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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
SUBJECT: WSU Alumni Association Report
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On behalf of the Board of Directors, the WSU Alumni Association is pleased to report the following:

- This year's fourth annual Women's Leadership Summit showcased WSU alumnae representing each WSU campus, who shared how WSU played an integral role in their professional journeys. This year's summit featured Regent Dickinson '91, Nashika Stanbro '18, Katey Koehn '14, Dr. Chio Flores '14, Madison Rosenbaum Evangelista '15, Blair Rossow '14, and Jasmine Tolbert '17. A recording of the event, along with past summits, is available online at alumni.wsu.edu/wls.
- The WSUAA Top Ten Seniors Awards program recognizes students in five categories across WSU for exemplary achievements. This year saw a 29% increase in nominations from all WSU campus locations. The following recipients will be recognized on April 26 at the Lewis Alumni Centre.
 - Academics: Felicia Adesope and Stephen Fawcett
 - Athletics: Charlisse Leger-Walker and Preston Bebich
 - Campus Involvement: Reem Osman and Sidney Serna
 - Community Service: Alexis Dunn and Zachary Martian
 - Visual and Performing Arts: Logan Terry and Thomas Wieland
- In March, the WSUAA hosted Cougar Meetups throughout the Men's and Women's Basketball postseasons in Las Vegas and Omaha. Partnering with WSU Athletics gave WSU alums and fans a fun, spirited experience in cities around the country.
- WSU Alumni Reunions are underway. Last month, our Native American Alumni Chapter hosted its Ku-Au-Mah Society Reunion. This weekend, our Chicana/o/x Latina/o/x Chapter will host a biennial La Alianza Reunion and Gala. Next month, the WSUAA welcomes 1954 Platinum Grads, 1964 Diamond Grads, 1974 Golden Grads, and 1984 Crimson Grads. Later in the fall, our Black Alumni Chapter hosts their biennial reunion.
- WSU's 134th birthday was celebrated with cake at every WSU campus as part of Crimson and Gray Day.
- WSUAA speakers will be featured at campus commencement ceremonies next month: President Lester Barbero (Pullman), Past President Mark Schuster (Tri-Cities), and President-Elect Katey Koehn (Everett and Global). Custom diploma inserts were developed for each campus, detailing new grads' free three-year membership sponsored by BECU and WSUAA member benefits and discounts.
- Save the dates for signature Fall events: our Homecoming Pep Rally on October 18; Feast dinners on September 6, September 20, and November 8; and WSUAA PreGames on September 14 vs. Washington (neutral site), September 28 at Boise State, and October 26 at San Diego State.