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Center for *ENVS & MEM* Newsletter

MEM Student of the Week Diego Sanchez

Diego is from the Kansas City area, known as Desoto, KS. He chose the MEM program after meeting Dr. John Hausdoerffer, while completing an internship at The Land Institute. His main interest lies with zero waste and he would love to develop a zero waste model specifically addressing food, and recycled waste material for colleges of all sizes. Diego's future goals are to attend as many environmental related conferences, festivals, activities and meetings that are of interest to him in furthering his education. He plans on really applying himself all year long and getting as much out of the MEM program as he can. He would also like to travel, having just graduated in 2017, Diego's world view is very limited to what he's read and seen online. He used to run cross country and track and while it's still a passion of his, Diego has tried to get into other endurance sports such as biking, swimming, climbing. He would like to eventually learn some winter sports!



Western's MEM Alumni and Current Students

- * Share your project, share potential projects, ask questions and make connections! Have awesome job opportunities posted or share your post-graduation journey here! We are all here to help each other. Make sure you follow us on [Facebook](#).

MEM Housing Options

- * To any MEM student who is still looking for a place to live, please post your available apartments/housing in the Gunnison Valley to the [MEM Student Housing Exchange Facebook page](#) for new incoming MEM students. A good place to check is also the [Gunnison Market Place](#) group or the Gunnison Shopper.

Events and Items of Interest

- * There will be a High Mountain Invitational **Disk Golf Tournament** TOMORROW with registration **starting at 7:30am** and shotgun **at 9am**. Meet at the Mountaineer disk golf course behind the school for a chance to get a hole-in-one and win a \$4,000 mountain bike package and other great prizes! This will be a 36-hole event with a \$30 entry fee and is also open to the public. Go to this [link](#) for more info!

- * If you haven't already, go like the [Western Center for Environment & Sustainability Facebook page](#) and the [Master of Environmental Management Graduate Program page](#) where events and such happening in and outside of the Gunnison Valley is shared!
- * **Mountain Roots** is looking to fill a 2 hour/week **volunteer position** to help with their multi-farmer CSA distribution at their office in Gunnison, 202 E. Georgia Ave. While this is an unpaid position, you'll be able to take charge of box distributions, engaging with community members, farmers, and learning what it takes to run a 55 member CSA program. This position **begins immediately** and runs **every Friday from 4-6pm until October 23rd**. Contact csa@mountainrootsfoodproject.org for more information.
- * For \$30, Karen Immerso will be having an all day **High Country Hike—Rocky Point** extended studies course **this Sunday, September 17th** from 6:45am-4:30pm, meeting in the UC parking lot. This group's primary objective are to experience great views, gain a sense of accomplishment, and share adventure and a greater understanding of the local topography and surrounding wilderness areas. You may register for this one day course [here](#). Cost includes transportation.
- * Also for \$30, Barbra Klingman will be having an all day **Anthracite Ridge/Ohio Peak Hike** extended studies course **Saturday, September 23rd** from 7-4pm, meeting in the UC parking lot. This spectacular fall hike has all the same objectives as above but a different great view of the Ohio Creek drainage towards Gunnison. Register [here](#) for the one-day course! Cost includes transportation.
- * Jeff Ewert will be having a **Colorado Birds of Prey course** for \$90 from **September 18th-November 6th at 6:30-8:30pm** in Taylor 105 with field trips on Saturdays. Students will study the anatomy, physiology, morphology, and field identification of major Colorado birds of prey. To register for this course and more info, please visit [here](#).
- * From **September 29-30th**, the **E² ENGAGE Energy Conference** will bring senior multi-disciplinary energy experts and innovators from the fossil fuel and renewable energy sectors together to speak about the current state of our energy landscape in the West, and more! Go to their registration [page](#) to sign up today and find more info.
- * The **FREE 28th Headwaters Conference: Science, Story, and Justice**, on **October 6th-8th** here on campus, calls for participants to listen to and speak with diverse voices about the lands in which they live. We will explore how language creates both justice and injustice as it unfolds the diverse ways of knowing that help us understand the world. Register for the conference [here](#)!



Students from ENV5 611 discussing systems thinking.

- * Pryce Hadley, a second-year MEM student, is **looking for an undergrad volunteer research assistant** to join him in a study of city/county open space park ranger practices for addressing emerging land management challenges - from human-wildlife conflict to homelessness. The ideal candidate for this position has sufficient time to participate in site visits 4-5 hours from Gunnison. Contact pryce.hadley@western.edu for more info.
- * Stroll down Main Street of beautiful, historic, Gunnison from **5 – 8 pm on October 6th** to visit unique galleries featuring a wide variety of art, artists and live music. From professional galleries to co-ops and our non-profit community Arts Center, Gunnison's **First Friday Art Walk** and has it all! More info about the event can be found [here](#).
- * The 46th annual **ASES National Solar Conference** is coming up **October 9th-12th** in Denver, CO. What began as an idea to bring the industry's brightest together to drive progress and re-imagine the energy economy of the future, continues today as a unique blending of science, business, policy, and industry. Register at this [link](#) for the conference today!
- * The 3rd Annual **Headwaters Poetry Festival** will be at the Gunnison Arts Center **Friday, October 13th-Sunday, October 15th**. The conference features many of the strongest poets and writers from around the western slope and beyond, presenting readings, lectures, seminars and discussions. Join us for what promises to be one of the most lively literary events in the region this year. Check the GAC [web-site](#) for updated event details.
- * Join us and 2,000 other higher education sustainability professionals in San Antonio, TX from **October 15 -18th** for the **2017 AASHE Conference & Expo: Stronger in Solidarity**. Attendees will come together to discuss how the campus sustainability community can break down walls, build bridges and continue to make progress toward a healthy and equitable future for all. [Register](#) now!



ENVS alum, MEM student, Clark Fellow, and fearless SEED leader Christian Arel opened the CAEE conference last week at Coldharbour where they munched on yummy tacos and shared stories on community engagement with the local [SEED program!](#)

- * Mountain Roots Food Project and the Master of Environmental Management Program at Western Colorado University welcome applicants for our 2017-18 **Community Program Development Fellowship**. This is a one-year award that provides a student the opportunity to engage in community-based research and more. See attachment for additional details!
- * A **National Environmental Policy Act Course** will be offered from **November 2-3rd** consists of approximately 12.5 hours of continuing education, including 1 hour of ethics. You must let them know, at least 45 days in advance of the conference, the states or organizations for which you will need credit (see registration form). Credit hours for states will vary and are subject to each state's approval and credit rounding rules. Register [here](#) for the class.
- * On-campus **Freecycle**, located in the basement of UTE Hall will be open **Monday & Wednesday 12-1pm and Monday-Thursday 4-6pm**, during the semester. Please feel free to come and take what you need, as well as to drop off what you don't. Volunteers are also needed to help run Freecycle so stop on by to find out more about it!
- * Kalu Yala is seeking students who are passionate about solving social and environmental issues through the discovery and application of scalable solutions and products for their **study abroad program**. If you'd like to find out more information about this program, visit their website [here](#)!

Distant Jobs

- * The World Wildlife Fund is currently looking for **Global Forest Lead Scientists** with flexibility in the location and the positions will be open until filled. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information!
- * The Central Arizona Conservation Alliance is looking for a **Conservation Alliance Engagement Coordinator** in Phoenix AZ. This position will be open until filled. Visit this [attachment](#) for more information or their website.
- * An **Assistant Professor for Environmental Studies** Position application is open at the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine until **September 30th**. Check [here](#) for more info on the position! Candidates must have a doctoral degree.

To find more available jobs currently listed, visit the ASU [Sustainability Digest](#) web page!



More great photos by Hiro Hayashi from the CAEE Conference last week out at Coldharbour Institute!