



CENTRAL WYOMING COLLEGE RUSTLER AG & EQUINE COMPLEX

Transforming lives and strengthening communities through learning, leadership, and connection

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our small towns matter and Central Wyoming College has been working hard and strategically to keep our communities strong. In fact, each year that has been a key part of my New Year's resolution.

When I moved to Fremont County I was struck by all of the beauty I saw, including the beauty of ranching, horses, farms, and a quickly growing local food movement. What also struck me, an Ag economist, was the fact that we had a community college in the midst of all of this with no real agriculture program to speak of. I quickly learned that we were exporting our young people.



and some older folks, who were interested in studying Ag to other schools in state or even worse, out of state. As a key part of my presidency at CWC I was determined to change this.

We would work to build an Ag & Equine school that would merit our status as #3 in the state for cattle, #1 in the state for horses and #1 in the state for local food. We would create an Ag & Equine economic engine in what we will now be calling the Rustler Ag & Equine Complex. Undergirded by CWC's new Bootstrap Collaborative business incubator program, currently with about 25 clients, we are working to grow business in Ag and Equine and many other economic sectors. We have also started a Farm Incubator program and have partnered with Eat Wyoming to be a big part of a food distribution system to make it all work.

As you can see, over the last several years, Central Wyoming College has been building out the agriculture program and building upon our great equine and rodeo programs. We have added meat processing, small scale farming, agriculture entrepreneurship, ranch management, and more. What has been missing is a facility to house all of these efforts.

While this work building out our programs was happening locally, state leaders also took note of the need for an Ag and Equine facility at CWC and stepped up to provide half the funding for just such a facility. The state construction process for community college facilities relies on a shared commitment between the State of Wyoming and the region the college serves.

This means the state funds only half the building and the college must look to its local community to secure a match to release these funds. Central Wyoming College needs your help to meet this match. A gift from you demonstrates local support of the vision of a comprehensive Agriculture and Equine program at CWC. Join me in starting the new year, with a new commitment. Make your gift today and be recognized as part of bringing this economic engine to life for our region!

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Agriculture is the third largest sector of Wyoming's economy and is an economic driver in Central Wyoming and Fremont County.



The Rustler Ag and Equine Complex is an 85,000-square-foot facility on 25 acres.



The Rustler Ag & Equine Complex will open in Fall 2023.

The Rustler Ag and Equine Complex will attract horse enthusiasts and competitors to the region, filling hotels and restaurants.





CWC's equine and agriculture academic programs will be housed in the complex.

Central Wyoming College's Rodeo and Ranch Horse Team, and meat judging will be active in the new facility.



Every Donor Matters

As a thank you to everyone who contributes \$250 or more to this project, your name, or family name, or the name of someone you wish to honor, will be featured on a donor wall in the main foyer of the Rustler Ag & Equine Complex. This donor recognition piece is being designed by Central Wyoming College's Professor of Art Nita Kehoe. This is a meaningful way to show your support of CWC and the Rustler Complex.

There are also opportunities to name spaces within this new facility, including classrooms, stalls, roping and bucking chutes, dressage arena, farrier's forge, tack room, foyers, and even the mechanical bull!

Please reach out to us to discuss these opportunities.

Ways to Give

Give Online: https://www.cwc.edu/giving. Designate your gift for the Rustler Complex Mail: Please make checks payable to CWC Foundation and return in the enclosed envelope. If you are interested in other tax wise ways to give, such as gifts of stock or other property, please contact us.



While the shell may be up, to bring this project fully to fruition in 2023, we need your support



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