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OUR MISSION AND GOALS INCLUDE:

Awareness of career opportunities.

Alignment of education and skill development for career paths.

Planning for what is needed now for future opportunities.

Results for how to measure success.



Hello JESSICA,

Welcome to the SWMP newsletter!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CAREER FAIR

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

We would like to invite you to attend and present at the
Bridger Valley High School Career Fair.
Please help educate our students on potential career opportunities.

Mountain View High School
9 - 11:30am

Lunch will be served at Lyman High School

Lyman High School
1:30 - 3pm

Sign up today through the QR Code.





SAVE THE DATE


CAREER & TRANSFER FAIR

 **Western Wyoming Community College**

 **April 3, 2024**

 **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Questions?

 307-382-1632

 tbertagnolli@westernwyoming.edu



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**WYOMING
STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEEK
PUBLIC COMMENT ON STANDARDS,
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION, AND STATE
PERKINS V PLAN**

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming State Board of Career and Technical Education (SBCTE) and Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) will meet virtually on December 21, 2023.

The board will initially convene at 10 a.m. as the SBCTE. Having received recommended revisions to the Wyoming Perkins V State Plan from the Superintendent of Public Instruction's CTE Subcabinet at its November meeting, the SBCTE will take action to release the proposed plan for 30 days of formal public comment.

Following adjournment of the SBCTE meeting, the board will reconvene as the SBE to take action on opening rule promulgation for Chapter 10 Rules on Standards and Chapter 1 Rules on Certificates of Completion. Upon approval, rules will be open for 45 days of formal public comment. Revisions to Chapter 10 Standards include changes to Content and Performance Standards in mathematics, science, computer science, physical education, health and safety, and fine and performing arts. Rule promulgation for Chapter 1 Certificates of Completion involve establishing new rules allowing students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) to receive a certificate of completion,

acknowledging success in meeting their K-12 program of study.

All SBE meetings are open to the public. Attendees may join the meeting virtually by registering in advance [here](#). After registering, participants will receive an email with instructions on how to join the meeting. Materials for board meetings are available on [BoardDocs](#). Previous meetings' minutes and materials may be viewed through the board's [website](#). Follow the SBE on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Sign Up Here!



New Kickstart Scholarship Program Targets Those 24 and Older



Western Wyoming Community College (Western) welcomed Governor Mark Gordon last Wednesday, November 29, at the Rock Springs campus. The Governor's visit marked several events including a town hall meeting on mental health and a Western sponsored Governor's luncheon at the Workforce Training Center with a presentation on the Powerline Program.

At the town hall meeting Governor Gordon, representative Lloyd Larsen, and the Department of Family Services Director Korin Schmidt

participated on a panel discussing current mental health care in the state. The Governor addressed the 988 Bill with emphasis on callers being able to speak to someone from the state of Wyoming. Discussion continued around Title 25 and where the state is hoping to lay a foundation for local municipalities to take over. Following the discussion, the floor was opened to the public. Various members of the community shared their experiences with mental healthcare in Sweetwater County.

Following the meeting, the Governor, state representatives, community leaders, and others moved to Western's Workforce Training Center for a luncheon and presentation of Western's Powerline Technology program. Funded by the Governor's statewide economic initiative, the Wyoming Innovation Partnership, Western launched the first and only program of its kind in Wyoming. Governor Gordon and community leaders had an opportunity to hear from Powerline Technology instructor Lance Caldwell, as well as students from the program.

Western's President Kim Dale stated, "Western, its students, communities, local businesses, and industries, are very fortunate to have an opportunity like this to develop a statewide program that will lead to high wage, high skill, and high demand jobs. We are grateful for the Governor's support as

well as the support of our local businesses, such as Rocky Mountain Power. The fact that most of our Powerline graduates plan to live and work in Wyoming is an outcome we can all feel proud of.”

Powerline course material and lab activities are based around the application and theory of Distribution and transmission of electrical power. Fieldwork includes operating a digger derrick truck, setting poles, climbing poles, installing anchors, and stringing conductors. Students also learn the importance of safety and attention to detail.

To learn more about Western’s Powerline program contact Instructor Lance Caldwell at 307-382-1743 or email lcaldwell@westernwyoming.edu.

You can review the program academic page at westernwyoming.edu/powerline.



Impact 307 Announces Winners

Start-Up Community Minded Awards

Small Business of the Year:	Daily Knead and Red White Buffalo
Bank of the Year:	State Bank and RSNB Bank
Corporation of the Year:	Dominion Energy and Simplot
Small/Medium Enterprise of the Year:	Industrial Services, Inc.
Educator of the Year:	Melissa Atkinson, Green River High School
Partner of the Year:	Rick Lee, Rock Springs Chamber Chad Banks, Downtown Rock Springs URA



Thank you all very much for your partnership and support for the 2022 Sweetwater County Innovation Launchpad and 2023 Sweetwater County Start-Up Challenge! If you didn't catch the Pitch Nights they can be found on Erik Hamm's YouTube channel at the link below. At about 18min, 13sec we had the pleasure of announcing new partner awards. As these were new to this year, but as we also had many amazing partners last year, we awarded two awards per category. Each of our winners will receive an 8x6in plaque provided by Western Wyoming Community College. Banks will receive a plaque for each of their branches across southwest Wyoming. The plaques will be delivered in the coming weeks.

[Watch the Video](#)

Western Governors Foundation Applications are Now Open!

The Western Governors Foundation has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Western Governors' Leadership Institute (WGLI), and you are invited to share this opportunity with your networks. This year's 2024 WGLI Leadership Forum will be held in Tahoe, California, on June 9, 2024. Delegates will also attend the Annual Meeting of the Western Governors' Association as guests of the foundation on June 10-12, 2024.

ABOUT WGLI

The Western Governors' Leadership Institute is a program of the Western Governors' Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Western Governors' Association. The program is designed to recognize and reward the effective exercise of leadership across the west.

Every year the foundation selects young adults to represent their states, territories, and tribes as institute delegates. Delegates attend the Annual Meeting of the Western Governors' Association, as well as a one-day leadership development forum featuring Governors and other national thought leaders. The foundation covers all expenses associated with delegate participation.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the institute must be between the ages of 21 and 26 years old on June 9, 2023. They must also be permanent residents of western states or territories whose Governor is an active member of WGA:

Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

TO APPLY

Candidates must complete the attached application and submit it to jogsbury@westgov.org by midnight on February 16, 2024. The subject line should read "2024 WGLI Application [Name] [State]".

Candidates must also secure two letters of recommendations, which must be sent by the recommenders directly to jogsbury@westgov.org by midnight on February 16, 2024. The subject line should read "Recommendation for [Candidate Name]".

Print Application

WESTERN GOVERNORS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

ABOUT

The Western Governors' Foundation (WGF), the philanthropic arm of the Western Governors' Association (WGA), is pleased to announce the launch of the 2024 Western Governors' Leadership Institute. This program is designed to recognize, reward, and promote the effective exercise of leadership by young adults across the West.

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TO APPLY

To apply, visit
<https://westgov.org/foundation/wgli/2024-western-governors-leadership-institute>
or email athielen@westgov.org.

CONTACT

Please direct any questions or inquiries about the Western Governors' Leadership Institute to Anna Thielen at athielen@westgov.org.

PARTNER AND DONATE

To financially support the Western Governors' Leadership Institute, please contact Jim Ogsbury at jogsbury@westgov.org. or visit <https://western-governors-association.square.site/>.

The Western Governors' Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Western Governors' Association. The foundation is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

November 13 - Application window opens

February 16 - Application window closes

March 22 - Delegation announced

June 9 - Leadership forum in **Tahoe, California**

June 10-12 - WGA Annual Meeting



"The Western Governors' Leadership Institute has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. I recall a conversation I had with Governor Mark Gordon about political polarization in the United States and how younger generations may feel a bit detached; but Governor Gordon assured me that there are collaborative efforts to bridge that divide. That reassurance was enough to provide me with a sense of hope." - Isaac Hernandez Alcaraz, 2023 Nevada State Delegate

Would an intern help your company?

Companies Offering

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wants to partner with you to provide our students with real-world experience.

Contact Amy Murphy at
amurphy@westernwyoming.edu
to arrange summer internships.



Explore the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services website for current job openings or to post an opening within your company.



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The J.R. Simplot Company has an integrated portfolio that includes phosphate mining, fertilizer manufacturing, farming, ranching and cattle production, food processing and packaging plant, food service brands, and other enterprises related to agriculture. Simplot is based in Boise, Idaho with major operations in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Australia, and China. The company distributes products to more than forty countries worldwide.

Simplot's Rock Springs fertilizer plant is a key element to the company's efforts. It began production in 1986 and has been a committed and reliable employer in Sweetwater County, celebrating 37 years in 2023. With expansions done in 1996, 1999, 2014, and most recently in 2017 with the addition of a state-of-the-art Ammonia Processing Plant and tie-in package, Simplot has a significant impact on our local economy. There are 315 residents currently employed and contracts held with additional companies for onsite services in our community.

The Rock Springs plant manufactures and distributes nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer products, anhydrous ammonia, fluoride, and super phosphoric acid to distribute throughout the world, primarily in North America and Australia.

Significant contributors to the facility's ongoing success include a focus on safety, environmental stewardship, community involvement, our highly skilled workforce, and commitment to our values.

Today, Simplot is one of North America's major suppliers of crop nutrition. Our Mining and Manufacturing operations are key to this success, building a complementary distribution system to capitalize on our unique phosphate position to achieve Simplot's mission of "Bringing Earth's Resources to Life."

Respect for Resources—like energy—is one of Simplot's Core Values. We are especially proud to say Simplot's Rock Springs fertilizer plant has earned the prestigious ENERGY STAR® certification for 2021 and 2022 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We anticipate earning the certification for 2023 as well (application pending). Manufacturing plants must achieve an ENERGY STAR score of 75 or higher using an industry-specific ENERGY STAR Energy Performance Indicator (EPI).

With this Energy Star designation, the EPA acknowledges our plant as one of the most energy-efficient nitrogenous fertilizer manufacturing facilities in the country. The recognition is based on the plants' rank in the top 25% on EPA's Energy Star energy performance scale in their industry nationwide. This scale is a statistical model that scores a facility's production and energy use to benchmark its energy performance against the industry. In 2021, only ninety-three plants in all categories received this certification. The Simplot Rock Springs plant was the only Wyoming facility to receive this award in 2022 and the only facility in the fertilizer category in the US to receive the award in 2022.



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[Learn more at simplot.com](https://www.simplot.com)

Friendly Reminder

What is our Purpose and How do we Get There?

Purpose:

Improve outcomes for our students and those seeking career changes

- **Business, Educators, Government Services and the Community working together to improve**

- **Awareness** of career opportunities
- **Alignment** of education and skill development for career paths
- **Planning** for what is needed now and for future opportunities
- **Results** for how to measure success
- **Awareness**
 - Increase awareness of career opportunities within our community
 - Students, Educators, Counselors, Government Agencies, Parents and the Community
 - Engagement events and opportunities
 - Career Fairs,
 - Jr. High and High School events
 - Mentoring and job shadowing etc.
 - Engagement & Dialog with the stakeholders
- **Alignment to better prepare our students for careers in our community and beyond**
 - Direct from high school including career technical training
 - Secondary education, certificate programs, two-year degrees, CTE
 - University alignment (pathways and career paths)
- **Planning**
 - What is needed now,
 - Where will the opportunities be
 - What will we do to prepare and fill the pipeline?
 - Promotion, Communication processes, Scholarships, etc.
 - Measurements; Create metrics such as % Secondary Education, % successful career changes
- **Membership**
 - **Southwest Wyoming: Carbon, Fremont, Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, Lincoln**

Membership:

Core Business Champions: Fred von Ahrens, Ron Wild, Craig Rood, Matt McQueen, Carl Lembke, Lauren Schoenfeld, Kim Dale, Kelly McGovern, Craig Barringer, Joan Evans, Jed Vigil, Marty Carollo

Core Co-Conveners: Bridget Stewart, Lacey Bluemel, Tosha Garner



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