

# **PHILOSOPHY OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE**

The Mountain West Conference is an association of universities dedicated to excellence in their primary missions in teaching, research and service to their publics. The Mountain West Conference has identified with the following goals:

1. To foster intercollegiate athletic programs in a manner that will enhance the academic advancement, character development, athletic potential and well-being of student-athletes;
2. To commit to integrity and equity in intercollegiate athletics;
3. To contend for national championships in all conference-sanctioned sports;
4. To enhance the financial position of the Conference;
5. To strengthen the participation and commitment of fans and friends of MWC institutions;
6. To be a leading voice in national governance; and
7. To be innovative and visionary in the approach to intercollegiate athletics.

The Mountain West Conference will actively monitor progress toward the stated goals, evaluating the Conference and its member institutions by using numerous categories of assessment and various measuring mechanisms. The results will shape the activities and direction of the Conference relative to its philosophy and goals. (Revised June 2007)

## **MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE GENDER EQUITY STATEMENT**

The Mountain West Conference affirms the value of gender equity in its intercollegiate athletics programs. Gender equity is the fair distribution of overall athletics opportunities, supported by equitable benefits and resources available to all men and women. (Adopted April 2005)