



Central Wyoming College - Foundation



*Together We Make Our Way Campaign Dashboard
(July 1, 2018 – February 26, 2026 unless otherwise noted)*

Alumni Spotlight

Jada Antelope



Raised in Ethete on the Wind River Indian Reservation, Jada Antelope, is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe who has always felt a strong connection to community, family, and the outdoors. Outside of school, you'll find her spending time with family, cooking and baking, hiking, camping, backpacking, or riding her bike. As an aunt to three nephews and three nieces, she's especially passionate about sharing her love of outdoor recreation with the next generation.

Jada earned her Associate of Applied Science in Expedition Science and Outdoor Recreation through Central Wyoming College's Alpine Science Institute, a program that blended her interests in environmental science and outdoor adventure. Her educational journey wasn't a straight line. After graduating high school, she began studying anthropology in 2017 but eventually stepped away to work with the Montana Conservation Corps. It was there that she met a former CWC student who introduced her to Jacki Klancher and the opportunities available through the Lander Center and the Alpine Science Institute.

The program's unique collaborations — including partnerships with the National Outdoor Leadership School and the University of Wyoming in East Africa — immediately caught her attention. With a background in conservation and a growing interest in environmental science and outdoor recreation, CWC felt like the perfect fit.

Jada's favorite part of being a student was the tight-knit community at the Alpine Science Institute. Nestled just below Sinks Canyon, the campus offered a beautiful and inspiring setting for learning. Courses took her from the Wind River Mountains to the Himalayas in Nepal — hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, and camping while earning college credit along the way. These hands-on, field-based experiences opened doors professionally as well, helping her build lasting connections with the U.S. Forest Service.

Balancing school with family responsibilities was her greatest challenge. Living close to home meant being present when family health needs arose. She learned how to create time and space for her studies while continuing to show up for those she loves — a lesson in resilience and boundaries that will serve Jada well in the future.

Scholarship support made a tremendous difference in her journey. Financial assistance allowed her to live on campus and focus fully on classes and expedition coursework without the constant stress of tuition and housing costs. Jada carries deep gratitude for those who invested in her education.

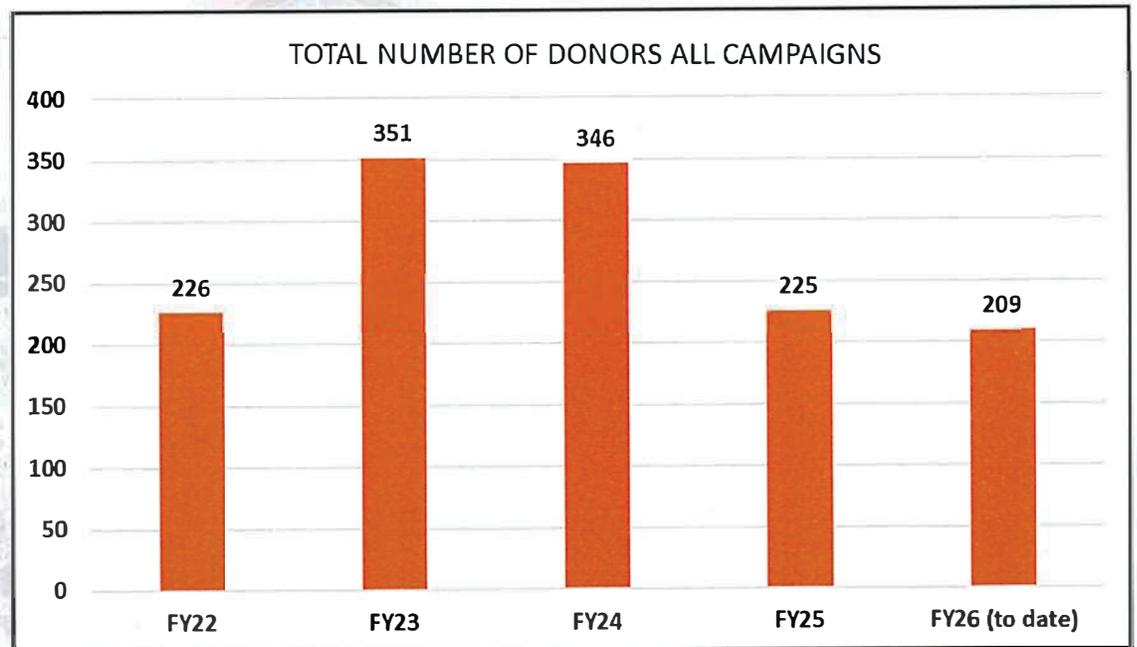
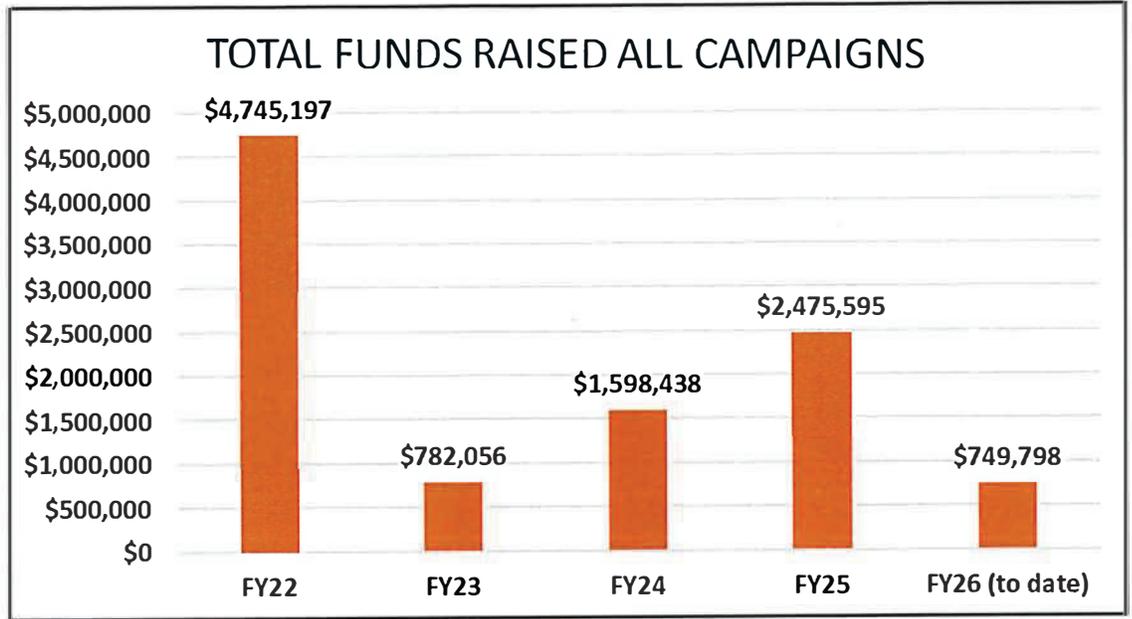
When asked about mentors, Jada is quick to share appreciation for the many faculty and staff who supported her — especially Jacki Klancher, along with Mara Gans, Darran Wells, and Kathryn Primrose. Whether in class or during long homework sessions at the Lander Center, they showed up consistently, offering guidance, encouragement, and practical support. Jacki, in particular, has been a mentor throughout her journey and holds a special place in Jada's heart.

Looking ahead, she is set to attend the University of Wyoming in fall 2026 to pursue a degree in Geographic Information Systems & Technology with a minor in Geography, with plans to continue on to a master's degree in GIST. If you ask Jada where she sees herself in five years, she smiles: back at the Lander Center, teaching for Central Wyoming College, mentoring students, and giving back to the program that gave her so much.

Jada is especially passionate about increasing outreach to tribal members on the reservation so more students are aware of the opportunities available through the Alpine Science Institute. The program has been transformative in her life, and she hopes to be part of its continued growth — particularly in advancing diversity and inclusion efforts.

For Jada, Central Wyoming College wasn't just a place to earn a degree. It was a community, an adventure, and the beginning of a lifelong commitment to education, the outdoors, and service.

FINANCIALS



Campaign Goals

Rustler AG & Equine Program & Building Enhancements:
 Goal: \$2,500,000
 Total Raised: \$223,611

Jackson Program & Building Enhancements:
 Goal: \$2,500,000
 Total Raised: \$1,202,798

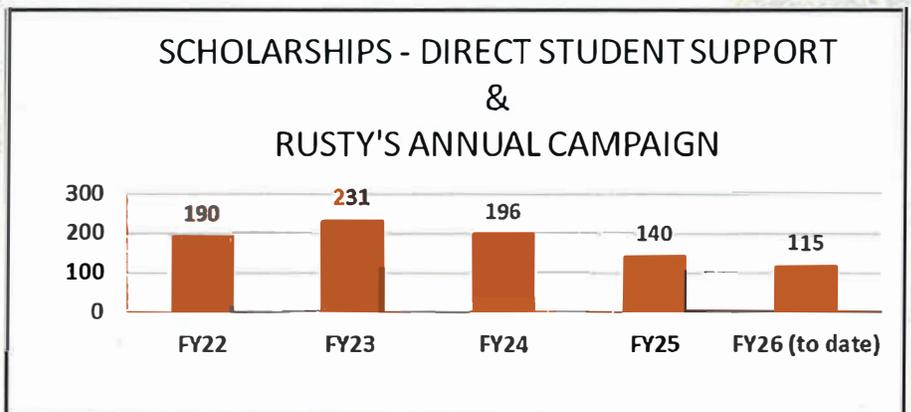
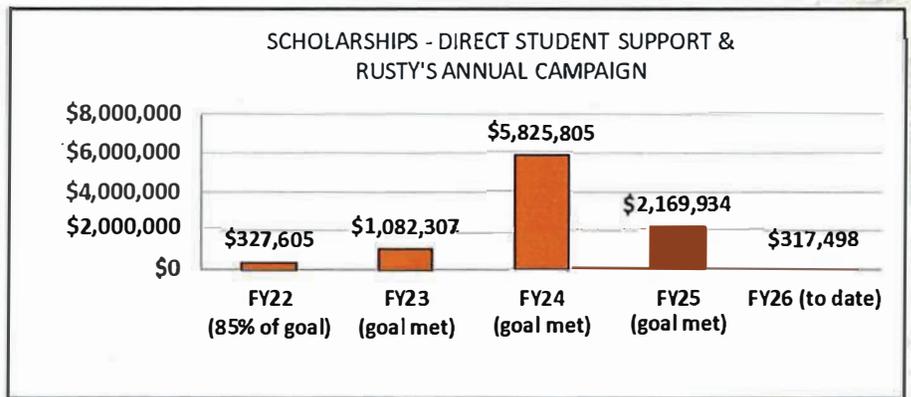
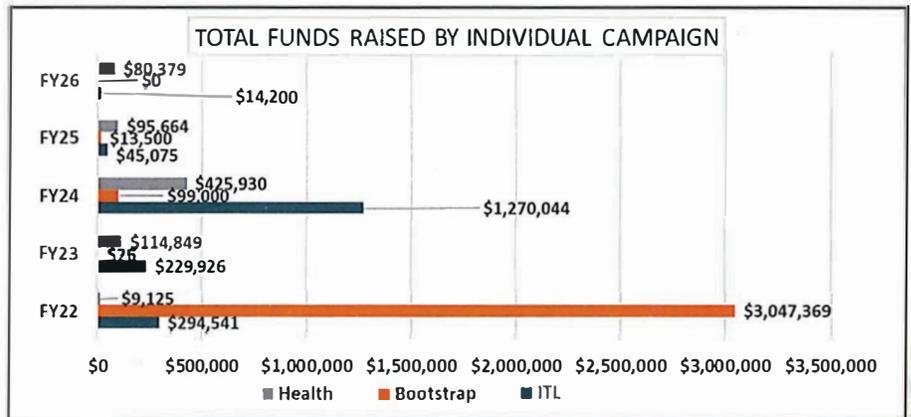
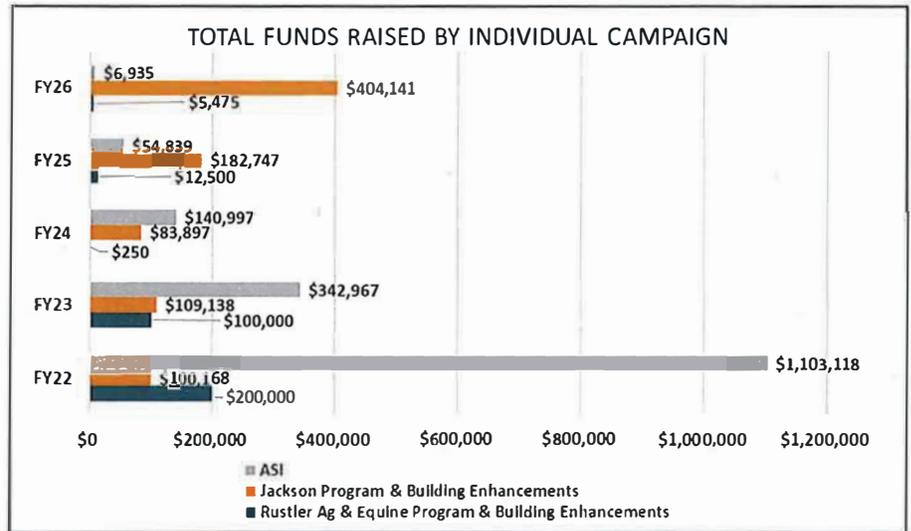
Alpine Science Institute:
 Goal: \$3,000,000
 Total Raised: \$932,626

Institute of Tribal Learning:
 Goal: \$5,000,000
 Total Raised: \$2,730,098

Bootstrap Collaborative:
 Goal: \$2,500,000
 Total Raised: \$113,526

Health:
 Goal: \$3,000,000
 Total Raised: \$1,733,987

Scholarships—Direct Student Support & Rusty's Campaign:
 Annual Goal: \$500,000



GRANTS

CWCF Grants - FY25

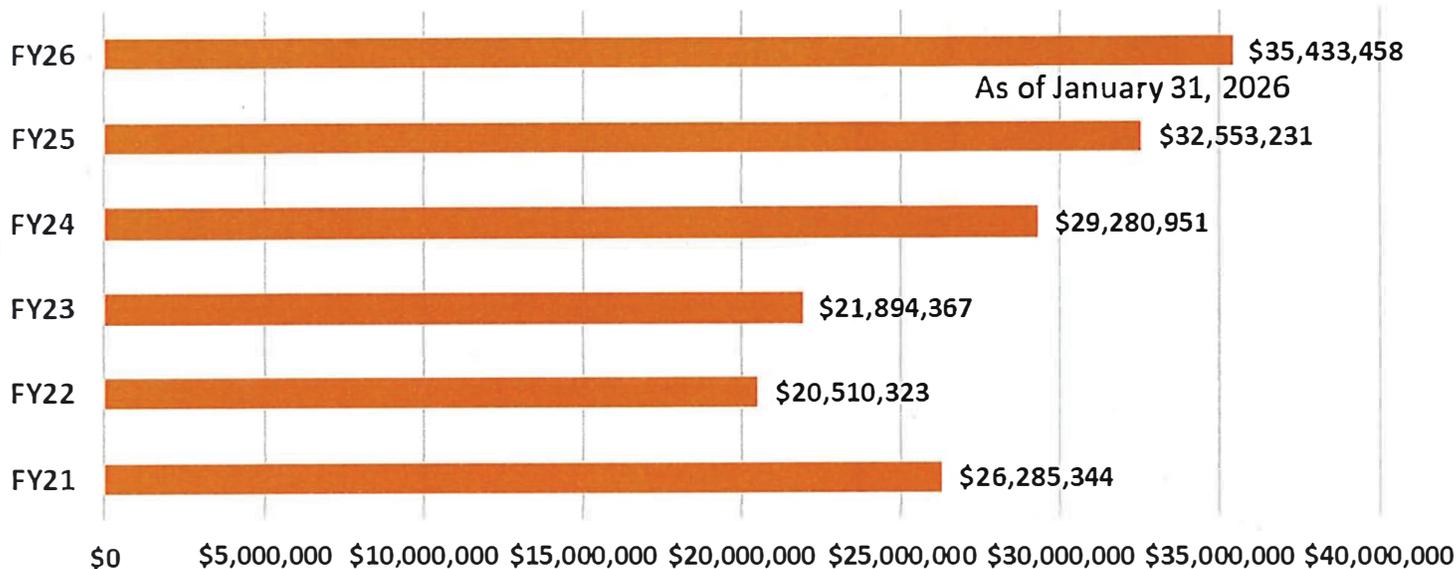
FY 24/25 Totals by Campaign (some proposals still pending) Applied for from 07/01/2024 -06/30/2025	Granting Agency	Proposal Title	Date Sub'd	Campaign	Amount Requested	Indirect Funds Requested	Total Amount Funded	Indirects Funded
	Department of Family Services	Central Wyoming Food Systems Support	8/3/24	ASI	\$310,720.00	\$77,680.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Basic Needs for Post Secondary Students						
RUSTLER Grants = \$172,578 proposed / \$10,000 awarded RUSTLER IDC = \$75,000 proposed / \$0 awarded	Department of Education FIPSE	Program	8/5/24	Other	\$90,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$90,000.00	\$22,500.00
	NASDAQ	Financial Literacy Empowerment Grant	8/7/24	Bootstrap	\$200,000.00	Not Allowed	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Walmart Spark Good Micro Grant	Spark Good Community Grant	8/10/24	Other	\$5,000.00	Not Allowed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jacks on Grants = \$461,260 proposed / \$10,000 awarded Jacks on IDC = \$64,989 proposed / \$0 awarded	Clif Bar Foundation	ASI Trails Support Grant	8/15/24	ASI	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	National Arts Endowment	International Photography Award	8/15/24	Other	\$10,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	USDA SARE Grant	CWC Meats Certificate Training Funding	9/1/24	RUSTLR	\$10,000.00	Not Allowed	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
	USDA NIFA Grant	Ranching Renaissance CTE Program	11/15/24	RUSTLR	\$162,578.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ASI Grants = \$1,845,341 proposed / \$650,000.00 awarded ASI IDC = \$508,801 proposed / \$162,500.00 awarded	Nat'l Science Foundation ATE Grant	Higher Ed Tech Education (GIST)	12/15/24	ASI	\$650,000.00	\$162,500.00	\$650,000.00	\$162,500.00
	Dollar General Adult Literacy Grant	Library Writing Center	2/6/25	Other	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ITL Grants = \$5,000 proposed / \$5,000 awarded ITL IDC = \$0 proposed / \$0 awarded	HRSA Nursing Grant	Scholarships for Nursing Students	2/19/25	Scholar	\$367,000.00	\$55,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Community Foundation Jackson Hole	Native Voices	3/5/25	Jackson	\$28,000.00	Not Allowed	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
	USDA RD Distance Learning	Jackson Internet Connectivity	3/6/25	Jackson	\$433,260.00	\$64,989.00	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
	Nat'l Endowment for the Arts	Visual Arts Support for Kiln	3/11/25	Other	\$48,000.00	Not Allowed	Funding Cx'd	Funding Cx'd
Bootstrap Grants = \$200,000 proposed / \$0 awarded Bootstrap DC = \$0 proposed / \$0 awarded	Walmart Spark Good Micro Grant	Athletics Booster Club	3/24/25	Other	\$2,000.00	Not Allowed	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
	Wyoming Arts Council - Music (CWC)	Hot Notes Cool Nites	3/31/25	Other	\$8,000.00	Not Allowed	4386.00?	\$0.00
Scholarships-Direct Student Support Grants = \$805,000 proposed / \$0 awarded Scholarships-Direct Student Support Grants IDC = \$90,090 proposed / \$0 awarded	Rocky Mtn. Power Blue Sky Energy	Solar Panels	3/31/25	Other	\$335,047.00	Not Allowed	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
	Wyoming Arts Council - Theater (CWCF)	Theater Program Support	3/31/25	Other	\$15,000.00	Not Allowed	\$4,386.00	\$0.00
	Laura J. Musser Grant	Cottonwoods on ASI Trails	3/31/25	ASI	\$50,000.00	Not Allowed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Grants = \$575,297 proposed / \$128,092 awarded Other IDC = \$187,400 proposed / \$22,500 awarded	EPA Thriving Communities Grant	Van and Student Scholarships for Farm	3/31/25	ASI	\$280,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	HRSA Behavioral Health Grant	Scholarships for Social Work Students	4/1/25	Scholar	\$438,000.00	\$35,040.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Dpt. Homeland Security	SLCGP Grant Cybersecurity Funding	4/5/25	Other	\$24,250.00	Not Allowed	\$24,250.00	\$0.00
	Kubota	ASI Farm Tractor Funding	4/14/25	ASI	\$50,000.00	Not Allowed	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Enbridge Solutions	Tribal Leadership Program	5/18/25	ITL	\$5,000.00	Not Allowed	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
	USDA Local Food Promotion Program	Nourishing Communities, Food Systems	6/27/25	ASI	\$499,621.00	\$197,621.00	Pending	Pending
	Levitt Foundation AMP Music Series	Hot Notes Cool Nites	6/30/25	Other	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
					\$4,649,476.00	\$868,780.00	\$795,136.00	\$185,000.00
							\$499,621.00 still pending decision	\$197,621.00 still pending decision

Green = Awarded Orange = Pending Red = Denied

Indirect costs represent the expenses of doing business that are not readily identified with a particular grant, contract, project function or activity, but are necessary for the general operation of the organization and the conduct of activities it performs. In general, these are unrestricted dollars received by the grant awardee.

CWC FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

ENDOWMENT VALUE



The CWC Foundation endowment is invested in a "Growth/Income" allocation. Approximately 57% in stocks and 43% in bonds and cash. These stock and bond allocations are broadly diversified across different asset classes and managers. TIAA Kaspick serves as the investment manager for the endowment. The following compares their performance to our identified benchmarks as of January 31, 2026.

	CWCF Endowment	Multi-Asset Benchmark	Traditional Benchmark
One Year	13.6%	14.2%	11.2%
Three Year	9.7%	10.5%	11.6%
Five Year	5.7%	6.4%	7.2%
Ten Year	7.1%	7.4%	8.2%
Twenty Year	6.1%	6.2%	6.9%