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When reflecting on ideas for the 2015-16 Faculty Women's Association (FWA) theme, the thoughts that came to mind were those of my own journey as a faculty member at Brigham Young University (BYU). Over the past several years of being at BYU, my dedication to this university and its mission has deepened. Capturing the Vision of BYU – this year's theme – has great significance to me as I have interacted with students and faculty across campus and come to better understand the history of this university.

This past year, as Barbara Smith was our FWA President (2014-15), I was inspired by her foresight in leaving a legacy of faculty women's experiences with our female student body. As faculty women we each have our own journey to our professional career to share – each is unique but rich with faith, perseverance and dedication to pursuing God's designed plan for us. In light of this initiative, the scripture to exemplify our theme this year is from Doctrine and Covenants, section 88, verse 118: “...seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning, even by study and also by faith.”

As faculty women, I have no doubt that each of us has a love of learning, both secularly and spiritually, and diligently seek to share this learning with students and our professional circle. We have our own legacy to add to BYU that can help those who come after us also come to capture and cherish the vision of BYU.

I hope the remainder of this year and for years to come you will take every opportunity you can to participate in FWA activities and events. Personally, I have been so thankful for the friendships, guidance, and knowledge I have gained being a part of BYU’s FWA. My wish is for you to find this in the FWA too!

Rickelle Richards
Associate Professor, Dept. of Nutrition, Dietetics & Food Science

Mission Statement:
The purposes of the Faculty Women’s Association are:
To support the mission of Brigham Young University;
To promote solidarity and a sense of community among its members;
To improve the quality of professional life for faculty women on the Brigham Young University campus; and
Increase awareness of and sensitivity to gender issues at Brigham Young University.

Membership
All BYU women faculty—both full-time and adjunct—are welcome in FWA.
One year = $15
Three years = $40
Pay online here, select “Faculty and Staff Associations”

Check out the FWA Facebook page for the latest news on upcoming events:

Getting CFS & Advancing in Rank: Associate and Full Professor
Wednesday, March 16 @ 12 pm
WSC 3211

We will host three breakout sessions:
CFS/Professional Track with Dianne Nielson, Dept. of Psychology
CFS/Professorial Track with Steve Turley, Dept. of Physics & Astronomy
Full Professor with Grant McQueen, William Edwards Professor of Finance

FWA Annual Retreat
Wednesday, April 13, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Hinckley Alumni Center Assembly Hall
Registration is $10 for members in advance and $15 for non-members or those registering at the door

Click here to pay: FWA Annual Retreat Payment, select “Faculty and Staff Associations”

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

“WE HAVE OUR OWN LEGACY TO ADD”

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the Provo South, Provo Central and Provo Sunset Stakes.

A second work, Savior Redeemer of My Soul will be performed by the Young Women in over 500 Young Men and Young Women of the Hobblecreek Stake in Springville as a part of this celebration held on March 19th in the Marriott Center. Pioneer Journey will be performed by the BYU Young Women’s Troup, a performing group of 170 children ages 7-18. Her choreography is seen annually on an Evening of Dance in the de Jong Concert Hall. She also directs the BYU Children's and Teen’s Creative Dance Program, where over 350 children are enrolled weekly and trained in technique, choreography and the creative process.

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Creative Works


Wadhams, R. (2015). Worlds Awaiting. A weekly program to help the rising generation discover literature and experience the world around them. It airs every Saturday beginning on February 27th at 1:30 pm Eastern on BYU Radio, Sirius XM, Channel 143, on the tunein app, and at byuradio.org.


Service

Katie Steed served with LDS Charities to strengthen special education services in Guyana.
FACULTY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION & DUES

Name: ______________________________________________________
Department: ________________________________________________
Campus Address: ______________________________________________
Campus Extension: ________
E-mail: _____________________________________

Employment Status (please circle one):
FT Faculty
PT/Adjunct Faculty
Administrative Staff
Other ________

Dues: $15.00/academic year; $40.00 for three years

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RECAP:
SPRING 2015
FACULTY AWARDS

FWA recognized five outstanding faculty last spring. As you review 2015 winners, consider who you could nominate in 2016. Watch for the call for nominations in March 2016.

Mentoring Award Winner: Melissa Heath, PhD
Department: Counseling Psychology & Special Education
Dr. Heath is outstanding in mentoring graduate students in research publication. Across her 90+ professional publications and book chapters, 60+ have student co-authors. Whereas the typical graduate student in counseling psychology and special education programs never publishes a manuscript, students advised by Dr. Heath average two publications. She has fostered a generation of professionals comfortable with professional publication.

Teaching Award Winner: Donna Freeborn, PhD, CNM, FNP
Department: College of Nursing
Five years ago, Dr. Freeborn completely revised the primary teaching method for the graduate students, transitioning from traditional lectures that are topic based to case studies that require a higher level of clinical reasoning and expertise. With this approach, students no longer simply took notes and memorized material. Since instituting this new approach, all clinically-based courses in the nursing program have followed Dr. Freeborn’s example as well as graduate program faculty all across the country.

Research Award Winner: Laura Walker, PhD
Department: School of Family Life
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Adjunct Faculty Award Winner: Mary Rasband, MS
Department: Chemical Engineering
Mary teaches multiple sections of the Chemical Engineering Skills course and helps undergraduate students contact industries and obtain internships and permanent jobs. She teaches students how to write a resume, how to interview with recruiters and companies, how to give a technical and business presentation, and how to plan to learn throughout a lifetime. She is extremely caring and personable, which translates into enthusiasm for the course. She often acts like a mother to shy or struggling students and receives outstanding evaluations.

Citizenship Award Winner: Betty Y. Ashbaker, PhD
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