

Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources
Report to the UW Board of Trustees
March 11, 2022

The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources has continued to foster sustainable landscapes and livelihoods by expanding efforts to engage and have impact on the state of Wyoming's needs in environmental and natural resource issues.

Haub School Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

We graduated 19 undergraduate majors and minors in Fall 2021 and despite the loss of successful students, our numbers increased by 3% in Spring 2022 reaching 450 students in our graduate and undergraduate majors and minors. Haub School program enrollment (Day 15 data) increased by 6.1% from SP21 (424) to SP21 (450), we are excited that students continue to appreciate our interdisciplinary approaches to current challenges.

We are proud to have the strongest first-year retention rates at UW, yet the Haub School is innovating once again, as we adapt our long-standing successes in 1st-year student engagement to the new *Saddle Up* program and other first-year initiatives to include a new LLC in Fall 2022.

Wild and Working Lands Film Festival

To celebrate our connection to the wonderful wild and working lands of Wyoming as a land grant institution, the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources decided to host a film festival on campus on 5 May 2022 with an option for on-line viewing as well. Our request for submissions yielded more than 80 films submitted for consideration of inclusion and evaluation for film festival prizes. The public will be invited to attend...more information can be found at the link below:

<https://www.uwyo.edu/haub/events/film-festival/>

Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Initiative (WORTH)

- Governor Gordon allocated year-one funding to the WORTH initiative. The \$3M allocation was received by UW in December. State-wide project leads and UW leads for the WORTH and related WIN initiatives have been identified.
- Ten UW students in the ORTM (Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Mgmt) program were sponsored to attend the Governor's Hospitality and Tourism Conference, 27 Feb to 1 March
- A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on March 2 in celebration of the start of the WORTH initiative.
- President Seidel announced that Dan McCoy was appointed as the interim Director of the WORTH Initiative.
- Hiring of Graduate Research Assistants for the WORTH initiative is underway.
- An operating plan is being developed for shared positions and academic credit.
- The Hospitality Management BS Feasibility Study is underway and is expected to be delivered to the Board of Trustees in Fall 2022.