CHECKING IN WITH PROFESSORS LICCI ZEM-LEDUCH AND GEORGE PEREZ

They have been here for two quarters now, and we wanted to see how they are doing...

Q&A WITH LICCI AND GEORGE

Q: What led you to Walla Walla?
LZ: I believe God did! I wasn’t looking for a job, but then the opportunity came to work here!
GP: I firmly believe it was by divine appointment, and also an answer to prayer. After teaching for several years in secular academic environments, it was in my heart to teach at an Adventist school.

Q: What has been your best experience while here?
LZ: My best experiences have been meeting the great people here. It is my first time living on the West Coast of the United States, and the people are very friendly around here!
GP: What I love the most is the Christian atmosphere, the passion for Adventist education, and the everyday challenges and joys of teaching and mentoring students.

Q: What are you looking forward to most about the upcoming spring quarter?
LZ: The beautiful weather! Besides that, I want to see the School of Business, through Enactus and B-Club, make a bigger impact on the community.
GP: It is always good to see familiar faces; at the same time I am excited to meet new students.

Q: What are your biggest accomplishments since coming to Walla Walla?
LZ: Probably launching Enactus and initiating potential impactful and sustainable projects for WWU and the Walla Walla Valley. Also, partnering with over ten businesses to bring experiential learning to the classroom by collaborating to improve their business practices, especially in marketing.
GP: I have to say I have grown as an individual and as a professional, as well as being able to handle challenge, complexity, and change. Moving is never easy, and my family and I are adapting to a new life here. I have also participated in several teaching and community activities. These experiences have helped me appreciate the significance of pedagogy and hone my skills.

Thank you, Professors Zemleduch and Perez for your contributions thus far to our University!

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**Graduating Senior**

**Andreaa Hutuleac**

Last fall, Andreaa Hutuleac was recognized by the Cascade Collegiate Conference for two honors, the Cascade Collegiate Conference Fall Academic All-Conference Honors, and the 2018 Daktronics NAIA Scholar Athlete Honors.

Andreaa, a senior business major, is also Pre-Law. She hopes to attend the University of Oregon’s Law School this fall.

When asked what this award means to her, she said it is great to be recognized for her hard work and dedication. This was Andreaa’s first (and only) year on the newly formed WWU Cross Country team. She was grateful for the (albeit short) collegiate career in Cross Country.

It allowed her to challenge herself and fall back in love with running.

“.... I DIDN'T DO IT TO BE THE BEST ATHLETE; I DID IT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH RUNNING AGAIN.”

-ANDREAA HUTULEAC

**Going for Gold**

**Britta and Brookie Goodlin**

Britta and Brookie Goodlin are business majors who compete in the sport called Reining. “What is Reining,” you ask? Reining is a western riding competition in which the rider must guide the horse through a very precise pattern of stops, spins, and circles. These activities are viewed by a panel of judges on how precise they are in each of the elements of their chosen pattern. Reining is currently the first Western Competition sport to be brought into the International Federation for Equestrian Sport, and potentially included in the next Olympics.

Britta took home four world titles at the World Equestrian Games in November of this last year. Brookie has won several titles herself, many in the under 18 category before coming to college. They both train on weekends during the school year.

Britta and Brookie hope that they will have the opportunity to ride in the Olympics. We wish them the best of luck as they travel to Arizona for the Cactus Classic during Spring Break, as well as in November at the World Equestrian Games.

Britta and Brookie, on the left and right, respectively.
BUSINESS CLUB

Being in the Business Club is the best! It’s the coolest club on campus (obviously I say this with no bias)! This year the Business Club has 515 members, making it the largest club on campus. The B-Club events this year have been great, ranging from free Taqueria to free Starbucks, and even free corn maze tickets and exclusive movie premiers!

The officers this year are:

President: Hunter Giesbrecht
Professional VP: Kainan Shaw
Financial VP: Joey Terry
VP Spiritual Affairs: Kelsey Turner
VP Public Relations: Jordan Van Dorn
Secretary: Jordan Lucas
External Public Relations: Michaela Garcia
Internal Public Relations: Evan Smith
Sergeant at Arms: Ryan Patchet
Social Media Manager: Lindsey Shear
Club Manager: Madi Malott
Event Coordinator: Christian Manley
Organizational Manager: Kalli Creitz
Graphic Design Specialist: Noah Dybdahl
THE ARRIVAL OF ENACTUS

This January, a new group formed in the School of Business called Enactus. Enactus is a community of students, faculty, and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to enable human progress. In Enactus, students use business concepts to develop entrepreneurial projects that transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world.

The Walla Walla University Enactus Chapter is part of the international organization that connects students and leaders. It completes projects that empower people to transform opportunities into real, sustainable progress for themselves and their communities.

Pictured below are the officers of the WWU Enactus Chapter. Back row: President Corbin Edelbach, Zachary Heyman, Andrew Boskind, Nathan Dobkins, Ryan Patchett, Brandon Graham; Front row: Licci Zemleduch, Kelsey Turner, Sabrina Smith, Michaela Garcia, George Perez. Licci Zemleduch and George Perez are sponsors.

Enactus members are currently working on a few different projects. They partnered with a T-shirt company called Allmade to get more people to use their environmentally friendly shirts; they are working on an Agritourism project, and they are working on a used coffee grounds project in which the used coffee grounds from the local coffee shop are turned into mulch.

Enactus members hope to represent Walla Walla University at the National Enactus competition being held in Kansas City, Missouri in May.
INTERVIEW SEASON

So far this year, a number of organizations have interviewed for internships and full time jobs, including: Baker Boyer Bank, Washington State Auditors, Vivio Technologies, Advent Health, Wal-Mart, Washington State Legislature, Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Loma Linda University. Many students were accepted for internships and jobs, and we are excited to see where it takes them!
SENIORS (AND SOME JUNIORS) TRAVEL TO MICROSOFT, PACCAR, & ROSARIO

The Senior Class Trip was a grand success! It was made possible by donations from alumni. Our seniors (and a few special juniors) journeyed to Microsoft Headquarters in Seattle, as well as PACCAR Headquarters! They were lucky enough to see the inner workings of these companies and learn a lot about opportunities in each. After their tours, they spent the weekend at the Rosario Beach Campus for much deserved rest and relaxation. While at Rosario, the students heard presentations from WWU Alum, Fred Cornforth, and Kevin Welch, who shared from their wealth of experience as Christian business executives. Thankfully, despite the weather, the students made it back to WWU safely!
SHARK TANK CO-LAB

Ready to enter the shark tank? Five teams made up of Business, Computer Science, Technology, and Engineering students were ready. Styled after the popular show Shark Tank, students presented a business idea and pitched it to a panel. On April 20, they will be competing for a grand prize of $10,000. After watching the Semi-Finals, it was obvious that there were some truly terrific ideas, so it will be interesting to see who takes home the grand prize.

The panel of judges is made up of local professionals in engineering, business, and entrepreneurship.
WE LOVE OUR STUDENTS

THE SOUP FEAST
Homemade soup, bread, and worship! What could be better? Or tastier! The School of Business Faculty made a delicious soup supper for all the students. We had a great turn out, and enjoyed the food and fellowship!

DR. TARUWINGA’S ATLAS VISITS
In an effort to reach out to more students, be more accessible, and have more conversations, Dr. Taruwinga has been visiting the Atlas (our local coffee shop) for an hour on Tuesdays this quarter. Many students have taken advantage of this opportunity to have great conversations with the Dean of the Business School!