

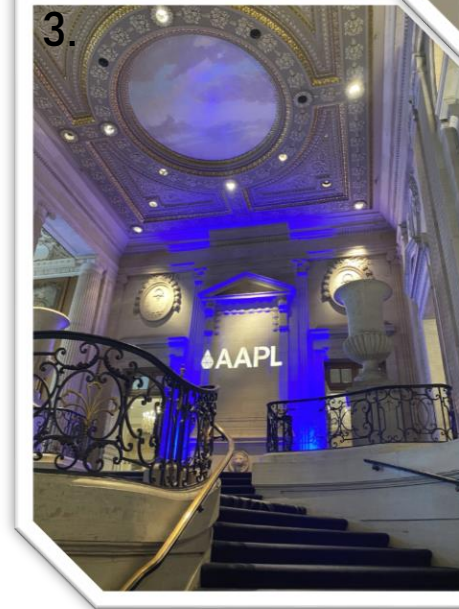
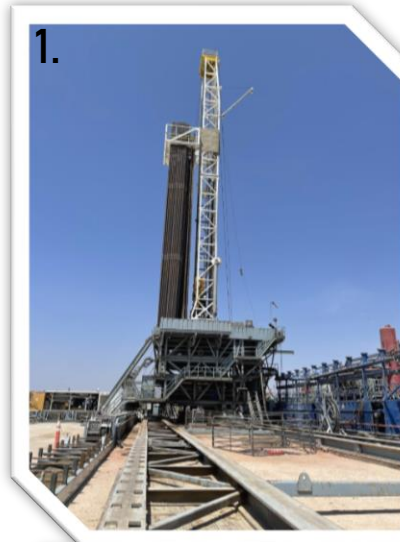
# Jessica Laramie, J.D

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I was introduced to Jessica my freshman year at Western. I found my place in the Energy Management program and slowly became more engaged, and now as President of the Western Energy Management Student Association I see firsthand how much Jessica cares for us students. She goes above and beyond each day to ensure we have the help and knowledge we need to be successful in our academics and careers. On top of being a mother to two, Jessica works endlessly to make sure that we have great opportunities to further our careers following our time at Western.

- Dalton Lorenz, Senior



1. Rig tour during my 2022 internship with Ovintiv.
2. Myself on the final day of my 2021 internship with Vermilion Energy.
3. Walking into social event at 2022 Annual meeting.
4. 2022 DAPL Trap shoot with John O, Veronica W, Zach M, and Sam P.



Jessica was one of my first contacts at Western Colorado University. Without her communication and intervention, I would not be a member of our astounding Energy Management program. Each and every day I am reminded of how grateful I am for Jessica and how she has helped me throughout my collegiate career. From my first semester on campus, she has helped me with creating an efficient class schedule that allowed me to get into energy-focused classes in my first year on campus and assisted in securing an internship the summer of my freshman year. She knows the skills and knowledge it takes to be successful in the energy industry and makes a positive impact on her students each day. My best memories at Western have come from the EM program. I would not be where I am today without Jessica and her amazing work.

*-Charlie Kulick, Sophomore*

I have known Jessica for two years now, and she has been inspiring, motivating, caring, and influential as a professor, director, and mentor. She has made my time in the Energy Management Program so memorable, and I would not be where I am today without her help. Not only has she helped me in my education, but she has been a major part of my success in career opportunities and taking advantage of available opportunities. Because of her encouragement, I have had new adventures and possibilities I never thought I would have. With her support, I have traveled out of the country for the first time on an energy poverty service trip, moved to a different state for an energy-related internship, and attended several events within the industry to build on networking skills. Through all these events, I have learned so much about my future and goals within the energy industry and life in general. I am thankful for everything Jessica has done. She expects nothing in return for her kindness, but she deserves endless praise for her hard work and accomplishments.

-Abby Gridley, Junior



I met Jessica my senior year of high school while I was in Crested Butte to discuss the program and school, from then I was interested and made my decision to come to Western. As a director, Jessica has given me many opportunities from going on school trips and leading me in the right direction to get internships. Jessica has not only been an amazing professor over the past few years but has been the best director. since I've been here, I can't thank her enough for what she has done for me and the program.

- *John Obourn, Senior*



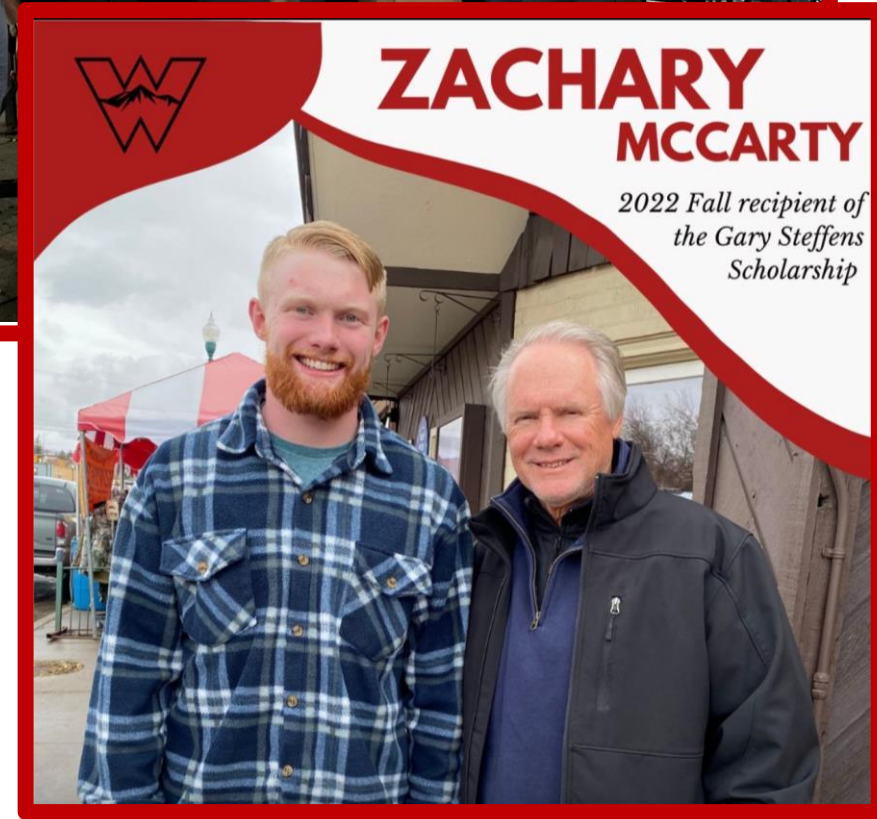
I met Jessica the first week of my freshman year at Western Colorado University. Coming to Western and meeting Jessica was the best thing that could ever happen to me in my personal life and professional/educational career. She is one of the most caring, invested, motivating, and influential professors I have ever met. Without Jessica I would not be the person I am today, and the Energy Management program would not be the success it is. She inspires and motivates any student that walks into her classroom and makes it known that she is a resource on campus. Jessica has helped me cultivate professional connections and inspired me to learn more about all aspects of the energy industry. My favorite memories have stemmed from Jessica's interest in furthering my career and education in the Energy Management program by helping in any way she can. She gives the best of herself every day to her students, and I am so grateful I have the opportunity to learn from her.

*-Ashley Sokol, Sophomore*



This is my first semester in the Energy Management program, and Jessica has made me feel important and welcome since day one. I expressed to Jessica that I was struggling to pay for school. With her help, I received the Gary Steffens Scholarship. Without Jessica's awesome leadership, we would not have great professors like Gary, and I'm not sure if I would be able to continue paying for school. It is obvious that Jessica's highest priority is the success of her students and our future.

*- Zach McCarty, Junior*





I met Jessica just over a year ago when I joined the Energy Management program. Ever since, Jessica has been nothing but helpful and easily one of the first people that I go to for professional, school, and life help. Jessica cares about each student in the program and their success not only in school, but she also cares about setting each student up for success with networking opportunities, internships, and jobs. Personally, Jessica has helped me explore all the options that there are in the industry, and she has introduced me to some incredible opportunities that I would not have found without her help. Jessica encourages students to take chances and step out of their comfort zones. Thanks to Jessica I have clear goals and ambitions for after graduation and I could never even begin to thank her enough for all of the effort that she has put into me and all the other students.

*-Kayler Miles, Senior*





In my experience, I first met Jessica when I joined the Energy Management program freshman year. That year I was not as involved as I should have been. I found myself disconnected from my peers and the program. Jessica went out of her way to reel me back into Energy Management relaying the benefit that comes from the program. Jessica's ability to mentor and have genuine conversations is what reminded me why I chose Western's Energy Management program. Ultimately, she left it up to me to choose my path. I was able to rekindle old relationships and ignite new ones. This was all due to Jessica taking the initiative because she truly wants us to succeed. Not only as students and future members of the workforce, but as people. She comes to work every day setting an example of the kind of people we want to be around and the kind of person we need in our communities.

- *Sam Pickus, Senior*

- On the left:  
Western Homecoming Parade (Pictured: Ashley S, Zach M, and Kayler M.)
- On the Right:  
Energy Management Team Bonding Event (Pictured: Myself and Dalton's Dog, Oliver)

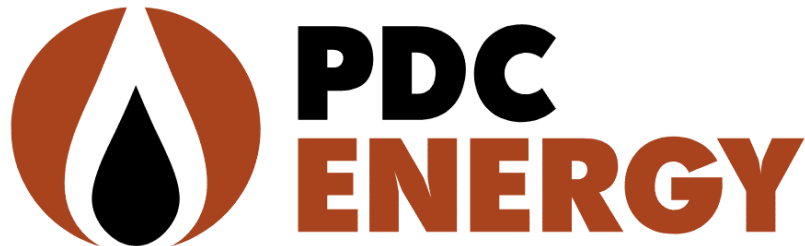


I joined Energy Management later than most of my peers and with that came concerns over whether or not I had made the right decision. Jessica played such an important role in making sure that I felt welcome, and gave me an understanding of the numerous benefits the Energy Management program had to offer. She truly has served as not only a role model in a professional sense but has also acted as a guide in numerous aspects of my personal life. Thanks to Jessica, I have developed a strong passion towards the energy industry and I have a clear plan for my future. It's very apparent that Jessica has a genuine love for her students and her positive attitude gets everyone excited to learn about energy on a daily basis. She is the glue that binds us all together and I am beyond thankful that she directs our program.

*- Kaden Koksma, Junior*









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Thank you for considering Jessica Laramie!

Sincerely, WEMSA Leadership Team