

May 2025 Classified Staff Association Report to the Board of Trustees

Inaugural Central Wyoming College Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CWIE) Conference

On April 10 and 11, the heart of innovation beat at CWC as we proudly hosted the inaugural Central Wyoming Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CWIE) Conference, and it was a resounding success! With an electric lineup of keynote speakers, including the inspiring Tabatha Coffey, dynamic entrepreneur Bill Rancie, visionary leader Mike Wandler, and Wyoming's own Governor Mark Gordon, the conference set the stage for two unforgettable days of big ideas and bold connections. Between sessions, attendees were treated to more than just coffee—local food vendors and culinary delights from CWC staff bakers turned every snack table into a mini showcase of Wyoming flavor. At Friday's lunch, CWC's Riverton Culinary students, alongside Riverton High School's culinary stars, served up creativity on every plate, earning rave reviews from everyone in the room.



Jody Goodrich (Administrative Assistant III to the Dean of the Business & Industry Division), and **Amber Stitt (Administrative Assistant III to the Dean of the STEM, Health, and Education Division)** played a vital role on the conference planning committee. Their contributions were instrumental in ensuring the event ran smoothly from start to finish. From collaborating with the student designer on printed materials to creating a detailed, minute-by-minute schedule and coordinating volunteers, their professionalism and meticulous attention to detail made the entire conference a seamless success.



Brooke Berg (Rustler Central Virtual Assistant) and **Val Hinkle (Rustler Central Assistant)**, with assistance from Professional Staff members, put together a welcome swag bag that each conference attendee received upon arrival, ran the registration desk on both days — answering questions, directing vendors, and greeting attendees with warmth and enthusiasm. **Brooke** even managed student volunteers for the Chancey Williams concert on Thursday night! The conference layout came together through the efforts of **Mike McLean (Campus Services Foreman)**, **Shelley Dolbow (Campus Services Foreman)**, and **Doug Swenson (Facilities Attendant)**, who worked closely with the planning team to perfect every setup. Meanwhile, **Debbie Graham (Facilities Scheduler/Accounting Technician I Foundation)**, played a key role in securing and managing all room reservations—her flexibility

and attention to detail helped everything fall into place. And the snacks? Legendary. **Shanna Montgomery, (HR Technician)**, and **Kathryn DeWitt (Rustler Central Specialist)**, with help from seven other amazing Faculty and Professional Staff members, turned the CWC employee-sponsored snack break into an all-out treat fest — including gluten-free options! Attendees were wowed by the generosity and variety. Behind the scenes, Classified Staff member **Michelle Scott (Rustler Central Specialist)**, along with several Professional Staff members and students, worked tirelessly to ensure that every food station — from snack breaks to Thursday's dinner and Friday's lunch — was perfectly set up and cleaned up with care. Their attention to detail helped make the culinary experience one of the most talked-about elements of the conference.



Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Classified Staff and campus partners, the 2025 CWIE Conference was a true success. We are all looking forward to the 2026 CWIE Conference!

We're already dreaming big for 2026. Stay tuned — the best is yet to come!

Arbor Day/Volunteer Day

In attendance were the whole grounds crew (**TJ Vaughn (Grounds Technician)**, **Will Bowen (Grounds Technician)**, Ryon student worker, **Andy Titus (Grounds Supervisor)**), Arborist Jeff, Forestry Division field rep Matt Emerson, and two volunteers from campus, Danette Conover and Shanna Montgomery. The crew has planted two trees this spring – a sweet cherry pie tree and a Mount Royal Plum. They will hopefully produce this year with how early they were planted, but most likely we will have to wait until next year to see a good batch come from them. There was also plenty of tree maintenance for some trees that needed some love and care. It was a little cold out so Andy said he was thankful for the volunteers that stuck it out with us and made this day possible!



Veterans Memorial



CWC received a grant from the State, Senate File 146 Military-Friendly Institution grant. This grant is for a veterans/military memorial display for our campus. **Andy Titus (Grounds Supervisor)** elected to use the grant to build a seating/viewing area dedicated to those who served. There was previously an eyesore in the area where the memorial was placed due to the waterline project from last summer. This was a perfect idea to make it beautiful again! **Andy** and the grounds crew **TJ Vaughn (Grounds Technician)**, **Will Bowen (Grounds Technician)**, and Ryon built a pathway leading to a patio out of flagstone and iron ore crushed rock. The funds allowed CWC to purchase a beautiful 8-foot veteran's bench dedicated to those who served. Wind River Stone in Hudson sold

us a bench as well as a beautiful 6 ft by 4 ft boulder that the company engraved. Cody Myers, our head of CWC security and Veteran, provided the following quote: "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one Nation, evermore." This was sand-blasted on the surface and painted with our school color orange. Heather Holbert, Payroll Supervisor and Marine Veteran, also helped with some of the landscaping ideas and placement of the bench and patio. **Andy** stated "It was a pleasure getting the help and ideas for the project from some members