Signs of spring surround us this March as we look back on a unique year in the history of the Quinney College. A year ago this month, we rapidly shifted all courses to distance learning modes. Our usual hands-on style gave way to Zoom and phone calls and learning through web portals. Students, faculty and staff were more resilient than anyone expected and now we look forward to our experiential learning activities. We can see the future where a handshake, a shared cup of coffee, and student group projects again become reality.

This spring we reflect on the loss of esteemed emeritus faculty John Neuhold, Martyn Caldwell, and Nat Frazer, and we recently learned of the passing of Fred Wagner. Fred served many years as a faculty member in wildlife ecology, was director of the Ecology Center and associate dean in the College for almost a decade. His seminal work on the Yellowstone Ecosystem and the Sagebrush Sea changed our understanding of the ecology of our western landscapes. Many of us are grateful to have known Fred well. We celebrate his life and his many contributions to our science.

With spring comes renewal. We will hold a graduation ceremony May 6 to honor the students who have accomplished much during this most difficult time. Although only the graduates themselves will be in attendance, family, friends, faculty, and staff will be able to show their support as they have always done by watching live on AggieCast. This group of students especially deserve our congratulations on a job well done. Reflection, resilience, and renewal are this year’s words to live by, and will be a lasting part of each graduate’s path forward.

Check out the recent news stories of our faculty and staff through the links below.

Best regards,
Chris

Faculty and Staff in the News

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Kari Veblen | Climate Change, Criollo and the Colorado Plateau: Is an old Breed the Future for Cattle Ranching?

Jordan Smith | Fees drive away low-income families from outdoor places like Bridal Veil Falls, researchers say
Joseph Wheaton | QCNR Professor Joseph Wheaton Recognized with 2020 Gordon Warwick Award

Darren McAvoy | Biochar: Can it Help Fight Climate Change While Improving Soil Health?

Janice Brahney | Slow Motion Disaster: Receding Glaciers Open Space for Invading Algae

Jack Schmidt | New report confronts tough choices for the future of the Colorado River

Larissa Yocom, Paul Rogers | ‘Wildfires In The West’ with Paul Rogers and Larissa Yocom on Wednesday’s Access Utah

Zack Miller | Six Feet Apart at Arches: Observing Social Distancing at a Busy National Park

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