



# College of Arts & Sciences

## MONTHLY REPORT | August 2019

### FACULTY:

Sue Clark, chemistry, has been selected as the 2020 recipient of the American Chemical Society's Glenn T. Seaborg award in nuclear chemistry.

Zach Hamilton and Alex Kigerl, criminal justice, worked with the National Justice Institute to develop the risk assessment tool being used to assess non-violent offenders for early release and help them transition to civilian life.

Peter Chilson, English, is one of five writers recently awarded an Idaho Commission on the Arts Fellowship.

### STUDENTS:

Senior history major and ASWSUTC vice president Savannah Kresse led the initiative to create the new Mosaic Center for Student Inclusion on the Tri-Cities campus.

Graduate student biologists Nathan Layman and Carly Prior co-authored a study in *Evolution Letters* that traced fundamental genetic alterations in the American bellflower to the colonization of new environments following the last ice age, about 15,000 years ago.

WSU received \$2.3M from the National Institutes of Health to continue the WSU NIH Protein Biotechnology Training Program which supports interdisciplinary Ph.D. students in chemistry and biological sciences. The program has been continuously funded since 1989.

### OUTREACH:

Dean Luethi, music, traveled to India to provide educational materials and training for teachers of Western choral music.

Numerous CAS faculty, staff, and alumni projects were featured in the fall issue of *Washington State Magazine*, including:

Frogs and eDNA (cover story)  
Biology and environment researchers working to protect frogs and other amphibian populations

WSU Recording Studio  
Unique facility in the School of Music

Hearts in Motion  
Students and faculty change lives in Guatemala on annual medical service mission

WSU Cycling Club  
Senior in social sciences is in his second term as club president

### DEVELOPMENT:

Secured \$1.5 million estate gift for the first endowed chair in the College of Arts and Sciences, which will be in the Department of Chemistry.

The college awarded more than \$1M in scholarships for the 2019-20 academic year.