A Message to our 130,000+ UW Alumni Worldwide:
Your Cowboy Community is thinking of you

April 2, 2020
As the University of Wyoming and the Alumni Association continue into our third week of adapting campus life in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, I know that the response to COVID-19 is has changed the way you are living and working. During this time, please know that your UW Alumni Association is here to support you. I want to share the following updates with you:

- We want to commend our faculty, administrators and staff who put students first and worked tirelessly to shift the university’s academic courses to online learning platforms in a short period of time. The university has put the health and safety of our students at the forefront and the division of Student Affairs has continued to deliver support and resources to students.

- Difficult times often offer us the opportunity to think differently. We have heard many ideas from our board, staff and UW colleagues on how we can look at new avenues for meaningful alumni engagement. We are implementing these ideas and welcome any feedback you may have as we continue to serve our alumni community. Please share your thoughts with us at uwalumni@uwyo.edu or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn.

- As life has changed for us, we know it has brought changes and challenges for our students as well. Many of you have reached out with offers of assistance and expressions of concern. We thank you for your offers and for more information on how you can help. The University of Wyoming (UW) Foundation has officially launched a new campaign called “Pokes Make the Difference: Student Emergency Fund.” This fund supports financial emergency needs—housing, food, technology access, and more—for our UW students as they work so very hard to keep their education aspirations on track during the COVID-19 national and global health crisis. We look forward to having you virtually with us as we celebrate the kindness of the Cowboy Spirit and its tremendous impact. For more information and to make a donation click here.
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- Cowboys Care! It has been heart-warming to learn of many acts of kindness and compassion from UW Cowboys and Cowgirls. Our alumni, faculty and students are reaching out to those in their communities who need a little boost to make it to the other side of this challenge. The UWAA would like to add to this by having our alumni share stories of those who are going above and beyond for their communities – or for their fellow Cowboys. Whether it is related to supporting others during COVID-19 or another story about an alum positively impacting the world, click here to share your story and we may use it in a future communication.

- Finally, the UWAA staff has been working from eight different homes to continue serving our cowboy community and alumni base digitally. For the latest information please UW’s official COVID-19 response site for updates as they are made available.

Even though we have had to postpone a few alumni events, and we sure miss seeing you in person, alumni engagement and service are still going strong. We are working hard to continue to provide career services for students and to help recruit the strongest freshman class of 2020. More than anything, we hope you will reach out to connect with fellow alumni and friends – the relationships and bonds you formed at UW are forever. Navigating difficult times together only makes us more confident that we will emerge a more resilient community. No matter where you are, your Cowboy Community is always there for you.

My Best in Brown and Gold,

Keener Fry
UWAA Executive Director