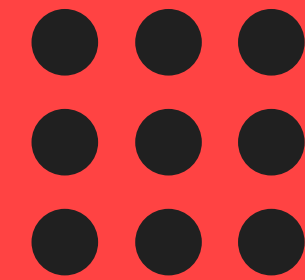


THE SCOPE



SUU NURSING NEWSLETTER
FALL 2019



What's New at SUU?



Trimesters beginning 2020

SUU is switching to trimesters instead of semesters beginning next year. This will not effect the pre-licensure program, other than that there will be one less week and no study day before finals.



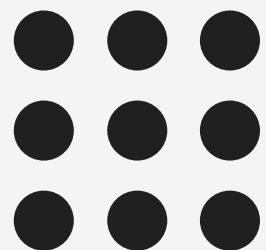
Online RN to BSN program

Starting Spring 2020, SUU's RN to BSN program will be a 100% on-line. There will be 8 week block courses. Application information coming soon.



New LPN to BSN Program

SUU will soon have an LPN to BSN program. The first group of students will begin in the summer of 2020. There will be four semesters, summer, fall, spring and summer. Applications are available and are due in December for consideration.



SUU Student Nurses Association



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--Donna De Silva



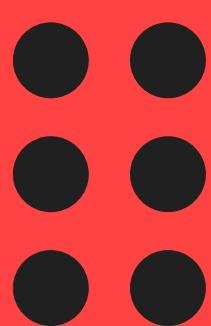
SUUSNA

SUUSNA or Southern Utah University's Student Nursing Association is known for many different things. The SUUSNA is a club created for all of the nursing students in SUU's Baccalaureate Nursing Program. Not only do they have lots of fun, they help people in the community. The SNA does a variety of fundraisers throughout the year to pay for their own funding, as well as to help others.

The SNA has donated supplies to Care and Share, Canyon Crisis Center, St. George Youth Futures, Camp Kesem, and many more. They participate in fundraisers like the Alzheimer's Walk, which is the biggest fundraiser of the year (also one of the funniest)!

SUUSNA has won the SUU Homecoming Parade Float Contest 5 years in a row! Advisor Donna De Silva stated, “Thanks to all the hard work and dedication from all our students we won the best overall float at the homecoming parade this year.”





The SNA also helps its current members, as well as future members, to be successful by holding educational seminars during its weekly meetings. Guest speakers are known to come speak to the members during their weekly meetings. Students can participate in mock interviews as they approach graduation. SNA can even help its members financially. SNA has hooked up with AmeriCorps to help out students. AmeriCorps enlists students as members and then helps them pay back students loans or use an education award to pay for other school related expenses.

The SUUSNA is a part of the Utah Student Nurse Association and the National Student Nurse Association. This opens up many leadership roles that are filled by students on the school, state, and national level. Leadership roles have helped students be successful in finding jobs and opening new avenues to careers. De Silva said this about the SNA at SUU, “It is an enriching experience that will hopefully help students to broaden their horizons past just surviving nursing school. This club has given many students the chance to grow in ways they did not think were possible.”



2019 HOMECOMING
"NURSING BEFORE TIME"

"THANKS TO ALL THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION FROM ALL OUR STUDENTS WE WON THE BEST OVERALL FLOAT AT THE HOMECOMING PARADE THIS YEAR." -
-DONNA DE SILVA

ALUMNI DAY



We were able to reconnect with many of our graduates at our annual alumni day on September 28, 2019.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

NURSING ALUMNI

Kathy Bozarth- Fall 2006

Currently working as a Registered Nurse

Katie Tu'ivai- Fall 2007

Is currently a Director of Nursing and has worked in Trauma and Same Day Surgery

Kurt Ashley- Fall 2008

Currently a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department

Timian Godfrey- Fall 2010

Is currently in the field of Academia; Advanced Practice Emergency Medicine. Has had experience in Cardiac ICU, Pain Management, Orthopedic Surgery, and Telemedicine

John Zingelman- Fall 2010

Has been working as a Nurse in the Emergency Department and is currently in FNP school

Russell Gale - 2011

Currently a Nurse Anesthetist with experience in Med/Surg and ICU



Emily Chappell- Fall 2011

Currently working in Research and Nursing Informatics, with experience in Rehab, Med/Surg and Maternal

Ashlee Dotson- Fall 2011

Is currently working in Women and Newborn Department with experience in Med/Surg.

Mindy Crockett- Spring 2011

Currently an ICU Nurse and will be graduating in Spring 2020 with her DNP from the University of Utah

Chelsea Chaney Phillips- 2012

Currently works as a Nurse Midwife. Has previously worked at a Physical Rehab Center

Alese Clark- 2013

Currently works in Imaging Recovery Sedation and is a PICC Nurse. Has previously worked in Med/Surg, SDS, PACU, ENDO, and IR

Megan Johnson Spurlock- Fall 2013

Is currently in Research and Education. Has worked at the Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah Burn Trauma ICU, Primary Children's Hospital PACU, and Magic Valley Hospital Medical Unit.

Bailey Binning- Fall 2013

Currently a Charge Nurse, Department Patient Safety, Practice Council Leader, and Informatics Leader. Also a Certified Bariatric Nurse.

● **Heather Chandler- Fall 2013**

Is currently a Labor and Delivery Charge Nurse. She is also working towards her MSN-FNP

● **Callie Chesley- 2014**

Is currently Labor and Delivery RN at CCH. Has also worked at IMC and DRMC

● **Jacqueline Marie Kent-Marvick- Fall 2014**

Is a House Supervisor, and currently a PHD student as well as NIH fellow at the University of Utah. Has worked on an Ortho Spine Unit as a Unit Educator and Assistant Manger

● **Evan Whipple- Fall 2014**

Is currently in CRNA school, and has worked in the Cardiac ICU at the Mayo Clinic

● **Amanda- Fall 2014**

Currently works in Emergency Medicine with experience at the Mayo Clinic, Phoenix Children's, Hospital Trauma Nurse, Valley Health Systems ER Nurse, Charge Nurse, and Nursing Professor

● **Chelsey Bench- Fall 2014**

Started out in the NICU, still there and loves it

● **Tonsina R Wells- Fall 2014**

Currently a RN in Oregon. Has experience in the USAF, Charge Nurse and working on several policy and procedure committees Has worked in Float Pool, ED, ICU, IMCU, CCU, Med/Surg, and Maternal.

● **Janet Littlefield- 2015**

Works as Garfield County Nursing Home Shared Leadership Role, and DRMC Float Nurse with Central Staffing



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● **Lauren Tatton- Fall 2015**

Currently works in the Cardiac ICU and has previously worked in Med/Surg

● **Liz Jones- Fall 2015**

Works in Interventional Radiology with experience in Med/Surg

● **Justin Robbins- Spring 2015**

Works in Med/Surg and is an Adjunct Professor at Dixie State

● **Jared Belcher- Spring 2015**

Is currently a CRNA and has previously worked in the ICU as a Registered Nurse

● **Caitlin Haight- Spring 2015**

Is a Certified Medical Surgical RN and currently is working in Endoscopy

● **Paul Maxey- 2016**

Currently works in a Catholic Seminary and was previously a Hospice Nurse

● **Ali Measom- Fall 2016**

Currently in the NICU. Previously has been on Med/Surg- Ortho/Neuro unit in Gilbert, AZ and Ortho/Neuro unit at St. Mark's Hospital in UT.

● **Kelsie Morgan- Fall 2016**

Is currently a Nursing Supervisor for the Pediatric Home Health company in Southern Utah. Has worked in Medical Oncology



● **Megan Benner- Spring 2016**

Currently works in Nephrology as a Dialysis Nurse

● **Mat Rowley- 2017**

Currently works in the Cath Lab. Graduated from the RN to BSN program

● **Callie Williams-Fall 2017**

Currently works in Medical Telemetry

● **Jessica Dustin- Fall 2017**

Is currently an ICU Nurse. Has previously worked as a Cardiac Nurse, LPN and CNA

● **Jennie Otten Taylor- Spring 2018**

Currently works in Home Health with experience in Long-Term Care

● **Cintya Rodriguez- Spring 2018**

Currently works in Bariatric, Med/Surg, Tele Unit, and Emergency. Has previously worked in Long-Term Care

● **Kasen Buoy- Spring 2018**

Currently works in the ICU with previous experience in the Cardiac Unit

● **Nicole Williamson- Spring 2018**

Currently a Nurse in Home Health





● **Michael Lamoureux- Spring 2019**

Currently a Nurse in the DRMC Float Pool

● **Natalie Barton- Spring 2019**

Currently a Nurse in Hospice Care

● **Brianna Pugh- Spring 2019**

Currently works in the OR as a Circulating Nurse

● **Jensen- Spring 2019**

Currently works in Pediatrics on a Cardiac Care Unit at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

● **Harsh R Kansagra- Spring 2019**

Currently a Registered Nurse. Previously worked as EMT and on an ambulance

● **Dallin Hazelgren- Spring 2019**

Currently a Nurse on a Cardiothoracic ICU

● **Samantha Kerr- Spring 2019**

Currently works as a Telemetry Nurse

● **Kimberly Hill- Spring 2019**

Currently a Nurse working in Surgical Nursing

SUU Young Alumnus Award: Timian Godfrey

Dr. Timian Yoshimoto Godfrey currently serves as a clinical assistant professor for the doctorate program at the University of Arizona College of Nursing. She is a 2010 graduate with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse while earning her MSN, FNP at UNLV in 2014, and has since served as a board-certified nurse practitioner in the areas of interventional pain management, orthopedic spine surgery, telemedicine and emergency medicine. She continues to work in emergency departments on Native American reservations throughout the country, and her experiences inspired her to go back to school to earn her DNP degree at Johns Hopkins University, which she completed this past July. Additionally, this year the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development named her a recipient of the Native American Top 40 Under 40 award.



*Once a T-Bird,
Always a T-Bird*



Ryan Charles Gray
Jun. 11, 1977-Sept. 22, 2019

Ryan worked as an RN after he graduated from SUU Nursing in 2007. He passed away on September 22, 2019. Ryan will be dearly missed.

SUU Nursing Through the Years...

275 RN TO BSN
GRADUATES

21% MALE PRE-LICENSURE
GRADUATES

589 PRE-LICENSURE GRADUATES

14 CURRENT FACULTY & STAFF

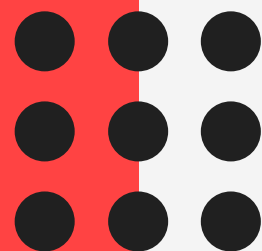
OVER 600
APPLICATIONS IN
SIX YEARS

124 CURRENT
STUDENTS

30 NEW STUDENTS
BEGINNING SPRING 2020

97% CURRENT NCLEX
PASS RATE

*15 Successful Years
of SUU Nursing!*



LEVEL UPDATES



LEVEL 1



LEVEL 2



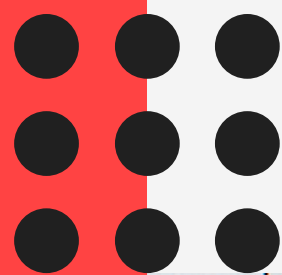
LEVEL 3

The 36 of us are so excited to be in the nursing program! It can be a little squishy at times but we've gotten to know each other super well and it truly feels like a really big family. It's been a ride getting here and we're all stoked to be a part of such an incredible group of students, faculty and staff. We're loving our clinicals and classes and can't wait to continue to progress through the other levels of nursing school. With the help and guidance of our wonderfully talented professors, we're excited for the day when we'll be able to graduate as talented, competent nurses and start the work we've always dreamed of doing. We love SUU's nursing program!

Oh man! Level 2 has been a crazy ride so far, but it has definitely been worth it! We are all finally feeling like real nurses because of all the skills that we can do at clinicals. As a group, we are all really close and we definitely do not think that we would be able to get through our clinicals or all the information that we have to memorize without each other. We are all also super excited for next semester and all the amazing adventures we are going to go through as a class.

This semester in Level 3 we are learning about pediatric nursing and maternal/newborn care. Two of our students decided that experiential learning is best, and are currently pregnant! We will be expecting a baby boy in November, and a baby girl in February! Many of our classmates are currently working as LPN's in a variety of settings like home health and skilled nursing facilities. This has allowed a lot of us to really gain confidence in our skills. We all are getting very excited for graduation next semester and are feeling more and more prepared to begin our careers!

LEVEL 4

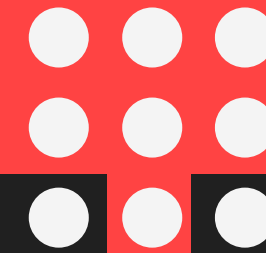
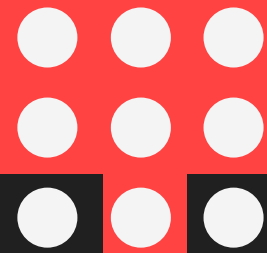
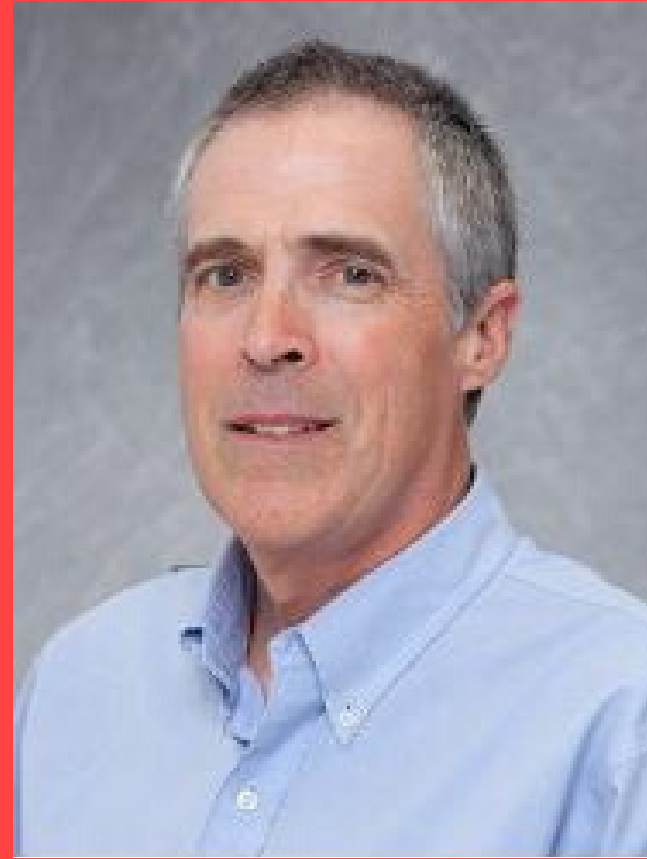


The Fall 2019 SUU Nursing Class is getting ready to graduate! Even though we've diagnosed ourselves with all of the diseases we've learned about, been constantly at risk for napping, and survived on Crumbl Cookies and free food, our class has bonded and grown closer as we've progressed through four semesters of nursing school together. We are currently completing our capstones at nine different hospitals across the state of Utah. At least half of our class are working as Licensed Practical Nurses. Sharing our work and clinical experience with each other in class really enhances the application of our nursing knowledge. SUU's Nursing Program has prepared us well with the confidence, skills, and knowledge we need to move forward into various jobs and graduate programs.



The level four students will be having their pinning ceremony December 13th. They are all excited to finally be done with school and cannot wait to put their nursing skills to the test in the real world!

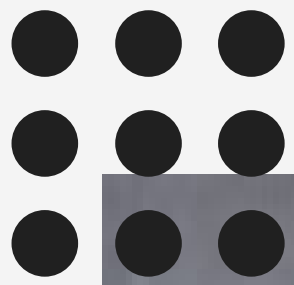
Our New Nursing T-Birds



MARK SIEMON,
PHD, RN, PHNA-BC,
CPH

SUZIE CAMPBELL,
MSN, RN

SHANE YARDLEY,
MSN, RN



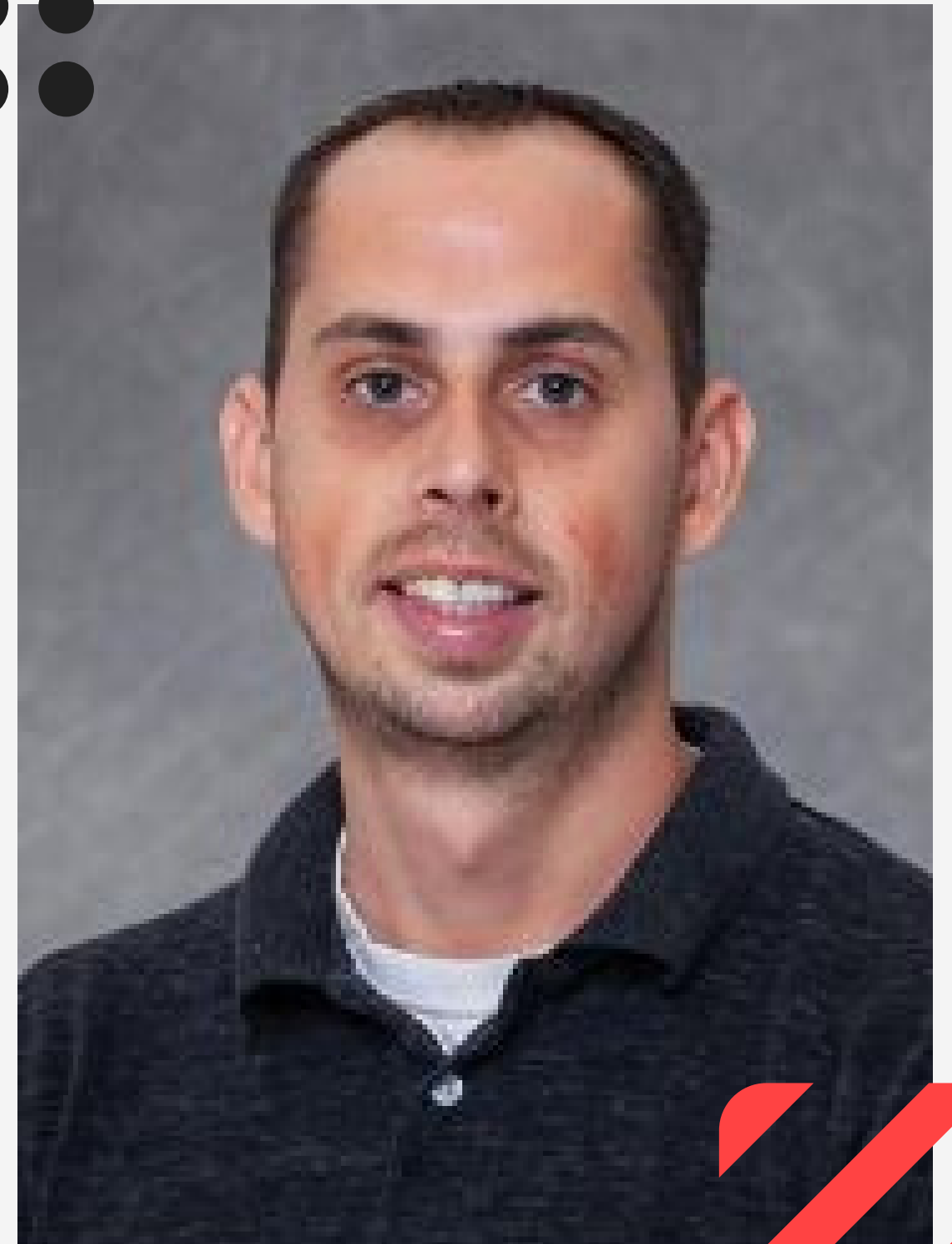
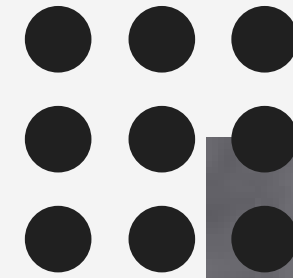
Mark Siemon, PHD, RN, PHNA-BC, CPH

Mark was born in Munich, Germany while his parents were there for work. He moved back to the US when he was four and grew up in Ketchum, Idaho. Mark says that ending up in nursing education happened by accident for him. He was attending the University of New Mexico when an advisor told him he should apply for the PhD in Nursing program and this is when he started teaching undergraduate nursing courses during his dissertation. Mark has always loved the Southwest and had never been to Cedar City until he came to interview for the job. Mark has been in healthcare since the early 80's when he worked as a volunteer firefighter/EMT. He has spent many hours in emergency rooms as his dreams were to be in flight nursing. He ended up working in a small hospital in Ketchum, then got into public health.



Shane Yardley, MSN, RN

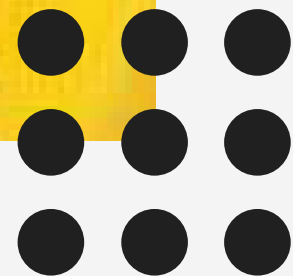
Born and raised in Milford, Utah and currently living there. Shane decided to go into nursing education because he loves helping people achieve their goals and dreams. Shane chose SUU because it is a well-established program and is showing great growth with the new PN to BSN program. Shane has worked in healthcare in various roles since 2005. He has a great passion for rural medicine and continues his practice at Milford Memorial Hospital while teaching at SUU.



Suzie Campbell, MSN, RN



Suzie and her family came to Cedar City about a year ago from Preston, Idaho where they owned a dairy farm. She got into education after she was asked to apply for a teaching job and discovered that she loved it. Even while living in Idaho, she knew of SUU's nursing program. When her family was looking at nursing faculty jobs, she looked at SUU and felt that she would be so proud to work here!

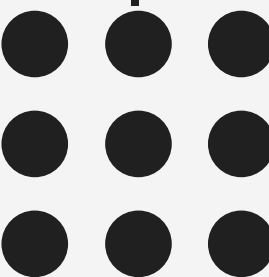


Nursing Honor Society

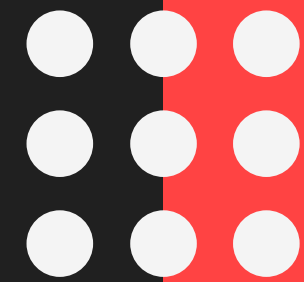


The Honor Society is for anyone that wants to join that has a 3.75 GPA or higher. You pay a one-time fee to join. This is an opportunity to join a society that provides opportunities for service and camaraderie. As a bonus, you will get cords to wear at graduation. They also do fundraisers that go toward populations in need. They have donated to Care and Share, Youth Futures, and Camp Kesem in the past.

Bree Rayburn and SheriDawn Neilson are the advisors for SUU's Honor Society of Nursing



Why SUU Nursing?



- Best Public Nursing School in Utah
by Registered Nursing's annual RN Program Rankings
- 3rd Ranked Nursing Program in Utah
by Registered Nursing's annual RN Program Rankings
- 58th of Top 100 Nursing Schools in the US
by Education Corner
- Ranked #75 Nursing School in the West
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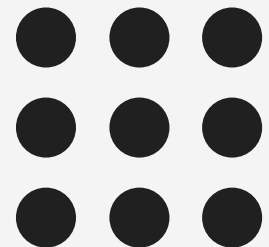
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