, 2022

Austin G. Doyle ('12)
November 16, 2022

Keyur Patel (AS, '12)
December 20, 2022

Kelly Beckstead (AS, AS, '16)
December 28, 2022

Employees We'll Miss

Mary G. (Barto) Hammon, office staff, 1958
June 22, 2022

Tammy Bolinger, custodian, 2014-2021
July 4, 2022

Leslie (Fisher) Tollefson (AA, '01) publications technician, 2003-2005
August 23, 2022

Connie J. (Kinion) Sellers ('88), custodian, 1979-1992
August 31, 2022

Barbara Mueller, anthropology instructor and international education director, 1985-2014
September 1, 2022

Kathie Anderson, business school instructor, 1969-2004; dean of adult and continuing education, 1981-1992
October 6, 2022

Josephine M. (Ferguson) Haines, mathematics and chemistry instructor, 1958-1961
November 13, 2022

Friends of Casper College

Eloise McKee, theater productions
April 25, 2022

Jack Schwartzkopf, volunteer
October 4, 2022

Darryl Doan, Tate Geological Museum volunteer, 2006-2009
December 27, 2022

We are sad to report the death of our 2021 Distinguished Alumni, **Susan "Susie" Kay (Warburton) McMurry ('67)**. McMurry and her husband, Mick, were well-known philanthropists in Casper and Wyoming. She and Mick made significant donations throughout the state, including Casper College. The main stage at the Gertrude Krampert Center for Theatre and Dance bear their names, and most recently, McMurry provided funds for the new visual arts center where the lobby is named in her honor. McMurry was both generous and gracious, and she will be missed.
January 28, 2023

According to Charlotte... Battleground

The duties of a homeowner in maintaining his property are many, varied, and ... hazardous. In the armed forces, "hazardous duty" is a term for something that can get you killed. It's the same way at home, and anyone who has the responsibility of maintaining the home knows it is so. Look at the statistics. Lots and lots of people get killed right at home trying to keep it up. Rashly ignoring the statistics, I embarked upon some hazardous duty and just missed becoming a casualty myself.

It was a plain old day, just like many of the days are at home when there's nothing much going on. Then the painter arrived. He came because the eaves on the house badly needed painting and my husband, Robert, couldn't do it. Robert painted himself right out of the home maintenance picture that summer when he had heart surgery, and he definitely didn't want me to paint anything because I made sure years and years ago — by spilling paint everywhere, dropping the brush in the dirt, things like that — Robert would do everything possible before he would let me paint anything.

Larry, the painter, is an educated man. He paints houses in the summertime and teaches school in the winter. So, when he paced around the house, inspected the weather-scarred eaves, shook his head, and said, "You'll have to wash 'em," I agreed. He was the knowledgeable authority.

He pointed out the dirt and dust that was somehow adhering to the perfectly vertical surfaces. "When was the last time you washed 'em?" he asked.

"Welllll," I said, trying desperately to think of some excuse, "never, I guess."

Larry looked up at them some more. "Uh-huh," he said.

I shifted from one foot to the other, thinking how derelict we must seem as homeowners, and I was ready to do whatever was necessary to regain my status as a responsible maintainer.

"If you can get these eaves washed today," Larry said with some doubt in his voice, "I'll get them painted first thing in the morning."

"No problem," I said, ignoring the reality of the situation, which was that I had no idea at all about how this was going to come about. Let's face it. Robert does the outside things, I do the inside things, and we get along pretty well.

"Just take the hose," Larry said, "turn the nozzle to the jet stream, and let 'er rip."

"Gotcha!" I said.

I turned on the water full force, pointed the nozzle up toward the eaves, and pulled the trigger. A jet of water shot out in two directions — one up toward the eaves and the other all over me.

Larry left, and I reconnoitered. I didn't want to bother Robert. He was still recovering.

I found a hose nozzle that looked promising. It was one of those trigger jiggers that doesn't let the water out until you pull the trigger. I got it connected to the hose and decided to start with the eaves on the east side of the house. That's the side that has big windows half the length of the house.

I turned on the water full force, pointed the nozzle up toward the eaves, and pulled the trigger. A jet of water shot out in two directions — one up toward the eaves and the other all over me. Shocked, I let go of the trigger, but it didn't matter. I was thoroughly soaked, and my sneakers were full of water.

There was definitely something wrong here. I mopped the water off my face with one arm. I fiddled with the nozzle and let go of the trigger again. It couldn't hurt. I was as wet as I was going to get. Water spewed in both directions again. I dropped the whole shebang, ran for the faucet, and turned off the water.

I decided to try one of the old nozzles — the kind where you turn the end of it to get the spray you want. One of them didn't turn at all, but the next one did, so I connected that one to the hose.

I contemplated my feet briefly, wondering if I should keep sloshing around in the water-laden sneakers or change to some open sandals so the water could run out on all sides. It wasn't worth a trip into the house to try and explain my ... condition.

I held the nozzle at arm's length as I turned on the hose, and it worked perfectly — no leaks or anything. I started washing the eaves. The dirty water cascaded down the side of the house. I began to feel secure and confident in my ability to accomplish this duty. I moved along slowly. I could see Robert standing indoors, watching me through the big windows. The dirt was pouring down nicely when, suddenly, Robert began to disappear behind a curtain of fog — which didn't seem just right, somehow.

The back door flew open, and Robert yelled, "Get the water away from the windows! It's leaking between them." It took a minute for this to sink in. What in Judas H. Priest was he talking about? I decided I'd better turn off the water.

"Now, see what you've done?" he scolded. "You've got water running down between the windows and the storm windows. I knew you shouldn't have started this."

That's the trouble with him. He thinks he knows everything.

I looked from Robert back to the windows. "Well, I'll take care of it. Why don't you just go back in the house and take a nap or something," I said soothingly. Robert's not supposed to get upset.

"You can't take down those storm windows," he said. "They're too heavy."

I looked at them. Four slabs of glass. How heavy could they be? "I'll be careful," I said. "I can handle it."

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"Well, I hope so, but I doubt it," Robert said as he backed in the door and disappeared.

I looked at those enormous, fogged-over windows with streaks of water dribbling down between the two panes of glass, and I could have bawled as it occurred to me that I was going to have to clean every damned window on this side of the house

because of these lousy eaves and Larry. I began to hate both of them.

I got the stepladder and a screwdriver and started loosening the screws that held the first storm window to its casing.

The crappy screwdriver kept slipping out of the slot in the screws. That unscrewing was slow, tortuous work, let me tell you. The only good thing about it was that, as I was getting hotter and hotter, I was getting drier and drier. I could feel my sneakers getting stiff.

As the last screw fell on the ground, I let go of the screwdriver and grabbed hold of both sides of the storm window, gently removing it from its frame.

Robert was right again. It weighed just under a ton, and it began to slip inexorably through my hands and landed with a thud at the bottom of the stepladder. I watched with numb resignation the crack that spread like a crescent across the bottom corner.

"He told you so, he told you so," seemed to float upward from the injured pane. At least the glass hadn't fallen out. Maybe, but not probably, Robert wouldn't notice the crack down there in the bottom corner.

I jumped off the stepladder, grabbed glass cleaner, and cleaned everything as fast as I could. Robert wasn't in sight. Maybe he'd taken my advice, for once, and gone off for a nap.

After a mighty struggle, I got the window screwed back into its frame. Sweat was trickling down my back. I looked at the rest of the storm windows and knew that the water between them was going to stay right where it was until hell



Charlotte Babcock.
(Casper College photo/Cory Garvin)

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froze over or somebody else took them down. The rest of the house didn't have storm windows — except for the equally big windows on the front side — and, with crafty forethought, I determined to skip over those eaves when I got there.

I started on the rest of the house, and if I do say so, I did a great job. Every time I got past a window, I shut off the hose, jumped on the stepladder, and cleaned the latest window. By now, the house was positively gleaming — a jewel.

I finally got to the front of the house and — true to my decision — skipped right over the expanse of eaves that were above those storm windows. Larry could think whatever he wanted to. The end was in sight, and victory was at hand.

The trouble with the last window was the two apple trees in front of it, the dense bed of ivy beneath it, and the ornamental fence surrounding it. Throwing caution aside, I heaved the stepladder over the fence. It landed approximately under the window, and up I went. I took one wide swipe at the window, and the next thing I knew, I was face down in deep ivy and sort of interlaced into the stepladder. Robert's recovery faded into a mere trifle as I dissolved into loud and hysterical obscenity.

Robert came rushing out the front door, took an ever-suffering look, and opened his mouth. But I got in the first and last words before he even got started.

"Shut up!" I hollered. "Just shut the hell up and get me out of here!" Then I lapsed into effective moaning. My neighbors came running because they heard all the commotion and hurried me to the emergency room since Robert wasn't able to drive or exert himself yet. It's always something with him.

With a sprained wrist, a couple of stitches over my eye, and multiple bruises and contusions, I can't exert myself either, and we are eating out.

**"Shut up!" I hollered. "Just
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of here!"**

Robert hasn't said a word about anything, but I can hardly wait until Larry, the educated painter, shows up in the morning. He's going to run into some "hazardous duty" of his own.

Editor's note: We are fortunate to have had two additional stories penned by Charlotte before her passing. Her last story will appear in the next issue of Footprints.



Casper College Foundation 2021-22 Annual Report

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Our Foundation Staff

We are happy to present our fiscal year 2021-2022 Annual Report on behalf of the Casper College Foundation board of directors. Last year was the first year we included our annual report in the winter edition of Footprints, and the feedback we received was very positive. Therefore, we will continue sharing our annual report in this format.

We are very thankful for our generous donors and take our fiduciary duty for their gifts seriously. This duty entails the board and staff to be conservative with our spending policy to ensure the foundation has funds to support the college and its students in good times and bad. Because of this forward-thinking, we were able to provide the kind of support the college and its students have come to expect of us. Although the stock market wasn't our friend this last fiscal year, we still awarded 884 students with 1,746 scholarships totaling almost \$1.3 million and supported Casper College with \$3.9 million for program support and another \$3.7 million, of a \$10 million pledge, for the new visual arts center on campus.

Thank you for your support over the years and for believing in Casper College and its students. We appreciate you more than we can ever say. Please stop by our office or give us a call. We would love to visit with you.



Denise M. Bressler ('84)
Executive Director



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Casper College Foundation Staff (left to right): **Denise (Neville) Bressler** ('84), executive director; **Becky Wise** (AAS, CERT, CERT, '12), database manager; **Katie Schwieger** (AB, '14), data assistant; Ann Dalton, associate director of development and alumni engagement; Rachel Macy, office assistant and Kari Hawthorne, chief financial officer.

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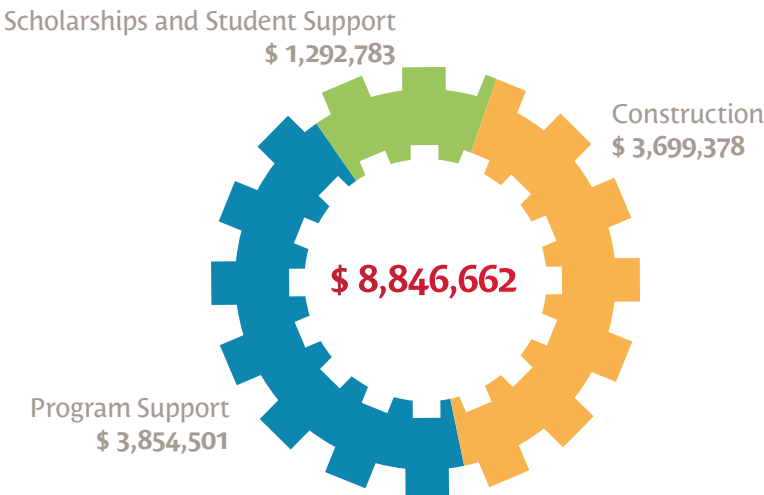
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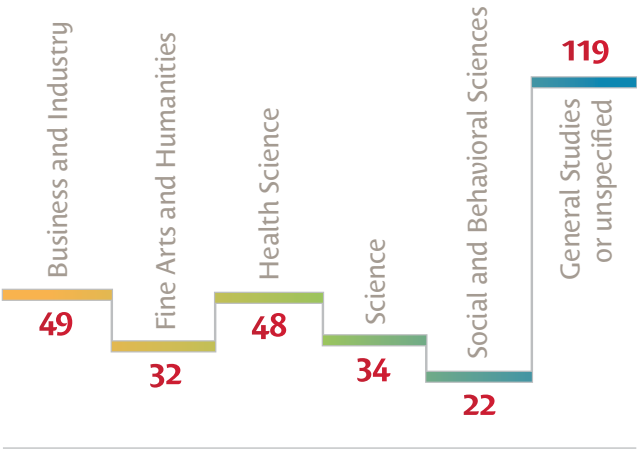
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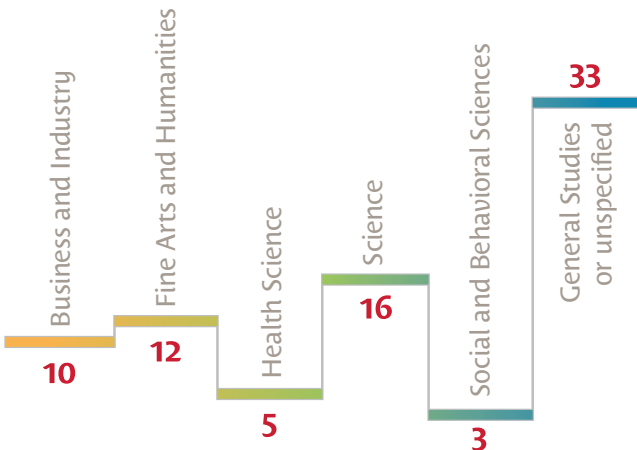
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Program Support Funds



Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

2022

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,675,585
Investments	106,912,285
Receivables	748,715
Note receivable Casper College	460,469
Assets held in charitable remainder trust	-
Mineral interests	3,890,436
Prepaid expenses	-
Property and equipment, net	5,194,749

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 118,882,239

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	71,775
Due to Casper College	304,774
Pledge payable — Casper College Residence Hall	11,700,000
Investments held on behalf of Casper College	16,771,210
Liabilities under charitable remainder trust agreement	-

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 28,847,759

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	29,776,913
With donor restrictions	
Perpetual in nature	21,465,480
Purpose restrictions	38,792,087

TOTAL NET ASSETS

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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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Tennis Photo Identified — Again!

Hi Ann,

Just got the copy of the wonderful Footprints today, good job!

The names of the two girls in the tennis picture, last page: **Suzi Newton** (AA, '79) from Cody holding the plaque, **Kathy Haydel** ('80) from Casper in the white blouse. I was the tennis coach every year we were NJCAA members. We won the Region IX (Championship) almost every year and went to Nationals each year. The year the program was dropped I was invited back to Ocala, Florida as Honorary National Tennis Tournament Director.

I recruited **Jude Banahene** (AS, '81) from Ghana, Africa. (Banahene was named as one of 50 Exemplary alumni in 1995 when CC celebrated its 50th Anniversary). We had many outstanding players. CC was last to drop tennis in our conference, only due to lack of teams. I can tell you about any other tennis history! We live in Arizona now and I am still playing and coaching!

Thanks, **Jean Wheatley** (1966-1997)



From left, **William (Bill) Vance** (1966-1990), **Tim Aley, Ph.D.** (1961-1979), and **Jean Wheatley** (1966-1997) with the men's and women's tennis teams. The three women in the front row, l-r: **Suzi Newton** (AA, '79), **Kathy Haydel** ('80), and **Chrisa (Michaels) Degraeve** ('79). The four men in the back row, l-r: **Thane Crump** (AS, '80), **Jack Douglas (Doug) Laird** ('78), **Paul Runge** (AB, '79), and **James "Jim" Jones** (AB, '80).



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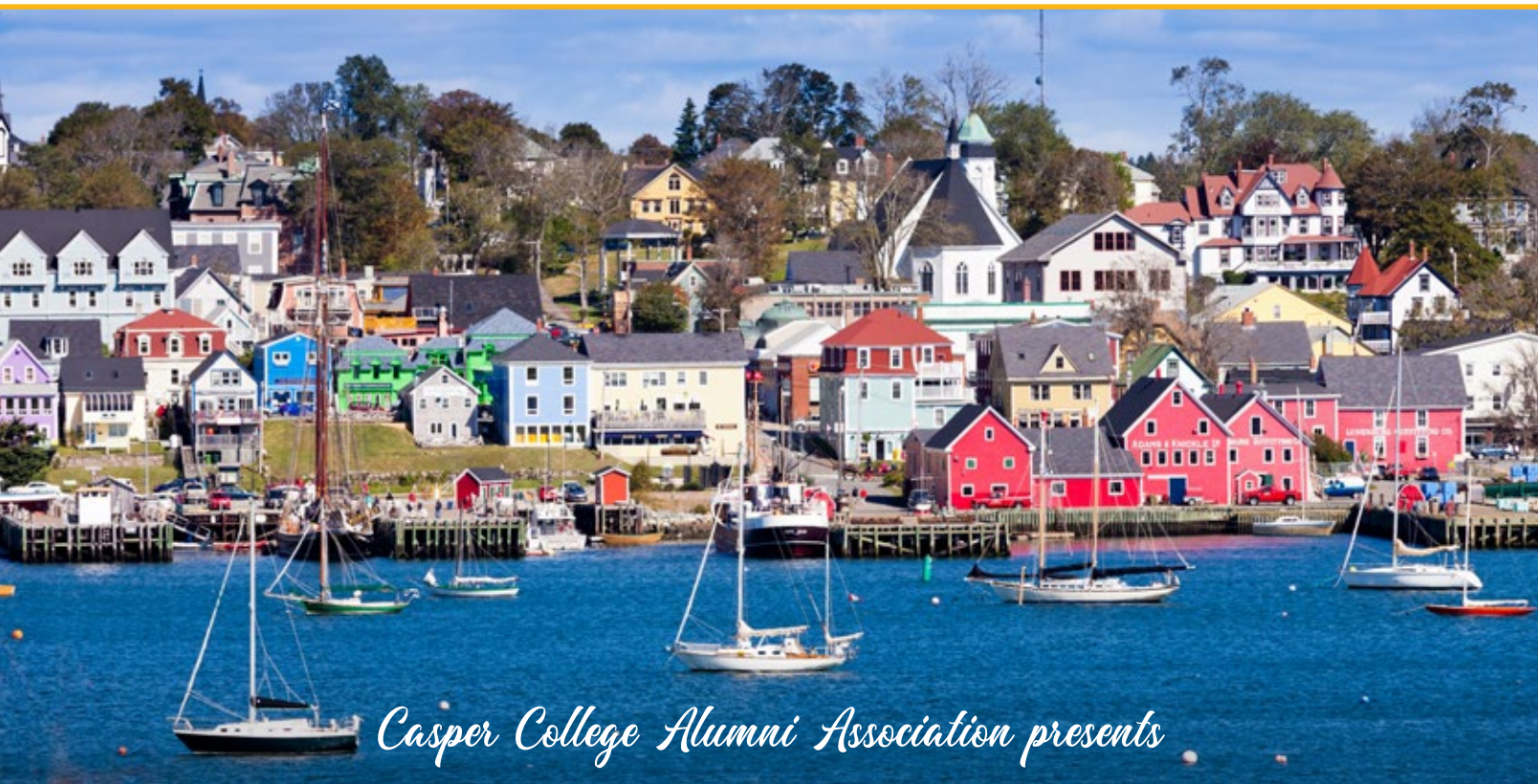
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