



**CWC Faculty Association
 Board of Trustees Report
 March 2026**

Amanda Winchester

Ag Safety class - The Ag Safety class did a field trip to Brown Company to learn about tractor safety. Students got to get in the equipment and see how everything works. I even had to take a picture to show how big the tires are compared to myself.



CWC Livestock Judging Team is hosting three big events in March. This will bring 150 4-H and FFA kids to compete for the Livestock Judging Contest at the complex. The Sift and Sale brings 4-H and FFA kids to the complex to purchase their summer animals for fair. The Boots and Buckles is our annual fundraiser and that is how we raise money for the team to travel.

Central Wyoming College
Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, March 21, 2026
 Rustler Ag & Equine Center
 Packet Pick-Up 7:30 a.m.
 Contest Begins 8:30 a.m.

Open to all 4-H and FFA members
 \$15 Registration - Lunch Provided
 Registration open until March 19
 Register Here

Questions? Contact Amanda Winchester
 at awinche@cwc.edu or 307-855-2258

CWC LIVESTOCK SALE

Sift: March 28 6pm
 SALE: March 29 10am

CONSIGNERS

Mattie Parizo
 Morgan Livestock
 Huddellville Livestock
 Debbie & Todd Jensen
 Phyllis Bruce Jensen
 Blue Ridge Livestock
 E22 Livestock
 Dimp Livestock
 The Wyoming State Sheep Club
 Central Sheep Range
 J&J Livestock
 A Holly Livestock
 Andrew Clark Livestock
 @HollyLivestock
 Susan Livestock

BOOTS & BUCKLES

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 / 6PM
 FREMONT CENTER
 \$40 PER TICKET

Come support the Central Wyoming College livestock judging teams at their annual fundraising event

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Platinum Buckle - \$60-\$70 1 Buckle to the team and program being sponsored in all event promotions	Silver Buckle - \$300 1 Buckle to the team and program being sponsored in all event promotions	Gold Buckle - \$500 1 Buckle to the team and program being sponsored in all event promotions
Platinum Buckle - \$100 10 Buckles to the team and program being sponsored in all event promotions	Silver Buckle - \$200 10 Buckles to the team and program being sponsored in all event promotions	Gold Buckle - \$300 10 Buckles to the team and program being sponsored in all event promotions

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The Livestock Judging team has traveled to Minnesota, Iowa, Texas, Kansas City, Louisville KY, and Nebraska several times this year. The team gets exposure to different producers, livestock and great experiences. This will help them make connections for jobs later on, internships and knowledge of the industry.

Colby Hale - Feeds and Feeding

Students traveled to the Lucky 7 Angus Ranch to learn about their feeding, feed efficiency, and the most viable economic traits in the cattle industry for the rancher.



Melena Osborne

UW Awards and Nominations:

(1) *Received* **John P. “Jack” Ellbogen Dean’s Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award**

Awards ceremony to be held at UW on May 12, 2026

(2) *Nominated* for **Outstanding Graduate Student Award for Significant Accomplishments**

Publications:

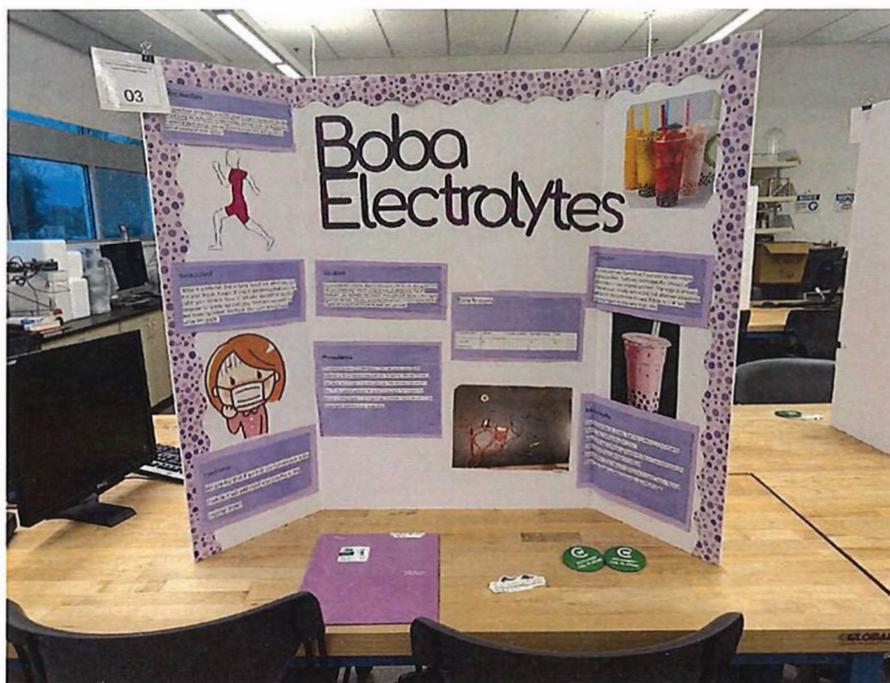
(1) *Conditionally accepted* (for formatting) manuscript titled “Shifting Perspectives: Exploring Function Transformations” for the All Tasks Special Issue (forthcoming July 2026) in the premier practitioner journal in mathematics education through the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, *Mathematics Teacher: Learning and Teaching Pre-K-12*.

(2) *Currently developing* (as co-author) curriculum for an Open Educational Resource textbook specifically designed to provide secondary mathematics pre-service teachers with lesson plan exemplars that integrate the Wyoming Indian Education for All standards into mathematics teaching and learning (submission summer 2026).

West Central Regional Science Fair

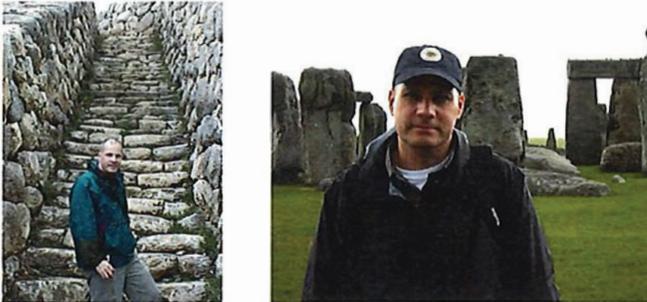
Professor of Chemistry and Physics, Dr. Bill Finney, held the West Central Regional Science Fair on January 23, 2026. A total of 6 projects from three schools participated in this year’s fair. Students who participate have followed a rigorous set of rules set by the International Science and Engineering Fair to perform and present an independent research project. Receiving a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in their category qualifies a project to enter the Wyoming State Science Fair, held this year at the University of Wyoming March 1-3, 2026. Dr. Finney would like to

acknowledge the hard work that area teachers provide to students interested in science fair and their school administrators who support this work. Additionally, he would like to thank Professor of Biology, Tara Womack-Shultz for serving as our Scientific Review Committee Chair. Additional thanks to Professor of Mathematics, Kate Patterson and Professor of GIS and Expedition Science, Mara Gans as well as Nick Freeland and Ira Walden from the Bureau of Land Management for their assistance in judging this year's projects. Their feedback to students helps them better prepare their projects for the State Fair. Dr. Finney plans to prepare a guide that would allow families and teachers who are new to science fair to more easily participate.



Ancient History

Professor of Political Science, Dr. Jim Thurman, recently completed Harrison Middleton University's *Continuing Education Diploma in the Humanities*, focusing on the culture, philosophy, and history of the ancient world. In addition to substantial study in Greek and Latin languages, the Diploma coursework included working with a number of original source texts, ranging from—to name just a few—Greek playwrights Sophocles and Aristophanes, to Stoic philosophers Epictetus and Marcus Aurelius, to the historical works of Herodotus and Thucydides. Supplementing material on classical Greece and Rome, Dr. Thurman also completed two short courses on Ancient Egypt from the University of Pennsylvania.



(Pictured - Old photos, ancient sites: Dr. Thurman at the Hittite City Hattusa, and at Stonehenge.)

In addition to his own long-time interest in the ancient world (he previously completed an MA focusing on Russian and Middle Eastern History at Cal State DH, and has travelled widely to historical sites), Professor Thurman is motivated by student interest in ancient history, and has begun to reorganize CWC course offerings in this area.

Biology



In June, 2025, biology faculty Lucy Graham, Kirsten Kapp and Claudia Troxel participated in a workshop on the cutting-edge technology, CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Palindromic Repeats), as part of a **National Science Foundation IUSE Grant (#2336866)** with Pikes Peak State College and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The goal of the grant was to support faculty in their implementation of CRISPR into the biology curriculum. Graham, Kapp and Troxel revamped their curriculum and implemented the CRISPR modules

into their fall General Biology courses. Support from the grant provided ~\$27,600 in equipment (including incubating shakers, table top and mini centrifuges, gel electrophoresis chambers, gel transilluminators, micropipettes etc) at the Riverton, Lander and Jackson campuses. A total of 96 students benefitted in the fall semester from the new equipment while learning hands-on how CRISPR can be used to treat genetic disorders. Participation in this grant allowed students to learn and hone their skills in biotechnology while learning about cutting edge medical technology used to treat genetic disease like sickle cell anemia. The equipment earned from faculty participation in this project will enhance the implementation of biotechnology skills and benefit future biology students at Central Wyoming College.

Mike Hoyt- Director of the Bootstrap Collaborative/Adjunct Instructor

One exciting update in our partnership with Rishihood University is Dr. Chitra's upcoming visit. She will be coming to Central Wyoming College next month on April 9th and staying until the end of the month. While here, she is scheduled for all sorts of activities, including: classroom visits, lectures in business classes, meeting with the intercultural student club, a collaborative hackathon with both our students and those at Rishihood, and presenting at the Central Wyoming Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CWIE) conference on April 23-24th. She is excited to build relationships and share her Indian culture. Please reach out to me at mhoyt@cw.edu if you would like to schedule some time with our visiting faculty.

