

# STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS

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### Rachel Alexander

Rachel works as a Library Assistant Senior in Resource Discovery and Management at Coe Library. In this role she helps make sure that items and resources are physically and electronically available for use and that they are discoverable across UW library systems and databases. She is originally from Shell and attended high school in Laramie.

She shares "I love that the university allows its staff to take courses at little to no cost. It provides a wonderful opportunity for people to learn about new and interesting topics; maybe help people broaden skills or knowledge of something they already have an interest in. Currently I am taking computer science, as it is something I have been interested in learning about, and it is really pushing me to think more logically and has placed me 'out of my comfort zone' so to speak."

### Gary Rutkowski

Gary is originally from Monroe, CT and has lived in Wyoming for 5 years. He currently works as a custodian in McWhinnie Hall. Gary is pursuing a Master's in American Studies. He says "my courses are interdisciplinary and have led to my creation of the website savetv.tv in which I hope to create a community of like minded individuals who see the need for the preservation of early American television. The website is a call to action and has already generated discussion of preservation projects."

Gary notes that he will be the first in his family to complete a Master's degree. His own collection of early American television is housed at the American Heritage Center (the Gary Rutkowski Collection). He says "I'm happy to see it alongside such collections as those of Jack Benny, Dave Garroway, and Barbara Stanwyck!"

Gary is pictured below perusing the archives at the American Heritage Center.



### David Fonda



David is originally from Denver and moved to Laramie in 2008 for school. He is married with one daughter and another on the way. David works as an Office Associate in the College of Business Academic

Advising Office where he greets students, answers the phone and emails, and assists with office duties.

David is currently pursuing a degree in Business Management. He says "I am pursuing this because my Momma pointed out I am just not that good at the small level stuff."

After completing this degree, David is interested in taking language courses for professional development.

### Lynn Wheat



Lynn works as an Office Associate Senior in a shared business center in the College of Arts and Sciences. Originally from Colorado

Springs, she has lived in Wyoming for 30 years, and in Laramie for 17 years.

Lynn is currently pursuing a Master's in Public Administration for both personal and professional purposes. She says "I am inspired to pursue this degree with the hopes of gaining more knowledge and possibly increasing my desirability as a University of Wyoming employee."

### Andrea Kelly

Andi works as an Office Associate Senior for Student Media, where she processes payroll for students and processes billing for all publications. She also does the daily accounting for the department and assists with budgeting, creating and updating financial management reports, hiring of new employees, and maintaining departmental personnel files.

Andi is married with a 4 year old daughter and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. She says "the courses that I am taking are for professional development. When I moved to Wyoming, I wanted to work at the University. I saw it as an opportunity to have a career and continue my education with the possibility of moving up in the University after I finish my degree."

Andi is pictured below with her family.



### About the Scholarship

The UW Staff Scholarship was established in December, 2017 by the Staff Senate to support the initiative taken by UW staff employees to improve their personal and professional lives. Scholarships are funded out of the Staff Senate's endowment and supported by Senate fund raising activities including the annual UW Holiday Market and raffles held throughout the year.

To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must be a full time classified staff employee, off probation, and enrolled in a course that is not required for their current position at UW.

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