



# Keys to Our Communities Award

The Center for Community Engaged Learning (CCEL) at Weber State University has played a vital role in uplifting communities across the Wasatch Front. Because of the center's invaluable contributions to our society, an effort to recognize it with the "Keys to Our Communities Award" is taking place. This document outlines CCEL's background and proposes municipality and county involvement in recognizing this extraordinary community asset through signed resolutions of support. A sample resolution of support is attached.

## Background

WSU's Center for Community Engaged Learning was established in June, 2007. The center's mission is to engage students, faculty and staff members in service, democratic engagement, and community research to promote civic participation, build community capacity, and enhance the educational experience.

Community engaged learning is defined as an activity that involves a collaborative, reciprocal relationship with the community that prepares students, faculty, staff, and alumni to be engaged citizens, and to strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility by addressing community issues.

Since CCEL's inception, over 44,000 students have contributed more than 942,000 combined hours of community engagement with an estimated \$ equivalent of \$17 million.

Community stewardship is woven into the fabric and culture of the campus, as evidenced by its receiving the prestigious Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement in 2008.

In honor of WSU's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary a "125 Partnerships" report will be published to recognize the significant breadth and depth of campus - community partnerships.

## Proposal

We propose that all cities within Weber, Davis and Morgan counties, along with the three county commissions, support the "Keys to Our Communities" award and adopt a resolution to proclaim the same.

## How to Participate

Here's how your community can support the "Keys to Our Communities" award:

1. Adopt a resolution of support by *October 15, 2014* (sample attached).
2. Send a copy of the signed resolution to Bill Cook at [BillCook@ogdencity.com](mailto:BillCook@ogdencity.com) by *October 31, 2014*.
3. Identify one or more representatives who will attend the *February 18, 2015* celebration – 6-8 p.m. @ Weber State University, Shepherd Union Building Ballroom. Dinner will be provided for all who attend. RSVP to Mavis Hawley at [mavishawley@ogdencity.com](mailto:mavishawley@ogdencity.com) by *October 31, 2014*.

## More information about CCEL ...

- CCEL Overview <http://vimeo.com/87539756>
- Ogden United Promise Neighborhood <http://vimeo.com/74467028>
- Fishing for Education <http://vimeo.com/16509372>
- Youth Impact <http://vimeo.com/32935731>
- Cottages of Hope <http://vimeo.com/27095245>
- YMCA <http://vimeo.com/17862244>
- Science and Arts in the Parks <http://vimeo.com/16509338>
- Dental Hygiene and Midtown <http://vimeo.com/24193585>
- WSU Makes a Difference in Ogden Day - May 8 2014 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BiaUHA9uWA&list=UUxucfRWANaT8tfz97IAf8hw><<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BiaUHA9uWA&list=UUxucfRWANaT8tfz97IAf8hw>>

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-X

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE OGDEN CITY MAYOR AND THE OGDEN CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE “KEYS TO OUR COMMUNITIES” AWARD FOR THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING AT WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON POSTING AND FINAL PASSAGE.**

WHEREAS, Weber State University has a rich history over the past 125 years of collaborating with communities around the world and developing partnerships that have lasted up to 60 years, and

WHEREAS, the Center for Community Engaged Learning at Weber State University was established in June, 2007. The center is a strategic partnership between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs that provides both curricular and co-curricular community engagement opportunities in partnership with local community organizations, and

WHEREAS, the center’s mission is to engage students, faculty and staff members in service, democratic engagement, and community research to promote civic participation, build community capacity, and enhance the educational experience, and

WHEREAS, community engaged learning is defined as an activity that involves a collaborative, reciprocal relationship with the community that prepares students, faculty, staff, and alumni to be engaged citizens, strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility by addressing community issues, and

WHEREAS, since its inception, over 44,000 students have contributed more than 942,000 combined hours of community engagement with an estimated \$ equivalent of \$17 million, and

WHEREAS, community stewardship is woven into the fabric and culture of the campus and was recognized as such by the prestigious Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement in 2008. Weber State University has also been listed each year on The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll since the inception of the award, and

WHEREAS, in honor of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Weber State University a “125 Partnerships” report has been published to recognize the significant breadth and depth of campus to community partnerships.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Ogden City Council and Mayor hereby acknowledge and support the mission of the Center for Community Engaged Learning at Weber State University and hereby recognize the center and the university with the first “Keys to Our Communities” award. This joint resolution shall become effective immediately after posting and final passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Ogden City Council and Mayor Michael P. Caldwell this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2014.

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Richard Hyer  
Council Chair

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Michael P. Caldwell  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Tracy Hansen, City Recorder

POSTING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL      DATE

## Award Plaque

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### Keys to Our Communities Award

Awarded to the Center for Community Engaged Learning at Weber State University by communities within Weber, Davis and Morgan counties on February 18, 2015. We collectively and individually welcome community engaged learning.

Morgan County

Davis County

Weber County

Morgan

Bountiful

Farr West

Centerville

Harrisville

Clearfield

Huntsville

Clinton

Hooper

Farmington

Marriott-Slaterville

Fruit Heights

North Ogden

Kaysville

Ogden

Layton

Plain City

North Salt Lake

Pleasant View

South Weber

Riverdale

Sunset

Roy

Syracuse

South Ogden

West Bountiful

Uintah

West Point

Washington Terrace

Woods Cross

West Haven