As we look forward to the upcoming academic year, I would like to take a few moments to reflect on some of the wonderful accomplishments of our alumni, faculty, staff, and students over the past 12 months. The College of Business is an institution with individuals dedicated to education and the pursuit of excellence; as evidence of our success, I offer the following:

- A bequest from Clara Toppan resulted in the establishment of two significant endowment funds for the College of Business.
- The Cowgirl Basketball team, which featured four student athletes from the College of Business, won the season-ending Women’s National Invitation Tournament with a six-game winning streak over Nevada, Missouri, Oregon, South Dakota State, Kansas State and Wisconsin.
- The College of Business has AACSB International accreditation, an industry standard of excellence achieved by fewer than 15 percent of business schools worldwide.
- The University of Wyoming was recognized as having one of the Top 10 programs in the country in Resource and Environmental Economics.
- Peter and Paula Green Johnson provided funds for the creation of a career center providing career management services to UW’s business students.
- Dick and Maggie Scarlett endowed the first faculty position in business administration.
- UW economics professor Jason Shogren accepted a royal appointment for the 2007–08 academic year to serve as Sweden’s King Carl XVI Gustaf’s professor of environmental science.
- We have hired a number of prestigious faculty members for the upcoming academic year, including Dick McGinley, Bill Daniels Distinguished Professor of Business Ethics, Chuck Mason, the first H.A. “Dave” True Jr. Chair in Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics, and Eric Arnould, Distinguished Professor of Sustainable Business Practices.
- Our students were, once again, among the most accomplished in the nation, with the senior class ranking in the 95th percentile in a standardized exit exam benchmarking business schools.
- University of Wyoming College of Business students placed second in the University of Arizona’s Eller School of Management international ethics contest.
- UW students elected accounting student David Kiren as president of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW).

As for the upcoming 2007–08 academic year, we expect more exceptional results as our faculty, staff, and students strive to achieve further distinction in the areas of environment and natural resources, business ethics, and entrepreneurship. Furthermore, our alumni continue to give generously to ensure the College of Business has the means to mentor our best and brightest, while also conducting research and providing valuable service to the State of Wyoming.
However, the most significant issue we will face in the upcoming academic year will be our effort to secure funding for a new facility for the College of Business. During the upcoming legislative session, the University of Wyoming, with the unanimous support of the Wyoming State Building Commission, will request funding for a renovated and expanded College of Business. The proposed improvements will solve our current space and technology limitations. The combined facility of renovated and newly constructed space will nearly double what is currently available. Additionally, it will have technological capabilities indicative of the 21st century.

The current business building, dedicated in 1960, was designed to accommodate 461 “commerce and industry” students. Today, the number of students has more than tripled and is projected to rise.

The proposed student-centered facility will offer opportunities unique to business education. Classroom spaces (for example, group study rooms, a multimedia laboratory, flexible case study rooms, and practice rooms) will accommodate a variety of teaching and learning methods. Not all learning takes place in a classroom, so the design includes open areas where faculty and students can gather informally to discuss ideas or work on projects.

Students will have easy access to student services including academic advising and a career center that will provide opportunities for students to pursue internships, networking, career planning, and job placement. In addition, by moving the college functions to a common facility, students and faculty in economics and finance will no longer be separated from their colleagues across campus. Consolidating all business disciplines in one space creates positive synergies and better models of the business world. Further, with modern distance education technologies such as two-way videoconferencing, multimedia presentation laboratories, and Internet communications, visiting executives and faculty will be able to share their expertise in Laramie and statewide.

With the support of the Wyoming Legislature this spring, tomorrow’s business students will be able to learn in an educational facility that better reflects the excellence of our faculty, curriculum, and students.

While the College of Business is welcoming a number of extraordinary new faculty members to campus, we are especially pleased to have three new chairs joining us this fall. By any measuring stick, this is an extraordinary accomplishment.

The first is Eric Arnould, UW’s Distinguished Professor of Sustainable Business Practices. Arnould is a leader in the fields of consumer behavior, marketing, globalization, and research employing qualitative data. In addition, Arnould brings outstanding industry credentials to the table through his work as an international consultant.

Chuck Mason, a 25-year faculty member at the University of Wyoming, is the first H.A. “Dave” True Jr. Chair in Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics. Mason’s research in resource and environmental economics, industrial organization and game theory is internationally known. Mason has also played an integral role in the Economic Department’s PhD program.

Dick McGinity is the third Bill Daniels Distinguished Professor of Business Ethics. McGinity has more than 30 years of experience as a venture capitalist, director of publicly traded and privately owned companies, and adviser to private and family-owned companies in a variety of industries.

Congratulations gentlemen. We are thrilled to have you joining our other three distinguished chairs in the College of Business.
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- American Marketing Association
- Beta Alpha Psi
- Beta Gamma Sigma
- Financial Management Association
- Institute of Management Accountants
- MBA Council

Students
- 1,279 business majors (undergraduate and graduate)
- Senior class scores in top 5 percent nationwide on Major Field Achievement Test in Business

The Class of 2006–07
- 184 Undergraduate degrees
- 53 Graduate degrees

UW MBA Graduate (1997) Yao Zhao was selected from a pool of 10,000 to compete in the finals of China’s new “Apprentice”-like TV program.
Faculty
- Forty-four full-time, tenure-track faculty and 11 academic professionals
- Six distinguished professors:
  - Eric Arnould, Distinguished Professor of Sustainable Business Practices
  - Edward Barbier, John S. Bugas Professor of Economics
  - Charles Mason, H. A. “Dave” True Chair Jr. in Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics
  - Dick McGinity, Bill Daniels Distinguished Professor of Business Ethics
  - Sherrill Shaffer, John A. Guthrie Distinguished Professor of Banking and Financial Services
  - Jason Shogren, Stroock Distinguished Professor of Natural Resource Conservation and Management

Cost of Attendance
- Princeton Review has named UW one of the nation’s “best value” undergraduate institutions citing outstanding academics, generous financial aid packages, and relatively low costs.
- Wyoming undergraduates: tuition & fees, $3,515; estimated cost of attendance, $14,665 per year
- Nonresident undergraduates: tuition & fees, $10,055; estimated cost of attendance, $21,205 per year
- Online executive MBA: two year program, $16,500
- The College of Business awarded $340,000 in privately funded scholarships for the 2007–08 school year.
Business leaders in the 21st century will need to consider the complex relationship between business decisions and their impact on environmental, economic, and social factors. This triple-bottom line will be the expanded standard for measuring organizational and community success.

The environment is likely to be the most pressing constraint on economic growth in the coming century. Far-sighted businesses recognize environmental challenges must be addressed. The challenge is how to implement such action affordably and efficiently.

As one of the premier educational institutions in the world, renowned for environment and resource economics and management work, the College of Business is leading the way in the field of sustainable business practices by focusing on the interdependence of environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and community development.

Environmental Stewardship

Balancing the demands of the marketplace with a healthy environment is a delicate equation. Many of the college’s economics and finance faculty are international experts in environment and natural resources (ENR), one of the college’s historical strengths. Two endowed chairs in this area—Jason Shogren, Stroock Distinguished Professor of Natural Resource Conservation and Management; and Ed Barbier, John S. Bugas Professor of Economics—have been joined by Charles Mason, H.A. “Dave” True Jr. Chair in Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics. Additionally, the University of Wyoming’s new energy school, backed by an initial $12.1 million appropriation from the state, will help enhance UW’s reputation as one of the world’s premier centers of expertise in energy-related science, technology, and economics.

The key to sustainability is balancing needs fulfillment with the protection of the natural world so needs can be met now and in the future. The college’s economics faculty published more than 50 articles in the area of ENR in referred journals and books in the past year. In addition, the department is the home of two top ENR journals in resource and environmental economics (Resource and Energy Economics and the Journal of Environmental Economics and Management). The international reputation of the department and the faculty results in invitations each year to give keynote addresses at major conferences and symposia worldwide.

Economic Vitality

Entrepreneurs and small businesses form the backbone of Wyoming’s economy. Entrepreneurs are not limited to those who start their own businesses. It is clear having a foundation of entrepreneurial skills will help students whether they start a small business, return to an existing family business, create or work for a “start-up” venture, purchase an existing business, or act as an intrapreneur in an established company. Here at the College of Business, we guide our students and provide the necessary knowledge and skills so students will not only achieve their goals, but become the leaders of tomorrow.

Students learn entrepreneurship skills in the classroom and in the work environment. We supplement our curriculum with personal testimony from successful entrepreneurs who share pivotal lessons learned. Additionally, we bring in professionals who promote the entrepreneurial spirit, such as bank representatives, financial experts, and venture capital firm members. We also add practical experience by partnering with the Wyoming Business Technology Center (a.k.a. the business incubator), which develops opportunities for business students and faculty to work directly with startup enterprises.

Entrepreneurial education serves all students, and we are committed to help develop and diversify Wyoming’s economy. We help Wyoming retain some of its best and brightest young people by mentoring students who have the passion to create new Wyoming business ventures. We sponsor the $10K Entrepreneurship Competition, an annual business plan competition open to students from all disciplines. Since 2001, over 200 students have participated in the competition. Five past winners currently are operating their businesses in Wyoming and one is researching opportunities for expanding in Colorado.
Community Development

One way to retain graduates within Wyoming is to help ensure they have a desirable place to live and work. Community development is the responsibility of all parties, including the University of Wyoming’s College of Business. Through our curriculum and outreach efforts we strive to enhance the communities we serve by emphasizing business ethics, social responsibility and quality of life issues.

With the support of the Daniels Fund, our ethics in the workplace program sets standards for establishing values and behaviors critical to an organization and a community. Leading the effort this fall will be Dick McGinity who is joining the University of Wyoming as the third Bill Daniels’ Distinguished Professor of Business Ethics. The faculty and leadership team of the College of Business steadfastly believe business ethics education must be a priority within the college’s curriculum.

For the 10th consecutive year, College of Business students will participate in the Better Business Bureau Torch Awards, where companies are honored for demonstrating exemplary management practices, upholding high standards in relationships with customers, suppliers, and shareholders while showing integrity in marketing and advertising. NERD Gas Company LLC and Laramie’s Animal Health Clinic were recognized at this year’s awards dinner along with students in the program.

Community enhancement efforts are also initiated by the College of Business through activities such as our “Business over Breakfast” events, the college’s distinguished speaker series, student-business networking opportunities, and our work with the Wyoming Business Council to create an executive education program.

With businesses evolving rapidly and the workplace often filled with uncertainty, it is more important than ever to instill values and social responsibility in our students as they develop into tomorrow’s business and community leaders.

Making a Difference

The interdependence of economic vitality, community development, and environmental stewardship must be addressed by all aspects of society and the University of Wyoming is the industry pinnacle.

The concept of sustainability will be integrated by the College of Business with the $55 million renovation and expansion. As proposed, the new building will achieve a LEED silver certification from the US Green Building Council and will be the first green building on campus.

By constructing a building that exemplifies the benefits of sustainable design and construction techniques, the College of Business will bring environmental, economic, and social responsibility to a new level.
With the disciplines of economics and finance together in one department, our professors work together in research and teaching to develop a strong educational environment. Many of our internationally known professors bring a wealth of knowledge into the classroom. Degrees offered in the Department of Economics and Finance include a bachelor of science, master of science, and Ph.D.

Wyoming’s economics and finance department has been ranked as one of the most productive research facilities in the world by Econphd.net, a widely respected resource that ranks of economics faculties based upon research quality and productivity. Most recently Wyoming
- Ranked 10th in the United States and 12th in the world in environmental and resource economics.
- Ranked in top 50 in the world (42nd) in industrial organization.

Among that high-impact corps of professors are endowed professors whose responsibilities include maintaining high quality research and mentoring the scholars of tomorrow. They include:

**Jason Shogren**

Jason Shogren has an international reputation as one of the leading researchers in the world in Environmental Economics. Most recently he was appointed Sweden’s King Carl XVI Gustaf’s Professor of Environmental Science at Umea University’s Institute of Economics and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences’ Institute of Forest Economics for 2007-2008. The prestigious professorship appointment, created in 1996 to honor King Carl XVI Gustaf’s 50th birthday, was established to promote education and research in environmental protection. Shogren is also UW’s Stroock Distinguished Professor of Natural Resource Conservation and Management.

**Sherrill Shaffer**

Sherrill Shaffer holds UW’s Guthrie Distinguished Professorship in Banking and Financial services. He was most recently ranked 76th in the world among faculty by Ideas.com for the quality of his research over the past decade among all of the Finance faculty in the world. Sherrill’s previous appointments prior to coming to UW have included serving as a Vice President at the US Federal Reserve. Sherrill currently administers the UW College of Business Banking and Financial Services Program.

**Ed Barbier**

Ed Barbier serves as Wyoming’s Bugas Professor of Economics and Finance. Having earned an international reputation in Development Economics, his research focuses on how Environmental and Resource issues affect developing economics. This unique interest has led Ed to be called upon to serve on several national and international committees considering environmental policy and sustainable development. He also leads UW’s Development Economics and International Trade concentrations in the Department of Economics and Finance.

**Charles Mason**

Charles Mason, was recently appointed as the first H.A. “Dave” True Jr. Chair in Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics. His international reputation in Natural Resource Economics established as a faculty member of UW’s Economics and Finance Department made him a natural fit for this professorship. As the True Chair, Chuck will oversee the creation of a new Energy Economics program allowing Wyoming students the knowledge and background to become tomorrow’s energy leaders.

**Walt Werner**

Walt Werner is the Department’s Roy Chamberlain Distinguished Visiting Professor of Free Enterprise. After a very successful private-sector career in the fast-moving world of high finance, Walt now gives a select group of upper division and graduate students the opportunity to learn first-hand the business of modern portfolio management by managing and investing State and University funds under guidelines established by the State Treasurer’s office and the State Investment board. Such first-hand business opportunities are rare in academia, but at Wyoming they are the types of challenges that make our students competitive with any in the world.
The Department of Accounting offers both bachelor’s and master’s degrees to prepare students for the diverse and stimulating world of accounting in the 21st century. Accounting courses combine real-world skills with theoretical knowledge and promote a high standard of professional ethics. In today’s fast-paced business environment, accounting is a critical factor for virtually every decision made in any organization. Today’s accounting students are in high demand in Wyoming, the region, the nation, and throughout the world.

Clara Toppan

A bequest from Clara Toppan has resulted in the establishment of two endowment funds for the College of Business. Toppan, a UW graduate, was the first woman CPA in Wyoming. As a result of her generosity and commitment to business education, the Frederick W. and Clara R. Toppan Scholarship Fund will support business students interested in accounting. In recognition of her career as a CPA, the college will allocate the income from the Clara R. Toppan Endowment to establish the Clara R. Toppan Endowed Chair in Accounting.

Accounting Department Chair and Associate Dean Penne Ainsworth says of Clara’s contributions, “The scholarships she set aside for accounting students will have an incredible impact on our ability to recruit students into the accounting profession. In addition, I am deeply honored I will be able to oversee the establishment of the department’s first endowed chair in honor of this admirable woman. The impact of her gifts on accounting education will be long lasting and significant.”

Clara was always very proud of being the first woman CPA in Wyoming.

Practitioners’ Day

More than 80 students, practitioners, faculty, and staff participated in Practitioners’ Day 2006. Sponsored by the Wyoming Society of Certified Public Accountants and hosted by the UW Delta Alpha Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the event provides UW accounting students with information about career opportunities and the accounting profession.

Teacher Appreciation

The UW College of Business and the Wyoming Society of Certified Public Accountants sponsored and hosted the first ever Teacher Appreciation and Accounting Education luncheon in November 2006 at the Casper Petroleum Club to honor high school teachers and highlight career opportunities available to those who successfully complete accounting degrees.

Beta Alpha Psi Competition

Four University of Wyoming College of Business students won first place at a regional accounting meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In May, accounting students Melissa J. Burton, Cody, Sarah E. Logan, Rock Springs, Pritesh B. Patel, Douglas, and finance major Katherine (Katie) C. Carson from Custer, South Dakota, presented “Tutoring of the Future,” at the recent Rocky Mountain Regional Conference. The project centered on simplifying core principles in an accounting course. The UW students are members of the Beta Alpha Psi, Delta Alpha Chapter, the UW chapter of the national accounting honorary.

Department Chair Penne Ainsworth

Professor, chairperson of the Department of Accounting and associate dean for students of the College of Business, (307) 766-3807.
The Department of Management and Marketing prepares future leaders to be effective in the breakneck environment of globalization, competition, and technology. To achieve this goal, the cornerstone degrees of business administration, management, and marketing must be as nimble as the businesses we study: alert to signs of change and responsive to employer needs.

Dick & Maggie Scarlett

Longtime University of Wyoming supporters Dick (B.S. 1964 business administration) and Maggie (B.A. 1963 speech pathology) Scarlett of Jackson Hole recently presented the final payment of their endowment to establish the W. Richard Scarlett III and Margaret W. Scarlett Chair of Business Administration in the UW College of Business.

The total endowment, with state matching funds, will be $1.5 million. The endowment creates the first endowed faculty position in business administration in the Department of Management and Marketing.

Sales Simulation Day

Students in Kent Drummond’s Professional Selling class participated in the 4th annual Sales Simulation Day recently. The sales simulation is the culminating project for students in this class where each student has 25 minutes to give a sales presentation of a product they have chosen. The judges, who are sales professionals in the community, give feedback to the students. The goal is to identify strengths and weaknesses for each student with a flavor of encouragement and positive feedback.

College of Business Distinguished Alumnus and Advisory Council member Frank Mendicino (B.S. 1962, business administration; J.D. 1970) has been an integral part in developing the sales simulation program, providing financial support as well as guidance and mentoring. Because of his belief in the importance of sales, he and his wife, Barbara, have committed to establish an endowed professorship in sales and salesmanship.

Department Chair John Jackson
Professor of management and chairman of the Department of Management and Marketing, (307) 766-3124.
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Focus on donors
The key component to being an effective leader is the willingness of people to follow your example and what you stand for. Good leaders are successful at adapting their leadership skills to whatever groups are following them.

A good leader has the ability to clearly develop and articulate a vision of where the company is going. They develop the plans and show their employees how they are going to get there. Even more important, a good leader does not solely decide the path themselves, they utilize the input of their employees.

One of the most important characteristics of leadership is utilizing the employee and communication with the employee to get the job done. You can have the greatest plan in the world, but if you cannot communicate that plan to your employees to motivate them and get them excited, then the plan has no purpose.

**John McGrath B.S. 1986 Accounting**

**On career development:** Plan for your interview. What five things do you want to make sure to get across about yourself? Ask smart questions. You have one chance to make a first impression. It's important to convey confidence—to be self-assured—when you interview.

**On ethics:** If ethics is part of your value system and part of your company's value system, then there is a clear direction for decision making. Make sure corporate values match your values. A good fit is important.

**On leadership:** You can't build a successful company by consensus—it's important for an executive to be a decision maker.

The leadership of Wyoming has been very wise to recognize we are in a boom time and that this will not always be the case. Boom and bust has traditionally been a cycle in Wyoming.

Wyoming is an energy-centric state. I would tell any student interested in a career in energy that the state is following a sustainable development approach where we recognize there is value in economic growth tied to energy while balancing the delicate ecosystem. In addition, we must continue to husband the resources so they will be available over a long period of time.

The state has been very smart in the way it has managed the boom thus far, and I hope the business leaders and decision makers of tomorrow will continue to do so.
In life you will have mentors after you leave your formal education. Their involvement in your career will be invaluable. There is no magic formula for starting a successful business. Having said that, we can generalize about a few things:

1. The type of product, service, or technology doesn't matter. You can teach yourself about anything with enough hard work and perseverance.

2. Surround yourself with people who can live and work in a performance-oriented environment. Entrepreneurship is not a 9 to 5 job, it’s 24/7.

3. Learn to know what you do not know. Learn to know what you do not have but need. Reach out to other people.

4. Learn to be able to “see around corners.” Always pay attention to your tactical operations, while looking out for new things. Keep one eye on the desk in front of you and one eye way out in the future.

5. Money is fungible. Look for synergies.

6. Partnerships are essential, but be sure to align each party’s risk versus reward matrix in parallel. Treat partners fairly. If you make one dollar, they make one dollar; if you lose one dollar, they lose dollar.

7. Passion and leadership are essential ingredients for success because they can mitigate risk. You can’t win a game if you are not on the playing field.

Let me share with you what I look for in new hires

- Discipline
- Organization
- Work ethic
- Competitiveness

If you fight through your college experience and make it to the end, you are a valuable asset in the workforce. You have proven to people like me that might hire you that you can achieve everything it takes to be successful.”
The college is committed to helping business students prepare for their careers and find jobs. The College of Business Internship Program provides advanced business and graduate students with the opportunity to gain practical work experience in their academic field of study. These educational opportunities are fundamental to the professional development and readiness of each graduate. Students may receive academic credit while taking what they have learned and applying it to real world job experience. While gaining real world experience, students establish networks in the business community that can lead to long-term employment upon graduation.

Peter M. and Paula Green Johnson Business Career Center

Peter M. and Paula Green Johnson of Salt Lake City, Utah, recently donated $1,000,000 to endow a career center in the College of Business. Their gift will be matched by state funds. Income from the endowment will create the Peter M. and Paula Green Johnson Business Career Center which will provide career management services for UW’s business students, including career counseling, job search strategies, and marketing and networking tools to assist students in launching their careers.

In making their gift, the Johnsons explained, “We are so proud to have the opportunity to give back to the University, and particularly to the College of Business. The placement process is an integral and important part of earning a business degree. We need to provide our business graduates the opportunity to start their professional careers on the right foot.”

Bud & Bing Mortenson Internship

G. Russell Mortenson (B.S. 1971, business administration) established an entrepreneurship endowment in memory of his parents, Bud and Bing Mortenson, who opened their own hardware store in the mid-1950s on Second Street in Laramie. Annual income from the endowment will connect business students with clients in the Wyoming Technology Business Center. The two recipients of the Bud and Bing Mortenson Internship are Luke Schneider, an M.B.A. student from Powell and Dawn Vertner, working on an M.S. in accounting from Casper.

For more information

Joan Downham, coordinator, at (307) 766-2363 or downhamj@uwyo.edu or Lanny M. Stevens, director, at (307) 766-2962 or lstevens@uwyo.edu.
Online programs

The University of Wyoming’s dedication to outreach and distance learning is unmatched. Being the only four-year university in the state of Wyoming, it’s our duty to make sure our educational programs are available to as many people as possible. Classes offered through the Distance Learning Program have the same high standards as on-campus courses.

Online Business Administration Bachelor Degree

Business Administration gives students insight into marketing, management, finance, economics, and accounting – the complete spectrum of business knowledge. This program is designed to allow students to explore and understand the many facets of business and its role in our world. After completing university-approved general education courses and business administration prerequisites at a community college or university, students are eligible for admission into the Online Business Administration Degree Program. The final two years of the degree can be completed entirely online.

Executive M.B.A. Program

The University of Wyoming offers a part-time Executive Master of Business Administration degree consisting of 30 semester hours of graduate coursework. Previously, this program was offered only to students located in the state of Wyoming via compressed video and some online offerings. The Executive M.B.A. program is now offered completely online. The Executive M.B.A. program is designed to improve students’ capabilities for careers as professional managers and is accredited by AACSB International.

Real Estate Certificate Program

Our Real Estate Certificate Program is offered in conjunction with eCollege and the UW division of Outreach Credit programs. The program is endorsed by both the Wyoming Real Estate Commission and the Wyoming Certified Real Estate Appraiser Board. The certificate program does not require previous training in real estate and is designed for both the student and the professional. The program can be taken as part of a degree program or as a stand-alone set of courses.

For more information on the College of Business online courses contact busadmin@uwyo.edu.

Cindi Williams, Online B.S. in Business Administration 2006

Who am I? From a strictly one dimensional view, I am just like any other online student. I work full time, have children and personal obligations, and juggle a schedule that oftentimes requires rationing sleep and time with my loved ones. But on a deeper level, I represent all of those with whom I have had the pleasure of conversing in cyberspace.

I am the faceless name on a computer screen, the online student you never see. I am at once all of you and none of you, because my identity is as unique and multi-faceted as a diamond.

In my idealism, I would like to believe the online venues we are offered today that allow us to achieve our academic goals in higher education epitomize in some way Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream that children would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. Online classes offer us his well-stated opportunity where all of humankind will create alliances to overcome their common problems. I believe that online classes can and do play a role in championing equality.
Profiles of Excellence

Distinguished Alumnus

Ken Dugas is an accountant and partner at McGee, Hearne & Paiz in Cheyenne. Ken graduated in 1981 with a B.S. in accounting from the University of Wyoming where he was a member of both Beta Alpha Psi and Alpha Kappa Psi. Upon graduating, Ken went to work at McGladrey, Hendrickson and Company where he continued to work as it transformed into McGladrey and Pullen. During this time Ken was promoted to manager and senior manager. In 1996, Ken was promoted to partner.

In 2000, the nine partners of McGladrey and Pullen including Ken, decided to purchase the firm making it what is known today as McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP. Ken continues to define this prestigious firm with his strong ethics, knowledge, and understanding.

In addition to his membership in numerous accounting organizations, Ken is active in the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne, Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Laramie County, Special Friends, Early Education Partnership, the Red Cross and his church. In addition, Ken has been an avid supporter of Wyoming Athletics for years as a member of the Cowboy Joe Club and a season ticket holder for 20 years. Colleagues and community members that have worked with Ken over the years describe him as “a natural leader that takes his commitments very seriously,” “someone you can rely on to get the job done right” and a “professional of the highest order.”

Upon receiving this award Ken said, “Without any doubt in my mind, I wouldn’t be where I am today if it were not for my career which certainly had its humble beginnings in the halls and classrooms of the business college at UW. For 25 years at McGee, Hearne & Paiz I have had UW accounting graduates either pulling me or pushing me along. The UW College of Business produced the majority of my partners, past and present, and the majority of our staff. The University of Wyoming has produced many of my clients and the business and community leaders in Cheyenne and Laramie County. By honoring me, UW is actually honoring each and every one of these alumni because all of them have had such a very significant influence on my career and success.”

Ken and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Bryan and Cody. The College of Business is indeed honored to be able to recognize Ken Dugas as a truly distinguished alumnus.

Distinguished Alumnus

Karen Moody is the president, owner, and general manager of the Mill Inn of Sheridan. Karen graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1967 with a B.S. in mathematical statistics, in 1968 with a M.S. in economics, and finally graduated Cum Laude in 1971 with a B.S. in accounting.

Upon graduation in 1971, Karen went to work at Price Waterhouse in Denver as part of their professional audit staff. After a year at Price Waterhouse & Company Karen moved to Sheridan where she started her own CPA practice. In 1992, Karen opened the Mill Inn, a motel that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2006 Karen was appointed president of the Wyoming Lodging and Restaurant Association. In addition, Karen was awarded most valuable volunteer in Wyoming from American Hotel & Lodging Association.

The College of Business is privileged to award Karen Moody as a distinguished alumnus.

Distinguished Alumnus

Thomas W. Honig is the regional president of Wells Fargo Mountain Midwest Region overseeing 480 banking stores with approximately $30.7 billion in assets serving 2.6 million customers and 8,000 team members.

After graduating from UW’s College of Business in 1973 with a B.S. in business administration, Tom went into the financial services industry. Tom spent 20 years in Colorado with Norwest Bank and its predecessors, United Bank of Denver. He first served as manager of Commercial Banking and Real Estate Banking while at Norwest Bank Denver. In 1992, Tom became president of Norwest Banks in Boulder County and later became chief executive officer of the Greater Austin Region of Wells Fargo Bank. In 2000, Tom was named president and CEO of Wells Fargo Bank’s Colorado/Wyoming region.

Tom is continually active in the community. He is the chairperson of the Saint Joseph’s Hospital Foundation and past-chairman of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Tom serves on
With tables clad in bright spring colors and tulips in full bloom, the Crane-Hill dining hall was ready for the 56th annual College of Business Recognition dinner on Friday, April 20. As attendance continues to grow, a new record was set with more than 400 people celebrating UW College of Business success in 2006.

Students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the college shared the incredible sense of accomplishment felt throughout the room. Dean Brent Hathaway, along with Associate Deans Larry Weatherford and Penne Ainsworth, and each of the department chairs, recognized the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of the students, faculty, staff, scholarship recipients, and donors.

While that alone was enough to celebrate, the evening culminated with recognition of three University of Wyoming graduates and a longtime professor.

Receiving the college’s Distinguished Alumnus awards were Ken Dugas of Cheyenne, Thomas Honig from Denver, and Karen Moody of Sheridan. Professor Emeritus Jack Routson of Laramie received the Recognition of Service Award.

“The night was truly a tribute to the outstanding people whom the college feels lucky to associate with,” said Hathaway. “It is an exciting time at the UW College of Business and the future is only going to get better.”
I wasn’t looking for a career change when an opportunity at the College of Business became available. In fact, I loved my role in UW’s athletics department. As the senior associate athletics director, I was responsible for the department’s external relations, including fundraising, corporate sales, media relations, and the department’s marketing and promotions unit. Additionally, I had the privilege of working with a number of outstanding individuals. However, occasionally opportunities come along that are just too good to pass up. In this case, that’s exactly what happened.

Thanks to the efforts of College of Business Dean Brent Hathaway as well as our internationally-recognized faculty and dedicated staff, great things are happening at UW’s business school and there’s even more cause for excitement on the horizon.

Over the next three years our goal is to secure $55 million in funding for a complete renovation and expansion of our existing facility (please see the “message from the dean” section on the inside cover) and an additional $30 million for endowments, excellence funds, and student support. Fundraising initiatives can take several years to accomplish, but due to a well-designed plan by Dean Hathaway, our goal to realize the funding through public and private support within the next 36 months is achievable.

After considering the promise of an exciting tomorrow along with the extraordinary recent accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students and Advisory Council, what originally seemed like an impossible decision, actually became a relatively easy one.

As the new assistant dean for external relations, I look forward to working with you to build (both figuratively and literally) what we believe will be the leading business school in the region. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (307) 766-3043 or knoble@uwyo.edu.

Thank you for all you do. We hope to see you on campus this year. Go Pokes!

Kent Noble
Assistant Dean, College of Business
University of Wyoming
Chair: Donald J. Kany (B.S. 1969, business administration; MBA 1975) —Investment Advisor and President, KARKCO, LLC, Englewood, Colorado

Vice Chair: Peter M. Johnson (B.S. 1972, finance) —President, Sinclair Oil Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah

Shaun Andrikopoulos — Owner, Solitude Management, LLC, Jackson

David Auge (B.S. 1977, general business management) — President, Teton Motors, Inc., Jackson

Leslie Ball — President and CEO, Corral West Ranch and Work Wear, Cheyenne

Richard J. Bratton (B.S. 1982, accounting) — CPA, Jona, Inc., Casper

Dennis Carruth (B.S. 1966, management information systems; MBA 1968) — President, Carruth Properties, Littleton, Colorado

Penney Carruth — Broker Associate, Mason & Morse Real Estate, Aspen, Colorado

Michael A. Ceballos — Wyoming President, Qwest Communications International Inc., Cheyenne

The Honorable Roy Cohee — Owner, C & Y Transportation Company; Representative, House District #35; Casper

Pauline (Pam) Dunnuck (B.S. 1976, accounting) — CPA, Pauline M. Dunnuck, CPA, P.C., Laramie

Tom Davidson (B.S. 1961, agriculture) — retired advertising executive, Mukwonago, Wisconsin

David Emery (B.S. 1985, petroleum engineering) — Chairman, President, and CEO, Black Hills Corporation, Rapid City, South Dakota

Gus Fleischli — President, Fleischli Enterprises, Inc., Cheyenne

Sherrod W. Francee (B.S. 1971, business administration) — President, Bank of Commerce, Rawlins

Sam E. Galeotos — Rancher, business consultant, and former President and CEO, Galileo International, Cheyenne

Michael E. Golden (B.S. 1988, business administration) — Senior Manager, Fathom Solutions, Chicago, Illinois

Stig Hallingbye (B.S. 1977, general business management; M.S. 1982, agricultural economics) — Regional President, American National Bank, Cheyenne

The Honorable Deborah H. Hammons — Cloud Peak Productions, LLC; Representative, House District #27; Worland


Gregg E. Jackson (B.S. 1962, business administration) — President, Laramie Investment Company, Inc., Laramie

Robert Jensen (B.S. 1981, business management) — Chief Executive Officer, W Business Council, Cheyenne

B. Carl Lee (B.S. 1972, accounting) — CEO and Senior Consultant, Lee Consulting, Fort Collins, Colorado

Ron McCue — Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Silver Star Telephone, Freedom

V. Frank Mendicino (B.S. 1962, business administration; J.D. 1970) — Managing Director, Access Venture Partners, Westminster, Colorado

John O’Grady (B.A. 1962, political science) — retired President of Bridgestone/Firestone, Saratoga and Lake Havasu, Arizona

James M. Osgood (B.S. 1988, general business management) — Vice President, Product Planning, Research & Development, Baxa, Englewood, Colorado

James Porter (B.S. 1970, accounting) — CPA and President, Porter, Muirhead, Cornia & Howard, Casper

Patrick C. Rile (B.S. 1964, business administration) — Senior Vice President, Wachovia Securities, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona

Sandra A. Suzor (B.S. 1988, marketing) — President, Powder Horn Realty; Director of Sales and Marketing for the Powder Horn Golf Community, Sheridan

Dennis A. Welsch (B.S. 1980, accounting) — Regional President- California, Meritage Homes, Concord, California


Jim Willms — Executive Vice President, Unicover Corporation, Cheyenne


Helen Wolfe — Owner/President, Helen Wolfe, PhD, Sedona, Arizona and Centennial

Ex Officio Student Members

Luke Schneider — MBA program, Powell

Ann Redgate — Senior, marketing major, Cheyenne

Melissa Burton — Senior, accounting major, Cody

The College of Business lost a dear friend this summer with the passing of Oliver “Ollie” Boileau, Jr. Ollie’s wisdom, experience, support and thoughtful input added significantly to the College of Business’ Advisory Council, as well as to the overall success of the college. The University of Wyoming and the College of Business will miss Ollie greatly, and we offer our sincerest condolences to his wife, Lee, and the rest of the Boileau family.
Check the college Web site (business.uwyo.edu) frequently for details on upcoming events!

**September 2007**
- 28  COB Articulation Conference
- 28  Accounting Practitioners’ Day

**October 2007**
- 6   Family Weekend
- 8-10 Stroock Forum, Jackson, Wyoming
- 13  Homecoming (Wyoming Cowboys vs. New Mexico) Burgers, Brats, and Business
      Before the Game in Pepsi’s Tailgate Park

**November 2007**
- 17  Discovery Days

**December 2007**
- 8   College of Business Commencement, 10:00 a.m.,
      A&S Auditorium

**February 2008**
- 16  Discovery Days

**April 2008**
- 5   Discovery Days
- 19  Recognition Dinner, Conference Center, 5:00-
      reception, 6:00-dinner

**May 2008**
- 10  Commencement, College of Business
      Commencement, 9:00 a.m., A&S Auditorium

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