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WSU TRI-CITIES OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM WSU TRI-CITIES CHANCELLOR SANDRA HAYNES

Hello Cougs! It is my pleasure to introduce the inaugural issue of the WSU Tri-Cities Growl, a newsletter from the WSU Tri-Cities Office of Advancement and Community Engagement. Through this newsletter, learn about the many successes of our students, faculty and staff and alumni that are made possible by your unwavering support. With the COVID-19 pandemic, this year has certainly had its challenges, however, I have found resolve and hope in your commitment to the future leaders of our community. Thank you and GO COUGS!

Sandra Haynes



WSU TRI-CITIES FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

WSU Tri-Cities education faculty are part of a new \$2.85 million National Science Foundation grant to develop curriculum and hands-on projects with local high schools that use geospatial technologies to improve STEM literacy and access to the STEM workforce.

Read more: bit.ly/3ikNAPk

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New Academic Building On-Track for Fall 2021



The WSU Tri-Cities New Academic Building is on track for fall a 2021 opening! The \$30 million building was funded by the Washington state Legislature. The 40,000-square-foot building will house a suite of teaching laboratories, classrooms, study spaces and collaborative meeting spaces for students and faculty and features open seating for lectures and presentations. The building is a collaborative and inclusive design for all students with state-of-the-art equipment that enables students and faculty to prepare for real-world work experiences.

Schedule a socially-distanced, five-person and state-approved hard-hat tour of the building by contacting Jaime Heppler, WSU Tri-Cities executive director of advancement and community engagement, at jaime.heppler@wsu.edu or 817-243-6019.



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WINE SCIENCE CENTER RECEIVES GIFT TO SUPPORT NEW LIFE SCIENCES TEACHING LAB

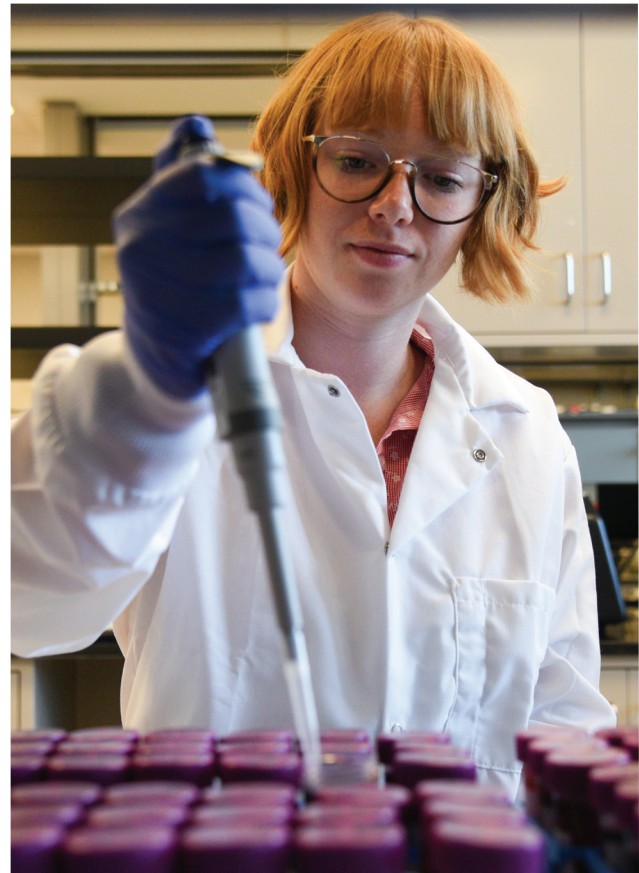
A significant gift from the Paul Lauzier Charitable Foundation is delivering much-needed space and equipment for hands-on student learning at the Ste. Michelle Wine Estates WSU Wine Science Center. Named for the late Washington farmer and entrepreneur Paul Lauzier, the foundation supports a range of causes including community development, education, health, and agriculture, and has gifted more than \$1.5 million for learning and discovery at WSU.

This summer, the foundation chose to support the new Life Sciences Teaching Laboratory, under development at the Ste. Michelle Wine Estates WSU Wine Science Center on the WSU Tri-Cities campus.

The center currently lacks a dedicated laboratory teaching space, which means undergraduate labs must be taught in research spaces, limiting class sizes, new lab courses, and hands-on student projects.

Read more: bit.ly/30nLjwR

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Graduate student donates COVID-19 relief check to WSU DACA students

WSU Tri-Cities graduate student Aaron Pelly made the decision to donate his relief check to support those in the process of or are hoping to renew their participation in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). “I am in a position where I could do this – provide support for students that otherwise might not have the resources to be able to eat, pay rent and renew for the DACA program,” Pelly said.

Read more: bit.ly/2ScW6Fv

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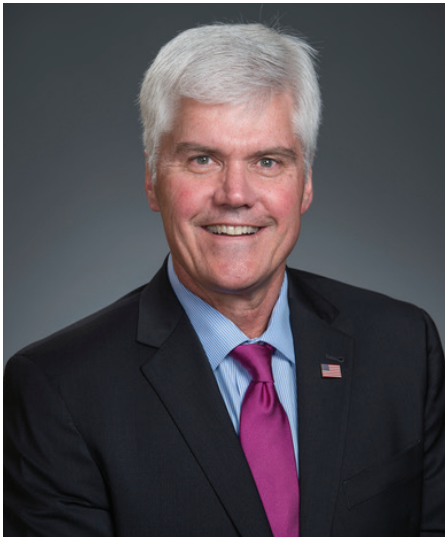
IN MEMORIAM

In memory – Tri-Cities leader and Cougar Brad Fisher 1956-2020

Born and raised in the Tri-Cities, Brad Fisher is a long-time supporter of WSU, WSU Athletics, and the Tri-Cities community. Brad was a Cougar through and through. His legacy will live on through the recently endowed, first-ever WSU Tri-Cities Brad Fisher Butch T. Cougar Fund. This investment made by Brad and his wife, Jennifer, gave Butch a permanent new home on the Tri-Cities campus.

Give a gift in Brad’s honor:
bit.ly/36qv7ih

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In memory – WSU Tri-Cities Fine Arts Professor Douglas Gast

WSU Tri-Cities mourns the loss of fine arts professor and artist Douglas Gast after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Gast was an award-winning artist whose work had impacts across the Tri-Cities and regional mid-Columbia community.

Read more about Douglas Gast and his legacy: bit.ly/3jgOZbb

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Give a gift in Doug’s honor: Visit foundation.wsu.edu/give and search “Douglas P. Gast Scholarship and Travel Fund”.

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WHERE IS SHE NOW?

Akanna Poor, first-generation WSU Tri-Cities College of Arts and Sciences recent alumna

Prior to graduating last winter, Akanna Poor became the first donor to WSU Tri-Cities’ new MOSAIC Center for Student Inclusion that was created to provide support and resources for students of every type – every race, creed, religion or circumstance. Her \$500 donation to the new center made an immediate impact for students and honored her aunt and uncle who she credited as instrumental in earning her college degree.

Akanna is now applying to law schools and has plans to pursue a career in social justice, where she hopes to draft legislation as it pertains to social issues – and most specifically, women’s issues.





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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Battelle Grants WSU Tri-Cities \$35,000 For Student Hardship Relief And Technology

Read more: bit.ly/30hH2ec

STCU Donates \$25,000 For Student Hardship Funding Amid COVID-19

Read more: bit.ly/3ii07D9

Lamb Weston Donates 20,000 Disposable Masks To WSU Tri-Cities

Read more: bit.ly/3ijCMB7

Cadwell Donates 30 Laptops To Student Government New Laptop Loan Program

Read more: bit.ly/3n952u2



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Giving TuesdayDec. 1, 2020
More info coming soon

