

Student Excellence

Western awards 100,000th degree in fall 2010

Cultural Anthropology major **Ariadne Alatrisme Peña** was recognized at fall Commencement as the honorary 100,000th degree recipient. During her time at Western Alatrisme was involved with the Ethnic Student Center and MEChA club. She helped found Western's Student Coalition for Immigration Rights to rally support for the DREAM Act. Alatrisme studied at Hawaii Pacific University for a quarter on a student exchange and completed an internship with the grassroots prison

reform group Community Alliance for Prisoners. Alatrisme showcased her academic talents at Western's Scholars Week, when she presented a study of multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis in Russian prisons. Western officials knew the 100,000th degree would be awarded at the ceremony but Alatrisme, of Laguna Hills, Calif., did not know she had been selected until it was her turn to walk across the stage at Saturday's Commencement ceremony. She received a gift basket filled with memorabilia, including a blanket,

clock, coffee cup, keychain and a "Western at 100" book.

WWU Model United Nation wins top honors in NYC

Western's Model United Nations team, representing Portugal, was named Outstanding Delegation at the National Model United Nations conference in New York City. This was the sixth time Western's Model U.N. team attended the conference and the second time it received Outstanding Delegation, the highest recognition. Issues discussed at the April conference included nuclear energy, conventional weapons, peace and security, development and human rights. Students who were part of the Model UN team included: **Ben Stamm**, Cheney; **Jesse Barnett**, Kingston; **Liza Weeks**, Kirkland; **Joe Jamison**, Ephrata; **Maria Torres**, Brewster; **Lauren Hager**, Gresham, Ore.; **Mark Winters**, Spokane; **Jesse Summer-Lavigne**, Spokane; **Patricia Robinson**, Seattle; **Rachel Vette**, Seattle; **Adam Walkiewicz**, Vancouver; **Andrew Sage**, Sammamish; **Holly Myers**, Kirkland; **Charlie Harbeson**, Edmonds; and **Keith Anderson**, Seattle. Western senior **Sara Leister** served as assistant director for the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Model U.N. team is part of the Western International Affairs Association and the Political Science department.



Ariadne Alatrisme Peña, center, was recognized as Western's honorary 100,000th degree recipient at fall Commencement. With Alatrisme is President Bruce Shepard, left and Board of Trustees Chair Dennis Madsen.

Seven students recognized as Presidential Scholars

WWU President Bruce Shepard honored seven graduates as Presidential Scholars with a medallion during the spring Commencement in June. Most of the scholars were cum laude recipients. The Presidential Scholars included:

- **Rachael Kiah Chapman** of Federal Way, a Performing Arts major. The daughter of Michael and Deena Chapman, she was this year's assistant director of Western's Summer Youth Theatre Institute. Chapman's Western stage roles included "The Jungle Book," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "High School Musical." She plans to continue her studies at the graduate level and hopes to return to Western someday as an instructor.



Rachael Chapman

- **Amy Grambo** of Lynden.

Grambo earned her Elementary Education degree and returned to Western last summer to complete minors in Spanish and Teaching English as a Second Language. She worked as a student teacher at a bilingual elementary school in Burlington and organized an "Introduction to Western" event for her young students. Grambo also was a program leader for the Whatcom County Boys and Girls Club.



Amy Grambo

- **Analiessa Isherwood** of Moses Lake, a Behavioral

Neurosciences major and Chemistry minor. The daughter of Scott and Teddi Isherwood of Spokane and DeWreatha Isherwood of Moses Lake was a Commencement speaker for spring quarter graduation. Isherwood traveled to Haiti three times to provide medical care to impoverished communities. She was a judge and guest coach for Science Olympiad teams and the recipient of several prestigious scholarships.



Analiessa Isherwood

After graduation, Isherwood enrolled in the University of Washington School of Medicine to focus on providing medical care to underserved populations.

- **Josephine Jackson** of Eatonville, a Communications major. The daughter of John S. Jackson and the late Catherine L. Jackson, Jackson earned her degree in March with the department's top grade point average and a minor in Spanish. Jackson was employed in the Office of Financial Aid and was a member of the university's highly ranked parliamentary debate team. She was part of a top-ranked four-person debate team at the 2010 World Universities Peace Invitational Debate in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Jackson was accepted into the Middle East and Central Asian Security Studies program at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. After completing her master's degree there, she



Josephine Jackson

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aspires to work in the U.S. Foreign Service.

• **Kelliann Kelly**, the daughter of Tamie Uehara and Timothy M. Kelly and a Geography-Resource Management graduate with minors in Geographic Information Systems and Spanish. As a U.S. Forest Service park ranger intern in the Mount Baker and Darrington districts Kelly created trail maps posted at trailheads in the popular hiking areas. Fluent in Japanese, Kelly used her language skills as a bilingual assistant in Western's Asia University America



Kelliann Kelly

Program and earned a nomination for the Student Employee of the Year award for assisting Japanese exchange students. Kelly plans to use her skills in languages and resource management in the GIS profession in an international setting.

• **Brooke Summerfield**, an Accounting major. The daughter of Maria and David Summerfield of Federal Way, Summerfield was selected by accounting faculty to join a four-student team that took first place at the



Brooke Summerfield

regional KPMG Case Competition in 2010. She volunteered at Sehome High School and assisted Spanish language teachers and students. Summerfield spent a summer in Peru to study Spanish and the culture. She was also a leader in the INN University Ministry and participated in community service

activities with Beta Alpha Psi, an honorary society for accounting students and professionals.

• **Douglas Clinton Dyson Weckerly** of Albuquerque, N.M., Sociology, a Spanish major. The son of Doug Weckerly of Fort Collins, Colo., and Annette Bleakly of Farmington, N.M. developed a sophisticated study for his senior thesis, which explored educational achievement of student migrant workers and wants his research to create effective programs to reduce drop-out rates among migrant workers.

He received several scholarships at Western and taught English and citizenship test preparation to Spanish-speaking adults at a learning center in Everson. Weckerly worked as a caregiver at the Sean Humphrey House, a Bellingham nonprofit adult family home for low-income people living with HIV and AIDS. After graduation, Weckerly headed to Peru with the Peace Corps to work as a community health educator.



Douglas Weckerly

Journalism students win regional and national Marks of Excellence for writing, radio, photography

Several Journalism students won regional and national Mark of Excellence Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. The national award winners, all first-place winners in the regional competition, were:

• **Carey Rose** of Bellevue, who won first place in General News Photography for "County Jail Bloated with Inmates."

- **Benjamin Woodard** of Arlington and **Adrienne Woods** of Everett, who won first place in Breaking News Reporting for "Dwight Clark Remembered." Woodard was also a national runner-up in the category of In-Depth Reporting for "Audit: High-Level Administrator Squandered Funds."

- **Max Wilbert** of Seattle, who was a national runner-up in the category of Non-Fiction Magazine Articles for "Siberian Summer."

Regional winners were:

- **Jordan Stead** of Seattle, who won three awards: Both first and second place in the Feature Photography category for "The Mom & Pot Co-Op" and "Tijuana Prostitutes on Break" and first place in the Photo Illustration category for "The Business of Pleasure."

- **Hailey Tucker** of Idaho, who won second place in Non-Fiction Magazine Articles for "Endless Appetite" and Kayley Richards of Wenatchee won third place in the same category for "Gift of a Lifetime."

- **Gina Cole** of Kirkland and **Kathleen Marriott** of Yelm, who won third place in General News Reporting for their series, "Legal Battle Imminent for Western professor" and "Subpoena battle over for professor." Cole also won second place in the Radio News Reporting category for "The Beat: Big Backers Show Who Would Really Win on Ballot Initiatives."

- **Jeff Emtman** of Pullman, who won first place in the Radio Feature Reporting category for "Bioplastics."

Dead Parrots Society wins improv championships

The Department of Theatre and Dance's improv comedy team, The Dead Parrots Society, placed first

at the National College Improv Tournament held in Chicago last February. The College Improv Tournament is a prestigious competition, with former participants appearing regularly on Comedy Central programs and performing with professional improv companies. Western is the first West Coast school to win the competition. Twelve college improv teams competed on a national level in a series of two rounds. The Western students who competed in Chicago were **Miguel Vila, Noel Wamsley, Rashawn Scott, Alison Luhrs** and **Jake Barrow**. They were accompanied by other students prepared to compete as alternates: **Austin Bridges, Nathan Streifel, James McGrath** and **Zach Wymore**.

Art student shows 'Personal Space' in local shop

Bachelor of Fine Arts student **Fiona Shearer** presented her solo exhibition "Personal Space" at Whatcom Wine Makers in downtown Bellingham in June 2010. The culmination of Shearer's year-long, self-directed study in the Art Department, "Personal Space" utilized photography and mixed media sculpture to explore the question, "To what extent can we express our relationship to our environment?" Shearer's sculptures conveyed notions of space, the body, and the home and used a vast array of materials such as ceramic, wood, fabric, wire and paper.



The Dead Parrots Society, Western's improv comedy team, took first place at the National College Improv Tournament.

Art students create permanent exhibit in Parks Hall

Twelve student-made photographs highlighting the collegial environment and dynamic in the College of Business and Economics have a permanent place in the first-floor landing of Parks Hall. The photos were created by students in Art Professor **Garth Amundson's** Art 495 Professional Practice class; students worked with the college to create a permanent photo installation showing the interaction between students and professors.

Student artists present exhibition in Seattle

Artists **Teresa Grasseschi** and **Megan Harmon** presented the exhibition "The Grand Disappearing Act," in Seattle in May 2011. The exhibition, consisting of work made during their year of BFA study, featured photographic and mixed media work exploring the value placed on common physical objects within American society. Grasseschi's art highlighted ideas of memory, time and identity associated with the personal photograph. Harmon used shredded money in both mixed media and photography to address curiosities associated with value. The opening reception was held during Seattle's First Thursday art walk.

art show "Errant Immediacy" at the Overgrowth Gallery in downtown Bellingham in June. Aldrich's work investigated new media technology, communication and painting and looked specifically at how information registers or breaks down through marks and fragments.

Leadership Lunches honor top CBE students

Six students are chosen quarterly to participate in the Leadership Lunch program coordinated by CBE's Center for Excellence in Management Education. Luncheons were sponsored by Bsquare Corporation of Bellevue, REMAX Whatcom County, and QBE/Unigard Insurance of Bellevue. The CBE Leadership Lunch recognizes College of Business and Economics students who distinguish themselves through scholarship and leadership. Students are nominated by faculty in their respective departments. The events have students meet and engage with successful business leaders about topics relating to career development and effective leadership in organizations.

- Honored fall students included: **Libbe Bear** of Oak Harbor; **Christine Hay** of Sammamish; **Angela Heinrich** of Kirkland; **Dan Huff** of Renton; **Brooke Summerfield** of Federal Way; **Jennifer Wetzel** of Tacoma.
- Honored winter students included: **Christopher Crow** of Los Angeles, Calif.; **Ryan Holden** of Bellingham; **Natalie Holmstrom** of Mount Vernon; **Remy Levin** of Bellingham; **Paul Than** of Renton; and **Damian Wiese** of Bainbridge Island.
- Honored spring students included: **Devin Schemm** of Kent; **Anna Pinotti** of Dallas, Ore.; **Hanna Moran** of Sammamish; **Jayson Westover** of Albuquerque,



College of Business and Economics students and faculty gather with industry leaders in spring 2011 for the Leadership Lunch at Unigard Insurance Group in Bellevue. The quarterly networking lunches recognize outstanding students in scholarship and leadership.

Senior art show explores

'Errant Immediacy'

Art Department student, **Kendra Aldrich**, held an opening of her senior

N.M.; **Alycia Bazar** of Poulsbo; and **Stanislav Zinkov** of Bellingham.

Computer Science students place second in regional cyber defense competition

In Western's first trip to the competition, a team of eight undergraduate Computer Science students placed second in the 4th Annual Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition at Highline Community College. Student teams from eight community colleges and universities were asked to operate a pre-configured computer system of a fictitious company. Meanwhile, in a separate room, an evil red team of cyber-defense professionals from Boeing, the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force attempted to vandalize and break into the networks. The student teams needed to defend against the red team's attacks. Western's team was made up of team leader **Joe Bialek** of Sammamish; **Jonathan Jolley** of Freeland; **Kyle Brady** of Kalispell, Mont.; **James Bucher** of Richland; **Alex Wipf** of Edmonds, **RJ (Ronald) Harding** of Yelm; **Mason Bially** of Port Angeles; and **Alex Eveleth** of Pullman. Computer Science Professor **David Bover** took the team to Highline and helped the students prepare for the competition.

Alumna wins scholarship to study in Germany

Caitlin Golden, a 2010 graduate of Western, is now a graduate student at the University of Hamburg in Germany thanks to a DAAD Graduate Scholarship she applied for while still at Western. Golden worked closely with the late **Christine Compston**, former director of the Fellowship Office. Golden, a Seattle resident, was

awarded \$20,000 for her enrollment in the University of Hamburg's German Sign Language program as well as a two-month intensive language course. Golden received her bachelor's degree in German and is fluent in American Sign Language. The DAAD Graduate Scholarship, offered by the German Academic Exchange Service, provides highly qualified individuals with an opportunity to do independent study in Germany or to complete a full Master's degree program at a German university. After completing her master's degree, Golden plans to work toward her doctorate degree to become a sign-language linguist.

Industrial Design Program students honored

The Industrial Designers Society of America Student Merit Awards recognized several students in Western's Industrial Design program:

- **Sarah Blott** of Seattle was a Senior Student Merit Winner and Senior Student Best in Show.
- **Anna Perrella** of Bellevue was a Junior Student Merit Winner.
- **Ryan Hume** of Bainbridge Island was named Junior Student Best in Show.

Blott and Perrella also represented Western's Industrial Design program at the IDSA Western District Conference in California in May. The Northwest Chapter of the IDSA includes professional industrial designers and student designers from Western, the University of Washington and the Emily Carr University of Art and Design.

Computer Science students fended off a simulated cyber attack launched by professionals from Boeing, the Navy and Air Force, placing second in a regional Cyber Defense Competition.

CBE students place second at marketing contest

The Western marketing team took second place at the eighth annual Intercollegiate Marketing Competition held at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, B.C. This was the first year U.S. schools were included, making it the first international competition. Teams of undergraduate business majors competed by analyzing a business case before a panel of industry expert judges. Western's team consisted of College of Business and Economics students **Katrina Ozols** of Kodiak, of Alaska; **Courtney Steffy** of Moscow, Idaho; and **Jason Wilson** of St. Paul, Minn. Marketing Assistant Professor **Ed Love** and Management Associate Professor **Jongwook Kim** coached the team.

ond prize and \$1,500 for "Rocking Ship" a sideways-rocking rocket ship with educational graphics.

- **Nolan Leh** of Bellingham, third place and \$1,000 for "Cove Desk" an elegant minimum-waste children's study desk that can be flattened for shipping
- **Heather Harris** of Juneau, Alaska, fourth place and \$500 for "Nigel" a plywood pelican with removable canvas bag hamper
- **Kyle Thomas** of Tacoma, Parent and Child's Favorite Award and \$500 for "Puzzlin' Giraffe" a rocking chair with interactive number and letter puzzle pieces
- **Paul Summerson** of Sedro-Woolley, Student Choice Award and \$500 for "Turn Table" a round table with interactive, functional gears.



Industrial Design student **Sean Braaten** of Everett won a \$500 scholarship from Mount Baker Products for "Gather," his entry into the annual WWU Mount Baker Products Furniture Design Competition. Braaten designed "Gather" as a play station for Rebound of Whatcom County.

Students win children's furniture design competition

Six students in the Industrial Design program received recognition and \$6,000 in scholarships for their children's furniture designs in the annual Mount Baker Products Furniture Design Competition. Students, children, parents and a three community member panel selected the winning designs from 20 student projects. Mount Baker Products, Inc. provided scholarship money and wood for the projects. The winners included:

- **William Losleben** of Sultan, first prize and \$2,000 for "Pupil" a penguin-inspired children's easel and desk.
- **Thomas Kloucek** of Portland, Ore., sec-

Peace Corps welcomes two recent graduates

Recent Western graduates **Austin Kincaid** and **Samantha Russell** were selected by the Peace Corps for international development work. Kincaid, a 2010 Psychology graduate, departed in July to work with at-risk youth in the Philippines. A Clallam Bay High School graduate, Kincaid is interested in a career counseling youth. Russell departed in May for Fiji to help community members to sustain their natural resources and improve their livelihoods through increased environmental awareness. Russell, a 2011 Environmental Science-Marine Ecology graduate, is from Simi Valley, Calif.

Students showcase mixed media talent in gallery

Advanced Photo Seminar students showcased their creativity and skills with photography and mixed media

in a March gallery show titled "Mixed Nuts: A Tasty Blend of Photography and Mixed Media". The exhibit explored themes of identity, imagination and the unknown. Associate The show featured photography and mixed media creations by: **Adam McRae** from Duvall; **Alyssa Putnam** from Seattle; **Anna Zuck** from White Salmon; **Heidi Killings** from Coville; **Jeff Emtman** from Pullman; **Joe Rudko** from Woodinville; **Laurel Kam** from Steilacoom; **Marybeth Coghill** from West Seattle; and **Teresa Grasseschi** from Seattle. Professor of Art **Garth Amundson** supervised the artists as they pieced together their show.

Cast-offs become useful items in ReMade challenge

Juniors in the Industrial Design program produced useful items from found and discarded materials for their annual ReMade projects, which were available on sale for one month at Ideal – Carefully Curated Goods as part of the monthly Bellingham Art Walk last June. Projects included a magazine holder from carpet tiles, a basket from bicycle spokes and rims, and a bowl from countertop laminate. The annual ReMade design challenge, combining sustainability and entrepreneurship, was founded by Industrial Design Associate Professor **Arunas Oslapas** more than a decade ago.

Student shares his stories from Egypt's revolution

Liberal arts student **Michael Downey** analyzed the upheaval in Egypt from the perspective of his unique personal experiences in a free presentation last May, "Egypt in Revolution: A Personal Account." While studying at the American University in Cairo Downey

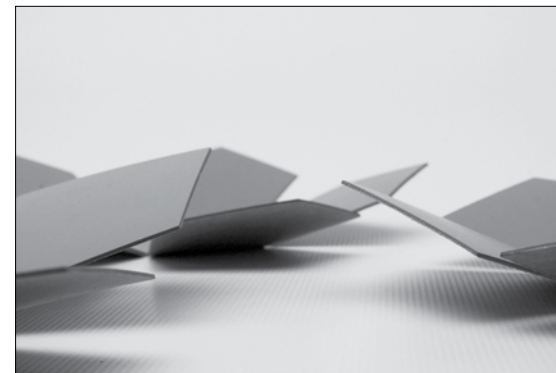
interviewed members of the Muslim Brotherhood. He wrote an article later published by the World Policy Institute and commented upon by numerous media outlets. Downey talked about the preconditions that led to the uprising and the developing aftermath in the wake of Hosni Mubarak's fall. The presentation sponsored by the Center for International Studies.

Campus Honors 2011 Student Employee of the Year

Lisa Pubigee, a peer advisor in the Financial Aid Department since September 2007, was the 2011 Western Student Employee of the Year and later selected as Washington State's Student Employee of the Year. The Student Employment Center received an impressive 27 nominations from departments across campus for the award. All the nominees were honored at a reception in April during the National Student Employment Association's National Student Employment Week. Western employs more than 2,000 students each academic year.

Admissions invites top high school seniors to experience Western

The Office of Admissions hosted its fourth annual Western Scholars Invitational, a three-day program in July to give high-achieving high school seniors from around the country an opportunity to experience life as a college student and explore the opportunities available to them. The program provided overnight stays in residence halls, dining hall



Bowls made from castoff countertop laminate were among the items in the ReMade show, highlighting objects made from found and discarded materials by Industrial Design students. The ReMade items were for sale at a Bellingham store and displayed during the city's monthly Art Walk event.

meals, classroom discussions, faculty lectures, access to the Wade King Student Recreation Center, campus tours and a trip to downtown Bellingham and Mallard Ice Cream. Students learned about the admissions and scholarship process by reviewing actual Western applications. This year's program hosted nearly 100 students and involved over 25 distinguished faculty members. WSI is the largest overnight program offered by the Office of Admissions each year.

Western congratulates Viking 45 for X-Prize run

"WWU X-Prize Team Day" in October recognized the accomplishments of the Vehicle Research Institute's incredible run through the Progressive Automotive X-Prize competition last summer. The VRI's Viking 45 vehicle team was eliminated on the last day of competition in the \$10 million contest to build a 100 mpg car – the competition started with almost 140 entrants. WWU was the last remaining American university team in the competition and one of the last dozen still in the running, outlasting teams from both Cornell and MIT. The free event provided an opportunity for well-wishers to meet team members, see Viking 45, and hear about how construction of Viking 45 could influence the direction of the VRI.

awards at the Regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in February at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. **James McGrath** took first place in Directing; **Kiki Penoyer** won first place in Critics Forum; **Adam Syron** won for Best Classical Actor; **Austin Bridges** was first runner-up for Critics Forum; and **Justin Shepherd** was first runner-up for acting. In addition to the competition, the regional festivals offer workshops and symposia on theatre arts.

Students study 'delight' for Microsoft

When Microsoft wanted to know more about what it takes to "delight" a customer and where the threshold lies between just satisfaction and "delight" the company contacted Assistant Professor of Finance and Marketing **Ed Love**, to see if students were interested in doing a marketing research project. Graduate students **Michelle Neff**, **Joel Solomon**, **Megan Murray-Wagner**, and Marketing concentration undergraduate **Shannon Ropell** students analyzed customer reviews, conducted surveys, reviewed academic articles and interviewed customers. They found delight leads to loyalty and positive word-of-mouth. They also found that young customers and those who gathered less information would be more likely to be delighted. Microsoft managers were impressed with their results and offered the student team opportunities to present the findings again.



Lisa Pubigee, center, was named Student Employee of the Year in 2010-11. A peer advisor in the Financial Aid Department, Pubigee pictured here at the award ceremony with her co-workers, Barbara Luton, Fidele Dent, Rick Stefani, Clara Capron, Caryn Regimbal and Jim DeWilde.

Theatre Arts students win regional Kennedy honors

Five WWU Theatre Arts students won

Western's new DECA club brings home the gold

Members of Western's newly formed Collegiate DECA Club were among the top finishers at state and interna-

tional competitions this year. **Alex White** and **Spencer Martenson** took first place at the state competition in Spokane and were among the top 10 finishers at the international competition in Orlando. **Emily Lewis** also finished first at the state competition. **Danielle Rants** and **Amber Hoff** won third-place in Spokane. The competition has students quickly analyze a business-related scenario and then present their recommendations to a panel of industry experts. Collegiate DECA, launched at Western by 2011 Outstanding Graduate in Finance and Marketing **Jason Wilson**, is an international association that prepares students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. The accomplishments of the club's members and the club's outreach efforts, including a "Fast Pitch Competition," won the 50-member club the A.S. New Club of the Year Award.

Baseball Club Team goes to College World Series

For the first time in the team's history, the men's baseball club team won the regional playoffs and advanced to the eight-team double elimination College World Series in Columbus, Ga. Going into the first round as the no. 7 seed, they defeated the no. 2 tournament seed, University of Massachusetts, with a final score of 17-5. This defeat has been touted as one of the biggest upsets ever in the College World Series. The team was eliminated after losing two very close games against Texas Tech and Florida State, both Division I schools. Watch for future appearances in the College World Series.

Women's rugby club team advances to Final Four

Last spring the women's rugby club team, The Western Flames, advanced to the Final Four of the USA Rugby Division II Collegiate Championship in Pittsburgh. The top-ranked Flames lost to Radcliffe of Harvard College 34-12 in a semi-final match. Before going to nationals, the women's rugby club won the Pacific Coast Rugby Football Championships and was the region's top seed entering the first round of the national tournament at the University of California-San Diego. The Western Flames beat George Washington University in the second round to advance to the Final Four. This is the furthest any rugby team has ever advanced for Western. The Western Flames finished the season ranked third in the nation.

Beta Alpha Psi wins first in regional competition

Western student teams at the Beta Alpha Psi Northwest Regional Meeting competed in three categories and were top finishers in all three. Western won first place for "Enhancing Our Role in Environmental Sustainability and Social Responsibility" and moved on to the Beta Alpha Psi Annual Meeting for international competition. Western also won second place for "Innovate: The Accountant's Role in a Changing Business Environment" and third place for "Helping Others Understand the Financial Information Professions." Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary society for finance information students and professionals.

Club teams in both rugby and baseball advanced further than ever before, appearing in national championship tournaments.

Paul Than 'Runs With It' and wins in competition

Accounting and Business Administration student **Paul Than** was part of a winning team of students competing in "Project Run With It" at the Beta Alpha Psi Annual Conference in August 2010. Joining students from Utah State University, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, and State University of New York, Oswego, Than and the team had just a day to come up with a business plan addressing a problem faced by the Community Health Awareness Council of San Jose, Calif. Team members met with the council's public relations director then developed a proposal to be judged by executives from Moss Adams and the Community Health Awareness Council, as well as a business professor. As a member of one of three winning teams, Than received a plaque and \$1,000 for Western's Beta Alpha Psi chapter.