



- The **Haub School Advisory Board** held its fall meeting in Laramie on September 12th & 13th. Advisory board members heard updates from President Seidel and Dean Koprowski, listened to student and faculty presentations, took a tour of Haub School offices in Crane Hall, and enjoyed our annual pancake breakfast with students, faculty, and staff. We also welcomed new advisory board member, Cindy L. Bower.
- In August and September, the Haub School welcomed **new faculty and staff**
  - Associate Professor Bryan Leonard, SER Chair of Environment and Natural Resources
  - Shawn Bunning, Grant Proposal Development Specialist from the Research Development Office
- **Ruckelshaus Institute**
  - This summer the Ruckelshaus Institute entered into a five-year agreement with the USDA Forest Service Mountain Services Planning Group to provide collaboration support for forest planning throughout Forest Service Regions 2 and 4
  - We welcomed 13 professionals into the 2024-25 cohort of the Collaboration Program in Natural Resources
  - Issue 12 of *Western Confluence* magazine won two first-place awards in the Society of Professional Journalists' Top of the Rockies competition.
  - A new report by Temple Stoellinger and UW College of Law students provides critical insights into the challenges and opportunities of using conservation easements to support bison restoration and land conservation on the Wind River Indian Reservation.\
  - With the School of Energy Resources, the Ruckelshaus Institute is hosting a Wyoming-focused symposium exploring the carbon dioxide removal opportunities found in the Roads to Removal report on November 14-15 at the University Conference Center.
- **Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality Initiative**
  - Dan McCoy was named director of the WORTH Initiative, effective September 1st
  - Student Internships and Professional Development Opportunities
    - 22 ORTM/HOSP students completed summer internships, 7 from Internship Agreements developed by staff member Jordan Kobliska
    - 11 students went to Wyoming Governor's Tourism and Hospitality Convention in January, with at least 2 resulting in internship/employment.
    - In October, WORTH is bringing 30 students on an all-expenses paid 3-day Wyoming Tourism Industry Familiarization Tour through northwestern Wyoming.
    - WORTH has developed the Western Hospitality Certificate in partnership with UW's College of Business Center for Principle-Based Leadership and Ethics. It is a continuing education program tailored to meet the training and professional development needs of hospitality providers, companies, and businesses
- **Biodiversity Institute**
  - The Haub School welcomed the Biodiversity Institute into the School this summer
  - On September 13th the institute honored Charles Preston and Taylor Phillips with the Contributions to Biodiversity Science and Conservation awards. Their research, mentorship, publications and conservation leadership have changed the way biodiversity conservation is understood within Wyoming and beyond.
- **Wyoming Conservation Corps**
  - During their successful 2024 summer field season WCC teams partnered with several non-profit, state, and federal organizations throughout Wyoming and maintained 69 miles of existing trails, preserved 16 footbridges, constructed 2.25 miles of new trails, built 19 new retaining walls, 2 new staircases, 3 miles of wildlife friendly fence, 159 beaver dam analogs, and implemented 53 culverts and drainages. Teams removed 29 hazard trees, 302 deadfall trees, 1224 Russian olive



invasive trees, and removed 2 miles of barbed wire fence. They planted 120 sagebrush saplings and sprayed 215 acres for invasive species.

- **Academic Programs**

- Fall 2024 program enrollment:
  - Total Enrollment: 404 (undergraduate: 347; graduate: 57)
  - Haub School undergraduate major enrollment is up (9.3% ESS, 20.4% ENR, 2.7% ORTM).
  - Advising
    - 95% first-year retention rate, highest among all colleges and schools on campus
    - 86% of students retained their primary Haub School major
- Undergraduate Programs
  - This fall we are offering 4 1<sup>st</sup> year courses that develop critical thinking through classroom content and field trips
- Graduate Programs
  - Largest cohort to date with 13 new grad students joining the MS ENRS program
  - Enrollment in ENR graduate major and JD/MA program returned to pre-pandemic levels
- Field & Global Experiences
  - 96 students participated in Haub School field/global programs in 23-24 academic year
  - Our 24-25 field/global experiences will include: *Winter Ecology* in Grand Teton National Park, *Canaries & Climate* in Canary Islands, Spain, *Conservation & Development* in Patagonia, Chile, *Expedition Leadership* in Death Valley National Park, and *Wild & Working Lands* in Mongolia
- Recruitment
  - The school is improving processes for recruiting and registering transfer students
  - Participated in UW's Campus Pass, Showcase Saturday, and Discovery Day events
  - In the process of hiring a Tomé gift funded College Relations Representative (Recruiter)
- Professional & Applied Experiences
  - This fall staff are offering several professional development opportunities including career fair preparation, employer meet-and-greets, resume workshops, and mock interviews
- Online Opportunities
  - Proposing a fully online MS degree in environmental & natural resources
  - Proposed two specialized certificate programs and exploring partnerships with campus and industry partners for future certificate

- **Special Events**

- Dean Koprowski is hosting a Haub School mixer in Jackson on Tuesday 24 Sept 4-6pm at the Cloudveil
- On October 3&4 Haub School faculty, staff, and students will gather at the Gryphon Theater to host MountainFilm on Tour

- **Research Teams**

- Bryan Leonard recently had an article published in *Nature Energy*  
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41560-024-01617-4>
- The Wyoming Wildlife Fellowship Program welcomed five new Fellows to its 2024 cohort: UW undergraduates Tavia Ossa, Jacob Love, Kelly Karnes, Robert Andersen, and Luke Hohn