Central Washington University has a long history of collaboration with educational affiliates in China. This year marks the first time our Alumni Relations team headed to China to bring alumni from our programs together. Join the CWURA for this presentation about CWU’s continuing and growing relationship with China.

Bob Ford, Central Washington University’s senior director of Alumni and Constituent Relations, traveled to China in October. He was joined by Ashley Gillum, director of program development for Alumni and Constituent Relations. Their trip to China took them to Hefei, in Anhui Province, Liuzhou City and Nanning in the Guangxi region, Nanjing in the Jiangsu Province and the city of Shanghai. The CWU Alumni Relations team covered over 14,000 miles in their two week journey. CWU alumni in China helped facilitate parts of Bob and Ashley’s visit, including behind-the-scenes tours of city offices and facilities, giving our CWU staff a unique perspective on life in China.

CWURA Spring Trip


Thursday, April 19, 2018

Journey to the cosmos in the morning and enjoy local wines and attractions in the afternoon.

- Morning tour of LIGO. (Facility is accessible for those with mobility issues.)
- Lunch in Richland at Columbia Point (on your own at local restaurants).
- Afternoon stops Prosser area wineries.

LIGO is a sophisticated physics experiment designed to detect gravitational waves from some of the most violent and energetic events in the Universe. LIGO Hanford and its twin observatory in Louisiana detected gravitational waves for the first time in September 2015, about a century after Einstein predicted their existence.

Visitors also can experience science through new hands-on activities which include a demonstration of warped space and why objects orbit, plus other astronomical-themed activities to help people understand the science used at LIGO.

Registration is $25.00 per person which includes transportation from Ellensburg and back.

We will depart from the Super One parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Register at cwu.edu/retirement-association, or contact Catherine Scarlett at 509-963-3083 or scarletc@cwu.edu. Make checks payable to the CWU Foundation. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 14, 2018.
President's Corner

Greetings fellow CWU retirees. This has been already an active fall, with some exciting and fun activities set for the next few months. Perhaps you joined us for the Sip and Draw event with the Art Department in mid-November, or decided to wait for 2018. In any event, you are always invited and welcome to come play and learn.

You are no doubt aware of our two major upcoming events. Our winter CWURA Travel Presentation happens on Wednesday, 28 January. Bob Ford, director of the CWU Alumni Association, will talk about the association’s recent trip to China to meet with alums. This presentation will happen in the Lombard Room from 4 to 6 p.m. (Yes, there will be food and drink choices available.) Our other event is the pretty-much-world-famous CWURA Spring Trip. This year, on Thursday, 19 April, we will travel to the Tri-Cities area to visit LIGO – the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory. This is a great opportunity to be the first on your block to understand the global cutting-edge importance of gravity wave research. This will be fun – and there will be a winery stop or two after the LIGO tour. Don’t be left off the bus; sign up today.

I also want you to know that various combinations of CWURA Board members have been updating our grad student scholarship; meeting with the Provost and Faculty Senate officers to establish spaces in which retirees will be free to meet, discuss and research; and considering special events related to technology on campus and various get-togethers at sporting events. Stand by…

This is your association. Feel free to contact any board member…

And come play anytime.

Jim Huckabay
President
Meet Our CWURA Graduate Scholarship Winner for 2017-2018

The CWURA awarded the annual graduate scholarship this year to Victoria Zencak. Victoria is in her second year of the Master’s program in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). Victoria, whose hometown is Ellensburg, began her studies at CWU as a Running Start student in September 2011 and received her Bachelor’s in Spanish and French with a minor in English Linguistics in June 2016. Victoria chose to complete the TESOL program at CWU in order to continue her language studies in the English department with the faculty members of whom she had grown fond during her studies as an English Linguistics minor. She is currently working as a graduate teaching assistant for the English department. Upon completing her thesis and graduating this spring, she plans to teach English abroad in Spain and France.

Victoria’s CWURA scholarship is made possible by the generous support of CWU retirees and friends. Please consider making a gift on our web site at engage.cwu.edu to support more students like Victoria. To those who have already made gifts this year, we say thank you.

In Memoriam

Remembering those in the CWU community who passed in 2017.

Wayne Bennett
Cathy Bertelson
James Brooks
Janeen Charlton
Margaret Condit
Shirley Crowley

Tina Diamond
Mary Fields
Jerome Hayes
Faye Kollmeyer
Terry Letson
William Lipsky

George Macinko
Bernie Martin
Evelyn McClure
Tom Parry
Enos Underwood
Clifford Wolfsehr

CWURA Annual Distinguished Retiree Award 2017

CWURA recognized Edna Madsen for service to the Ellensburg community and to Central with the 2017 Distinguished Retiree Award at the annual meeting in May.

Edna Madsen came to Central and Ellensburg in 1971 when her husband, Glenn, took a job in the education department. Edna worked at Central in positions in the Library, the Counseling Center, facilities and the parking office. As a community volunteer Edna has dedicated innumerable hours to many organizations. Edna joined the CWU Retirement Association board in 2008 and served until 2015.

CWURA welcomes nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Retiree Award. Please visit our web page at cwu.edu/retirement-association for nomination forms.
Calendar of Events

January 24
CWURA Winter Program
CWU Alumni Travels to China
CWU Lombard Room at 4:00 p.m.
Refreshments and social hour will follow from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Register at: cwu.edu/retirement-association

February 15
CWURA Brews and Baskets
Gathering at Whipsaw Brewing at 5:00 p.m. followed by Wildcat basketball.
Game time is 7:00 p.m.
Tickets available at cwu.edu/tickets/athletics-events

April 19
CWUR Spring Trip
LIGO Hanford and area wineries
Depart from the Super One parking lot at 8:00 a.m.
Register at cwu.edu/retirement-association

Ongoing

CWURA First Friday Coffee
Retirees and friends enjoy informal gatherings each First Friday of the month.
Please join us for refreshments and camaraderie at 9:30 a.m.
at the Dakota Café on Pearl Street in Ellensburg.

Wildcat Walkers – CWURA Walking Group
Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Walkers meet at the Irene Rinehart Park bridge
parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for approximately 2 hours of walking. For more information,
contact Virginia Mack at vmackred@gmail.com/509-899-1345

For more information on CWURA events and activities visit our website at
cwu.edu/retirement-association. Visit the “Briefing Room” for updated information
on legislative issues effecting higher education: cwubriefingroom.wordpress.com.