

# Gillette College

# ALUMNI

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*GC Alumni Newsletter*

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## Scholar Spotlight

Meet Brooklyn Byer. She is currently enrolled at Gillette College working on her education degree. Brooklyn is working at the Credit Union in Wright part-time while going to school.

She was awarded the Blaine and Susie Wilson Scholarship, and it has lifted the financial burden she had while trying to pursue a higher education.

Brooklyn attended high school in Glenrock, Natrona High School, and Central High School. It's in high school she found her love of music and wanted to pursue something in the teaching and music realm. Her future plans and goals are to earn her degree in teaching and endorsements in music and theater. "I've always had a love of music and wanted to do something musically inclined." After she is settled in a music teaching program she would like to assist in coaching theater and speech.

Brooklyn is so grateful for the opportunity to be here and earning her degree. She works hard and is determined to reach her goals. Thanks to the Blaine and Susie Wilson Scholarship Brooklyn has the opportunity to fulfill her dreams and be a great addition to our community.

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**Come join us for a special speaker series on November 16th at 5:30pm. Presentation Hall will have cookies and refreshments along with a fascinating speaker!**

All are Welcome to join.

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**NORBERTO  
ORELLANA**

NORBERTO ORELLANA IS AN INDUSTRY DEFINING COMMUNICATION PROFESSIONAL WHO HAS NOT ONLY EXCELED IN HIS CAREER BUT ALSO IN PROFOUNDLY EMPOWERING OTHERS TO UNLEASH THEIR OWN POTENTIAL.

BORN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY, NORBERTO FACED NUMEROUS CHALLENGES FROM AN EARLY AGE. GROWING UP IN A BACKDROP OF EXTREME POVERTY, HE CONFRONTED THE HARSH REALITIES OF LIFE, FIGHTING AGAINST THE ODDS TO CARVE OUT A BETTER FUTURE. NORBERTO ENDURED THE UNTHINKABLE, SURVIVING ABUSE AND CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. THESE EXPERIENCES FORGED AN UNBREAKABLE SPIRIT WITHIN HIM, FUELING HIS DETERMINATION TO CREATE A LIFE OF MEANING AND PURPOSE.

AGAINST ALL ODDS, NORBERTO DEFIED SOCIETAL EXPECTATIONS WITH A LIFETIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER HIS BELT - AND HE IS ONLY GETTING STARTED. AT 22 HE STOOD AS A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATE, AT 23 A FIRST-GENERATION HOMEOWNER, AND IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS HE WILL BECOME A FIRST GENERATION GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATE. BUT FOR NORBERTO THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS BARELY SCRATCH THE SURFACE OF WHAT HE PLANS TO ACCOMPLISH. HE IS ONLY GETTING STARTED. HE IS ON A METEORIC RISE, AND HE KNOWS OTHERS HAVE THAT POWER TOO - THROUGH HIS STORIES AND HIS WORK HE AIMS TO PROVE JUST THAT.

JOIN US ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16TH TO BE INSPIRED BY A YOUNG MAN'S STORY AND HIS PASSION FOR LIFE WILL MOTIVATE YOU.

300 W Sinclair St. Gillette College Main Building  
**Presentation Hall at 5:30pm**  
**NOV | 16<sup>th</sup> | 2023**

## Career Opportunities

The Office of Economic Transformation Program supports the future of Northeastern Wyoming. The area has many assets including interstate highway and rail access, numerous advanced manufacturing businesses, and a highly skilled blue-collar workforce. Campbell County leaders understand the need to transition away from thermal coal and have made several investments during the past decade, exploring possibilities to diversify the area. These efforts are ongoing, however, there is a need to have one point of contact to gather all the existing information, and assist with prioritization, planning, and most important implementation.

# WE ARE HIRING

**JOB POSTING :**  
**ENTREPRENURIAL  
COORDINATOR  
CONTRACTOR**



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Or email resume to  
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## ***Upcoming Events***

November 4th- Open House, 8am at Main Building

November 7th- Alumni Association Meeting, 4pm-5pm TEC Center-  
Pronghorn Board Room

November 16th- Speaker Series- Norberto Orellana, 5:30pm, Main  
Building, Presentation Hall

November 22nd-24th- College Closed for Thanksgiving break

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