

Dear Alumni,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful golden start to fall and the first couple snowfalls of the season we've already had here in Laramie.

My name is Ari Sanroma, I am a Chemical Engineering sophomore at the University of Wyoming and the Vice President of the Wyoming Alpine Ski Team. I recently transferred to UW and could not believe that despite having the tiny but mighty Snowy Range Mountains so close to campus, this institution did not have a renowned and structured group of dedicated student athletes who were part of an Alpine Ski Team, which led me to walk into the Club Sports Office one day and ask the question "How does one start a team?", and let me tell you, it is not as easy as I was expecting it to be.

To my surprise, there had already been an incredibly successful team at the University, and there was currently a group of people, Megan Moss, President of the Wyoming Alpine Ski Team and Coach John Marno, with the same pursuit and goal that I had walked with into that office.

Megan, Coach Marno, and a few other athletes who were in the team last year made it to regionals in Idaho, so there is no doubt in my mind that if we work hard and effort is put in by us, the students, the University and the community, we can work towards reinstating a sustainable and valuable Alpine Ski Team. We are all very passionate and invested in bringing back, growing and raising an interest on campus for this sport. We have already tabled at the Wyoming Student Union this semester, recruited some racers, started a set dry-land practice schedule twice a week, and are trying to get the word out there, so please help us do so by telling friends and family about us!

Our goal is to provide a well-rounded forum for Alpine Ski Racers to continue their skiing career as college students through the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA), compete in the disciplines of Slalom and Giant Slalom in the Rocky Mountain Division, which include races in Telluride, Ski Cooper, Powderhorn and Winter Park.

The team as an RSO, (recognized student organization) is relatively young, has no financial support from the University or a fund that has been built over the years. There are a lot of fees and expenses that come with being a team, such as membership dues for both men and women's teams, race entry fees, lift tickets... some more imminent than others.

The Wyoming Alpine Ski Team is courteously reaching out to you to ask for your contribution. The start-up of the team will only be made possible through the generous and selfless donations made by the alumni. We are seeking donations of any amount, and if you're only able to donate \$5 that will be greatly appreciated and we would like to thank you in advance. You can donate by using the PayPal link on the website, or mailing a check to the address listed on the website.

We hope you'll be able to join us in the funding of the Wyoming Alpine Ski team which we are all greatly excited about. We promise to strive to make our University and State proud and represent both to high standards. Any support will be highly appreciated by us. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the team's President Megan Moss at [mmoss5@uwyo.edu](mailto:mmoss5@uwyo.edu) or Vice President Ari Sanroma at [asanroma@uwyo.edu](mailto:asanroma@uwyo.edu).

We would like to thank you again for your time, support and consideration.  
Sincerely,

Ari Sanroma  
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