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Snow College School Year in Review

Tucker Smith, Student Body President

The students of Snow College watch uneasily as the date of graduation rapidly approaches. For many of us, April 30 will mark the last day of an important chapter in our lives. Sanpete has become a sanctuary for us. The memories and relationships that we have formed here will follow us for the rest of our lives.

As Student Body Officers, we entered the 2010-2011 school year with our vision high and unalterable. We imagined a student body full of passion and dedication for their school. We anticipated overwhelming amounts of school spirit. We were dedicated to the ideal of empowering the students of Snow.

The first week of school was the rocket that propelled us to realizing our vision. Students flocked to the numerous activities available. At our first home football game, the bleachers were packed with wildly enthusiastic fans covered in blue and white war paint. It was inspiring to see the new plaza filled with food, music, and people soaking up the new atmosphere at Snow. The standard was set for the rest of the year. School spirit reached record heights.

That "Spirit of Snow" has continued with us throughout the year as we have participated in countless events that we will never forget. Homecoming week included a bonfire and pep rally of epic proportions, a crushing victory over our opposing team, and record attendance at the formal dance. Dedicated fans totaled 24 hours on a bus that took them to and from an important football game in Yuma, AZ. Dances, stomps, True Badger nights, service projects, Nerf gun wars, and Sanpete adventures have come and gone in a blur, each contributing to our ever treasured "Snow College Chapter." That's not even mentioning our participation in clubs, teams, and organizations, or the many plays, concerts, performances, and pageants that we had the pleasure of being a part of. Of course, we also found some time to do a little homework and study for our exams.

We have watched our campus transform into something even more beautiful than it was before. Our new library and plaza have been utilized to their fullest extent by students and faculty. On sunny days, students can be seen studying on the grass adjacent to Heritage Wall. The new testing center is so spacious and so convenient that it makes taking a test an almost bearable experience.

2010-2011 will never be forgotten. Thank you Snow College for becoming our home!

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Commencement Activities Scheduled

The weekend of April 29-30 will wrap up a great year at Snow College, with commencement events scheduled for both the Ephraim and Richfield campuses.

On Friday, April 29, graduation exercises for the Richfield campus will take place at 1 p.m. in the Sevier Valley Center Theater. Line-up for the graduation march will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the east hallway of the Administration Building. Utah State Senator Ralph Okerlund will be the guest speaker. Following graduation, a finger food buffet catered by the Culinary Arts Department will take place on the arena concourse.

The graduation ceremony for the Ephraim campus is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m. in the Snow College Activity Center. Doors to the Activity Center will open at 8:30 a.m., and the students' march will begin at 9:30 a.m. All spectators should be seated by 9:30 a.m. Utah businessman and philanthropist Spencer F. Eccles will speak and will also receive an honorary degree. Other speakers include Jaquel Christensen, Valedictorian; and Timothy Patterson, Salutatorian. Students Lopei Lauti and Tucker Smith will be honored as Outstanding Citizenship Recipients, and musical numbers will be provided by Snow College's Wind, A cappella, and Dance ensembles.

Immediately following the ceremony, all graduates and their families will gather for a reception on the lawn east of the Greenwood Student Center.

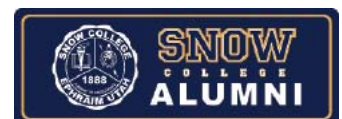
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Stoddard Appointed to State Board of Regents



Mark Stoddard was recently confirmed as the newest member of the State Board of Regents. He took his oath of office on March 25.

Governor Gary R. Herbert has named former Snow College Alumni President and Trustee Mark Stoddard as the newest member of the State Board of Regents to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by former Regent Rosanita Cespedes. The state Senate confirmed Stoddard on February 22, and he took his oath of office on March 25 at the State Board of Regents meeting at Dixie College.

"Mark's extensive background in business, administration, and management, paired with his knowledge and passion

for higher education, make him a good fit for the State Board of Regents." said Governor Herbert. "Mark's work on behalf of Snow College has made him a well-respected figure in the higher education community, and now I look forward to his contribution to all of our state's institutions of higher education." Regent Chair David Jordan also noted, "For years, Mark has given his time and expertise to Snow College and I am confident that his input to the Board of Regents will prove invaluable."

Stoddard is currently the President and CEO of Central Valley Medical Center in Nephi, Utah and is Chairman of the Rural Health Group, Chairman of the Rural Health Foundation and President of Rural Health Management Corporation.

Stoddard graduated from Snow College in 1978 with an Associate of Science degree in Business Management, followed by a Bachelor of Science from Utah State University and a Master of Business Administration from Brigham Young University. Since then, Stoddard has had a desire to give back to the institution that gave him so much. In 1988, Stoddard became the Snow College Alumni President, a post he held until 1992. He served on the Snow College Board of Trustees from 1989-2001 and has also served as the Snow College Foundation Chairman.

Snow College Alumnus Earns Principal of the Year Honor

Scott Bushnell, principal of Murray High School in Murray, Utah, was selected as the High School Principal of the Year by the Utah Association of Secondary School Principals.

Scott earned his Associate's degree from Snow College, his Bachelor's degree from Mesa State College, and his Master's degree from Utah State University, and he completed his Administrative Certification at the University of Utah.

He began his education career at Murray High School as a biological science teacher and coached volleyball, girls' basketball, and baseball. He served for four years as an assistant principal at Murray High School prior to working one year in the Murray School District Office as the CTE director. Scott was named principal of Murray High School in July 2004.

Scott has implemented many programs at Murray High and says, "Everything we do is centered on improved student learning." Efforts to provide quality education



for all students have concentrated on collaborative leadership, instruction, assessment and personalization. Under his leadership, Murray High has formed a school leadership team, a school success model, a five-year technology plan, business partnerships, and a school community council. The motto he has for Murray High School is "Every Student, Every Day, Every Opportunity."

Scott's experiences at Snow College helped shape his future. During his first year at Snow, he took an introductory education class. A major component of the class was to participate in a job-shadowing experience at a public school. Scott worked with Wilbur Braithwaite, who was a long-time educator and coach at Manti High School. "That experience was very instrumental in my decision to pursue education as a career. Coach Braithwaite was a remarkable mentor," he said. Scott also met his wife, Joy Johnson, at Snow College.

Scott will represent Utah in the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the MetLife Principal of the Year competitions in 2012.

Forensic Team Excels

The Snow College Forensic Team has participated in their second full year of competitions and has received much success this year from tournaments attended across the nation. The team received sweep-stake awards for overall excellence at all but one tournament attended.

One of the most prestigious awards received was earned at a designated northwest tournament in Oregon where over 30 colleges from around the nation competed in speech and debate events. Snow College received the silver award for overall excellence in junior colleges and a third-place overall award for all colleges: junior and four-year combined.

The team participated in nine tournaments total, including the Phi Rho Pi National tournament April 11-16 at Greenwich, Connecticut.

The students received much support from various departments



Forensic team (from left to right): David Boyle, Parker Mortensen, Malynnda Bjerregaard (Forensics Director), Roe Walker, Grant Miller, Emily Rowe, Shari Christopherson, Jamie Wettstein, Sarah Dyreng, and Alyssa Wood.

across Snow's campus and attribute their success to the hard work and support they received from many helping hands.

Aside from competing, the team also hosted a High School Forensic Tournament and had 15 schools from across Utah attend. In all, there were over 350 entries for events at the tournament, proving to be a very competitive tournament for those in attendance. An

alumni dinner was also hosted in the spring as an effort to get in touch with Snow Forensic Alumni and raise money for the team's trip to Nationals.

The team would like to invite any alumni not contacted to join their Facebook page—Snow College Forensic Alumni—as a way to keep tabs on what is happening with the team and get updates and specifics on tournaments attended.

Snow Students Succeed at Competitions

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and students throughout campus have been busy preparing for competitions to showcase their talents and hard work.

The Snow Business students attended the state Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) competition in February. Many colleges (two-year, four-year, and universities) in America and Canada belong to DECA. Students went head-to-head with other colleges in the state and placed high in the following categories: Sports and Entertainment Marketing, International Marketing, Advertising Campaign, Business-to-Business Marketing, Business Law, Hospitality Management, Human Resource Management, and Restaurant and Food Marketing. Students who qualified represented Snow College at the Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, FL. Seven of these students received individual recognition.

Members of the Snow College Business Club competed at a state Professional Business Leaders competition at the beginning of April. Every Snow student placed in the top ten for at least one event, and most qualified for Nationals. Stu-

dents also placed in the following chapter awards: 1st place, Gold Seal Chapter Award; 1st place, Chapter Annual Business Report; 1st place, Chapter Newsletter; 1st place, Largest Membership Increase; and 2nd place, Program of Work.

Sixteen students represented Snow College at the Utah SkillsUSA Championship. Out of those who attended, 12 received medals, and seven qualified to go to Nationals in Kansas City, MO in June. Students placed in the following categories: Culinary Arts, Job Interview, Automotive Service Technology, Web Design, Telecommunications Cabling, Technical Computer Applications, Internetworking, Computer Programming, and Welding.

Snow College Cosmetology students traveled to Thanksgiving Point for a competition at the new Mountainland Applied Technology College campus at the beginning of April. Students placed in the following categories: Haircut, Style Match, and Updo Style.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff, the Advancement Office would like to congratulate these students on their achievements and awards. They represented Snow College very well, and we are proud of their accomplishments.

Former Students Offer Guidance at Alumni Career Day

On Wednesday, March 23, the Snow College Alumni Association sponsored an Alumni Career Day at the Greenwood Student Center on the Ephraim campus. This was a great benefit to our students and a wonderful opportunity for them to learn more about various careers. We appreciate all who participated by donating their time and energy in helping our students.

Snow College Alumni were invited to share their job experiences with students and answer any questions they might have. There were a variety of professions present that day: general contractor, graphic designer, public administrator, news reporter, teacher, pharmacist, attorney, banker, radiologic technologist, physician, physical therapist, dentist, artist, software developer, business administrator, and accountant. Presenters came prepared with displays and information pamphlets to hand out. Students were able to meet one-on-one with Alumni and ask in-depth questions about their career.



Wesley Thompson (left), an Ephraim dentist and a 1998 Snow College graduate, discusses his profession at the Alumni Career Day. Jennifer Bailey (far right), a radiologic technologist and 2004 Snow College graduate, also participated.

Community Conference Focuses on Preparedness

The second annual Central Utah Community Conference (CUCC) was held on March 25, 2011, in the Karen H. Huntsman Library on the Snow College Ephraim campus. The conferences are free to the public and provide an opportunity for community members and stakeholders of Snow College, Utah State University, and the Central Utah region to showcase their creative efforts. The conferences are aimed at forming community partnerships between higher education and residents of Central Utah while providing students, faculty, staff, and local entities with an outlet to exhibit and distribute information.

The theme for this year's conference was "Looking Toward the Future: Community Preparedness." Community members browsed display tables from local businesses and organizations as well as posters from students and faculty who were interested in sharing their creative and research activities.

The opening address was provided by Gary Straquadine, Dean and Executive Director of USU's regional campus in Tooele. He discussed how the roles of education, employment, and economic development are vital to rural Utah communities. He emphasized that higher education prepares communities for growth by educating future generations and giving them the skills and knowledge they need to be successful, as well as encouraging residents to stay local.



Snow College students Sean Baker and Preston Devel presented information on personal preparedness at the Central Utah Community Conference, held March 25.

Following the opening address, conference attendees were able to attend sessions with, and ask questions of, local experts in the following areas: personal financial planning, estate planning, food storage, Internet safety, and undergraduate research. The Snow College library staff also provided tours of the new library.

The Central Utah Community Conference Committee Members would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2nd Annual Community Conference. Please visit their website to learn more and to view details about their upcoming 2012 conference: <http://www.snow.edu/cucconference/>.

Program Helps High School Students Make “Smart Choices”

A new program at Snow College is helping high school students in Sanpete and Sevier County be more prepared for college.

The Smart Choices program, made possible by a grant from the Utah System of Higher Education, is designed to help underserved students from Manti, Gunnison, North Sevier, and Richfield High Schools get the skills and information they need to see that college is within reach.

“This program helps us reach out individually to students who may not see a clear path to higher education,” said Greg Dart, Director of Admissions at Snow College. “So far, the response has been amazing.”

The grant has been in place for less than two months. The hope was that nearly 300 students would receive services through the grant. As of mid-April, almost 400 were involved in the program.

“It has been clear that this is filling a need in our area,” said Dart.

Students will be served in three main ways. Workshops are ongoing in the four high schools, teaching college

preparation topics such as study skills and time management.

Second, open houses will be held on both the Ephraim and Richfield campuses, where students and their parents can learn more about college programs, get help and information on how to finance college, and meet with advisors.

Lastly, a select group of students will be chosen to take part in a week-long summer camp, held at the Great Basin Environmental Education Center in Ephraim Canyon. Students who attend the summer course will receive two college credits for the College Success Skills class.

“We think it gives students an opportunity to see that college is within their grasp,” said Dart.

The Student Success Advising and Admission offices are overseeing the grant. Teisha Shepherd, a Juab High School graduate and soon to be Utah State University alum, is the Smart Choices Advisor and teaches the bulk of the workshops.

For more information on the program, call 435-283-7151.

New Deadline for Distinguished Alumnus Nominations

Nominations are being sought for the 2011 Snow College Distinguished Alumnus Award. The submission deadline has been moved to June 30, 2011.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award recognizes Snow College alumni for outstanding professional and personal achievements. Any former student who received a degree or certificate from Snow College is eligible for the award. The award recipient will be announced in October 2011 and will be honored during Homecoming Weekend.

A completed nomination packet must be submitted before a nominee can be considered for the award. The packet includes a completed nomination form, a summary resume of the nominee or a cover letter describing why the nominee is a distinguished alumnus, and a brief statement describing how the nominee’s life has been shaped by a community college education. The Awards Committee will review nominations and select recipients.

A copy of the nomination form and additional details are available at <http://www.snow.edu/alumni>. For more information, please contact the Snow College Advancement Office at (435) 283-7062.



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Additional information on Collegiate License Plates can be found at the Utah DMV website: <http://dmv.utah.gov/licensespecialplates.html>.

New Volleyball Coach Brings Experience and Enthusiasm

Snow College has hired Keven John as the new head volleyball coach.

John, originally from Colorado, started his coaching career right here in the Scenic West Athletic Conference as an assistant at Colorado Northwestern Community College.

"I am excited to be in the mountains again," John said. "Flying out for the interview and stepping off the plane felt like I was coming home."

John spent last season as defensive coordinator for Marietta College in Ohio.

Before his time with Marietta, John was the varsity coach at Elbert High School in Colorado from 2006-09. During his four years, Elbert won three consecutive league championships and one district championship while also making three



straight regional appearances. Prior to his stint at Elbert, John spent three years as the varsity coach at Kiowa High School, and three more seasons as the junior varsity coach at Ponderosa High School in Parker, Colorado.

John founded the Black Forest Volleyball Club in Colorado. He worked as director and coach for eight years sending 15 teams to the Junior Olympics.

John is enthused about his opportunity to be a head coach at the collegiate level. He furthered his education by gaining a Bachelor of Sports Science with emphasis in coaching from the United States Sports Academy in hopes of coaching at this level.

"My goal is always to put together a program in which athletes can flourish and love the game of volleyball as well as pursue academic goals," John said.

Snow College Athletics Update

Robert Nielson, Athletic Director

We are pleased to welcome our new coaches in our athletic department. Keven John is our new volleyball coach and has brought a sense of urgency to our program. With a solid core of returning players and a very strong recruiting class, the Badgers look like they will be contending for the Region 18 championship. Keven is a technician with a very solid method for developing players within a system of speed and quickness. They will be a fun and exciting team to watch.

Tyler Hughes has stepped up in his new role as Head Coach of the Football program. With a renewed emphasis on skill development and developing the overall player, the team has had a great spring season and an excitement for fall to begin. With the incoming recruiting class, the Badgers look to again be crowned champions in the Western States Football league and receive a berth in the Top of the Mountains Bowl.

The Softball team is again making a run for the conference tournament and continues to improve as they have time to practice and play outside! The team has had another very strong recruiting class and look to be reloading already. We wish them good luck as they begin tournament play.

Basketball season has ended but it is recruiting season, with both teams having success in signing top prospects for the upcoming season. The search for a new women's coach is progressing with a very strong pool of candidates applying for this position. Coach Ostlund is looking to build on the

success of this past season with several players returning after serving missions. Our teams have the unique position of being the only college in the nation to be both men's and women's National Champions!

With improvements to the Activity Center, new faces in the department and support from the administration, the Athletic department is prepared to rise to new levels of excellence. Our student-athletes are working hard in the classroom and preparing for success on the field and court. Our coaches are teaching them how to be successful, and we are excited about the future. We invite you to support the players as they continue to represent Snow College.

Schedule of Athletic Events

(Home games are in blue.)

Lady Badger Softball Schedule

Apr. 29: S.L. Community College, 1 and 3 p.m.

April 30: S.L. Community College, 12 and 2 p.m.

May 6: Southern Nevada, 1 and 3 p.m.

May 7: Southern Nevada, 12 and 2 p.m.

May 12-14: Region Tournament, Location TBA

May 19-21: National Tournament, St. George

Save the date for 2011 Homecoming!

November 5, against Arizona Western

In Memoriam

(From Jan. 13, 2011 to Apr. 16, 2011)

Alumni

Afton Christensen Swenson '38, Mar. 6, NE
 Bertha Howell Brady '40, Apr. 10, UT
 Ora Coleman Morrell '41, April 8, UT
 Ruth Rene Ellis Graham '53, Mar. 8, UT
 Paul Auer Beck '67, Feb. 26, UT
 Carol Latham '69, Feb. 12, UT
 Karen Reid Rees, '69, Jan. 22, MI
 Debra Jensen Madsen '74, Mar. 31, UT
 Worth Clinton Allred '02, Mar. 5, UT

Faculty

Patricia Faye Noble, Feb. 10, UT
 Snow College International Department, ESL Instructor
 J. Elliot Cameron, Feb. 27, UT
 President of Snow College, 1956-1958

Attendees

Hal DuWayne Jensen, Jan. 19, UT
 Mildred Jensen Puzey, Feb. 14, UT

Cory J. Young, Mar. 18, UT
 Gordon Dee Childs, Mar. 26, UT
 Avarad Ottoson, Mar. 26, UT
 Justin J. Stevens, March 29, UT
 Robertt Jaye Wolfe, April 1, UT
 Sherrie A. Forbush, April 5, UT

Friends

Scharlene Neeley Dobson, Jan. 26, UT
 Jack Gail Madsen, Jan. 29, UT
 Landon Robert Stephenson, Feb. 4, UT
 Thomas LaVel Hansen, Feb. 6, UT
 Ann Fitzgerald Doyle, Feb. 16, CA
 Lance L. Hyatt, Feb. 26, UT
 Jodi Lyn Wilson Bray, Mar. 16, UT
 Jenny Jones Belliston, April 9, UT
 Allen E. Olsen, April 13, UT
 Bessey Christensen Puzey, April 13, UT
 Jack LeRoy Bailey, April 16, UT

In Memory of Dr. J. Elliot Cameron

J. Elliot Cameron, resident of Provo, Utah, was born February 9, 1923, in Panguitch, Utah, to Benjamin Archie Cameron and Leonia Sargent. Elliot passed away on February 27, 2011, in Provo, Utah, due to causes incident to age. Elliot graduated from Springville High School and attended Branch Agricultural College (now Southern Utah University) where he was active in athletics and student government. He met his wife at BAC, and they were elected President and Vice President of the freshman class. They were married after a 15-month courtship.

Elliot served as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II before returning to Brigham Young University, where he graduated with both BS and MS degrees in June 1949. He was a life-long educator, serving as Principal of Duchesne High School and South Sevier High School, Superintendent of Sevier County School District, President of Snow College, and Dean of Student Services at Utah State University. In 1962 Elliot joined BYU as Dean of Students and Vice President and served there for 18 years before serving as President of BYU-Hawaii for six years and Commissioner of the LDS Church Education System for three years.



Upon retirement, he and Maxine served as President and Matron of the Provo, Utah Temple. An active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Elliot served as a bishop, stake president, LDS General Sunday School Board member, and Regional Representative, and as a sealer in the Provo Utah and Laie Hawaii Temples for 36 years. He and Maxine served an LDS mission for two-and-a-half years training temple missionaries. He also served as President of the National Society of Sons of the Utah Pioneers during the sesquicentennial year, 1997.

Elliot is survived by his wife of 68 years, Maxine, as well as three sons, one daughter, one foster son, 23 grandchildren, and 40 great-grandchildren.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff at Snow College, we would like to honor Elliot and his family for their generosity and service to Snow College. Elliot's support of students was appreciated by all, and he was a vital part of the Snow College family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Elliot's family at this time.

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The Snow College Advancement Office is starting a weekly feature on the Alumni website, the Alumni Spotlight.

This week's featured alumnus is Greg Young. He is a 1994 graduate and, while attending Snow College, he won the Best Performer Award in the Ascension Show Choir. You can learn more about him by visiting the Alumni website: <http://www.snow.edu/alumni>.

If you would like to highlight yourself or someone else, please contact the Advancement Office at (435) 283-7062 or alumni@snow.edu.

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