



Haub School Academic Programs and Student Services

- A **\$20 million gift from Carol and Ramon Tomé** was announced at spring commencement to strengthen the existing Tomé Scholars to Fellows Program in the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources while extending the initiative to the College of Business. The gift, one of the largest in UW's history, will create new pathways for student success across disciplines.
- Eight of our thirteen outdoor recreation and tourism management undergraduate **interns are placed in Wyoming this summer**. The Jay Kemmerer WORTH Institute has awarded over \$9,000 to students in the ORTM and hospitality programs to cover travel, housing, living expenses, and equipment costs associated with their Wyoming-based internships.
- Students are also completing **professional & applied experiences** such as:
 - Intern at the National Bighorn Sheep Center in Dubois, WY
 - Air Quality Division Intern at the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
 - Hospitality Intern with Xanterra at Yellowstone National Park
 - Wildland Firefighter with the BLM Rock Springs Field Office
 - Conservation and Stewardship Intern with the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust
- Leaders in the **City of Douglas**, Wyoming partnered with our spring course **ENR 4600/5600: Campus Sustainability**, taught by Grete Gansauer, an assistant professor in the Haub School. Through this collaboration, students worked directly with city staff and community partners on applied projects addressing environmental, economic, and social issues in Douglas including:
 - Developing interpretive signage for Douglas Mountain
 - Collecting Oral Histories on Environmental Change from multigenerational ranchers
 - Water demand scenario planning
 - Improving fiscal sustainability of rural waste and recycling systems
 - Community engagement in planning new public outdoor space
- Our summer **field and global programs** included:
 - Canyonlands: Climate, Water, and Culture in the Colorado River Basin
 - Natural Resource Management in Lander and on the Wind River Reservation
 - Place & Landscapes in Queensland, Australia
 - <https://sites.google.com/view/haubfieldglobal/calendar>

Student Highlights

- For Haub School undergraduate student **Diego Lobatos**, growing up in Lander meant having the Wind River Mountains as his backyard. With Sinks Canyon State Park just minutes from home, he developed a deep love for the outdoors that now drives his academic and career goals. [Read More](#)
- **Alexandria Shinkle**, a Haub School undergraduate student from Campbell County, credits her hometown of Gillette with giving her a head start on her college education. The dual enrollment program with Gillette College allowed her to take college courses during high school at her own pace. [Read More](#)

Faculty and Staff Updates

- Drew Bennett, a Haub School Professor of Practice in private land conservation, has been tracking the development of virtual fencing technology for several years. He's quoted in a *Riverton Ranger* article, picked up by outlets including the [Wyoming Tribune Eagle](#) and [Buffalo Bulletin](#), and says virtual fencing can be a beneficial tool for livestock producers for several reasons, including added flexibility in ranch management.



Centers and Institutes

- **The Ruckelshaus Institute** has been engaged in studying the economic relationship between Wyoming's Teton County and Teton County, Idaho, and was featured in the [Jackson Hole News & Guide](#). Expansion of the Grand Targhee ski resort is at the heart of the discussion regarding a possible revenue-sharing agreement between the counties.
- More Wyoming residents than ever will have an opportunity to view and hear multiple species of bats during seven free Summer Bat Walks hosted by our **Biodiversity Institute** this summer. [Read More](#)
- Ten master's and Ph.D. students studying biodiversity at the University of Wyoming received more than **\$36,000 in grants from our Biodiversity Institute**. [Read More](#)
- Our **Wyoming Conservation Corps** celebrates its 20th field season this year marking two decades of service on Wyoming's wild and working lands. Since their founding in 2006, WCC members have built and maintained hundreds of miles of trail, restored waterways, protected wildlife habitat, and cared for the public lands that define our state. That legacy belongs to every member who has served, every partner who has supported our work, and every community that has opened its doors to our crews. Over the past five years, 161 AmeriCorps members have completed 138 conservation projects statewide, including:
 - 262 miles of trails maintained or constructed
 - 569 acres treated for invasive species
 - 2,306 hazard trees removed
 - 595 habitat restoration structures built or maintained
 - 17 miles of fencing constructed, removed, or repaired
 - 4,000+ plants established