

CONGRATULATIONS

to the winners of the 2016-2017 UVU AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

2017 UNIVERSITY AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

TRUSTEES AWARDS & PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Utah Valley University Awards of Excellence program recognizes faculty and staff who dedicate their time and talents to students, scholarship, and the advancement of higher education.

This year, the UVU Board of Trustees recognizes six employees for their contributions to forwarding UVU's mission.

The Presidential Awards of Excellence honors six faculty and staff for their efforts in key areas related to UVU's mission and core themes.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MESSAGE ELAINE S. DALTON

IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE FOR MEMBERS OF the Board of Trustees to join with President Holland and UVU officials in honoring you for your important and unique contributions to the University with the highest award presented to top achievers in the UVU community - the Trustee Award of Excellence. You exemplify in every way the high and noble values upon which this institution was founded in your professional life as well as your personal life. As we continue to focus on inclusion, engaged learning, and academic rigor, with student success at the heart of this mission focus, your contribution has made a difference. You have distinguished yourself in this core mission through your service to the students, the institution, and the community. Your service embodies professional ideals and uncompromising integrity. Your efforts and contribution will enrich and bless generations to come.

As Trustees we congratulate you for demonstrating exceptional dedication to the ideals and mission of Utah Valley University, and we are honored to acknowledge the contribution and sacrifice you have made for the University. Your service to the mission of UVU as a serious, inclusive, and engaged university.

Elaine S. Dalton
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Chair, Board of Trustees



PRESIDENT'S LETTER MATTHEW S. HOLLAND

I AM CONTINUALLY INSPIRED BY THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF our faculty and staff. This evening it is my pleasure to formally recognize a few of our employees whose dedicated service is illustrative of so many across campus who carry out their responsibilities with tremendous energy and excellence. This is just one of the ways - though a particularly visible and meaningful way - that the University strives to make such marvelous efforts do not go unnoticed. As a result, I consider this one of the most important University events of the year.

A warm welcome, then, to all who are joining us this evening to celebrate accomplishments that are truly noteworthy and memorable, performed by those who make UVU what it is - a grand, transformative force in the lives of thousands of students. Best,

Matthew S. Holland
Matthew S. Holland
President, Utah Valley University



JULIE ANDERSON Assistant Director, UVU Foundation - Development and Alumni Relations

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Efficiency & Effectiveness

JULIE ANDERSON CALLS HERSELF "A LOCAL GIRL." From Orem, she has been Human Resource Manager at Domo, Inc., an office manager for Corda Technologies, Inc., a project manager for MWS Agency, and a marketing coordinator for Novak WordPerfco. She says she enjoys the sense of community at UVU: "I've watched this institution grow, change and morph since 1981, when my husband began coaching the UTC men's basketball team. His association with UVU continued until his death in 2011. It was as if I'd come home when I accepted my position at the university. While it may be considered a bubble to many people, it is the best kind of bubble you would want to be in, one where there is abiding love and a family-oriented environment." She has eight grandchildren, all adorable, of course, and enjoys gardening and going to athletic events.

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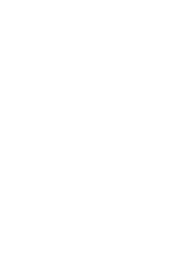


DAVID R. CONNELLY Professor, History and Political Science

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Service

DAVID CONNELLY RECEIVED HIS ADVANCED DEGREE, A PH.D., FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY. Previous to his time at UVU, he taught at Western Illinois University as an associate professor with a research faculty appointment. While there, Connelly worked for the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, founded and directed a survey research center, and helped found a multi-disciplinary degree in environmental science. He has experience as a project facilitator for the Antares Technology Investment at the University at Albany. Connelly's research focuses on organizational leadership and he has published on performance systems, economic development, paradox, sustainability, and information technology policy and implementation. He says it is a delight "to watch students walk across the podium and receive degrees that change their lives and the lives of countless others." He has a wife, two daughters and a son-in-law "that support me in all my crazy ideas and aspirations."

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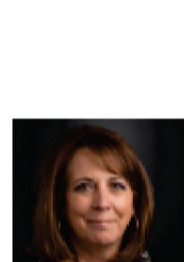


OLGA RUIZ KOPP Associate Professor, Biology

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Engagement

OLGA KOPP CURRENTLY LIVES IN LEHI, "BUT I WAS BORN IN MANIZALES, COLOMBIA a town high up in the Andes." Kopp received her bachelor's degree from the National University of Colombia, her master's and Ph.D. in plant biology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has done post-doctoral research at the University of Tennessee, in addition to several graduate teaching assistant positions. She has published 12 peer-review papers, 10 non-peer reviewed publications/book chapters, and has had 40 poster presentations with students at national/international meetings. Among her awards are: Higher Education Academy Senior Fellow (2016), College of Science & Health Dean's Award of Excellence (2016), Outstanding faculty of Biology (2015), Board of Trustees Award of Excellence (2010), Outstanding Educator of the Year Award (2008), and Teacher of the Semester award (2005). She says she loves the environment at UVU, "and that we are student-oriented university. Seeing students' excitement when they achieve their goals is a most rewarding thing." She and her husband Paul enjoy going to the theater - "UVU Noorda Theater has great plays" - and traveling around Utah.

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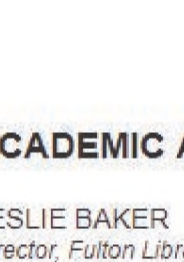


CHRISTOPHER CLARK Associate Professor, Theatrical Arts

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Award of Excellence

CHRISTOPHER CLARK SERVES AS THE CHAIR OF THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT and the executive producer for Robert Redford's Sundance Summer Theatre. Chris has studied with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre (London), Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Second City Chicago, and Theatre Biomechanics (Italy and Austria). He has directed for the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Hale Center Theatre Orem, Hale Center Theatre West Valley, Utah Valley University, Northcoast Repertory Theatre, Sundance Summer Theatre, and Brigham Young University. He recently won the 2013 National Outstanding Director Award from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for his production of Vincent at Drivon. He has produced and traveled eight productions to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Chris has a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Ph.D. from Brigham Young University, and an Master of Fine Arts from the University of Exeter (UK).

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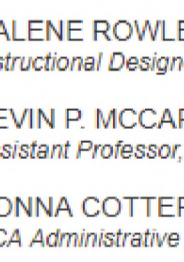


KRISTINE DOTY-YELLS Associate Professor, Behavioral Science

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KRISTINE DOTY-YELLS HOLDS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE in Behavioral Science from UVU, a Master of Social Work from BYU, and a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Utah. She has been case manager and program coordinator for the Housing Authority of Utah County; a therapist for ScienceView Academic; and emergency room crisis worker, Utah Valley Regional Medical Center. At UVU, Doty-Yells started as adjunct faculty in 2004, became an assistant professor in 2008, was appointed social work field director in 2010-2014, and was elected department chair of Behavioral Science and served 2013-2016. She was instrumental in developing the Bachelor and Master of Social Work degrees at UVU. She is a Red Cross Disaster Mental Health volunteer and has assisted in several regional disasters. She says UVU has great students and was proud to be one. She is married to David Yells, provost at Texas A&M- Texarkana and will be moving to Texas after commencement to join him. She has five children, four of whom are social workers.

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KERRI HOWLETT Assistant to the Dean, College of Science & Health

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KERRI HOWLETT HAS BEEN AT UVU FOR 27 YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS, starting as an administrative assistant in general studies and now as an assistant to the dean of the College of Science & Health, her third dean. She lives in Pleasant Grove, "but my heart will always belong to Havre, Montana, where I grew up." She is a past winner of the College of Science & Health Dean's Distinguished Staff Award, 2000, and the PACE Award of Excellence, 2010. She says she loves "working at UVU. I love seeing the success of our students who are doing undergraduate research with phenomenal faculty members." She is married to Cody Howlett and mother of four children and one grandchild, soon to be two. She enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, riding ATVs and UTVs, bowling, and sewing.

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ROBERT CARNEY Professor, English

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Scholarship & Creative Works

ROBERT CARNEY WAS RAISED IN PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON, IN THE SHADOW OF MT. RAINEER, and received his bachelor's degree from Pacific Lutheran University, his Master of Fine Arts degree from Eastern Washington University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. He has been at UVU for 20 years. Carney is the author of four books of poetry, is a two-time recipient of the Utah Book Award for Poetry, and is a winner of the 2014 Robinson Jeffers Award for Poetry. His play "Small Talk" was done as a staged reading off-Broadway by The Horse Trade Theater Company, and one of his monologues will be performed this June in Ohio as part of a full-length performance showcase called The Strand Project 2017. Carney says his favorite aspect of working at UVU is that he has "had the pleasure of seeing many of my students go on to graduate school, and sometimes even have their own books published, which I'm proud to have on my shelf."

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MARCUS JORGENSEN Associate Professor, Developmental Math

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Service

MARCUS JORGENSEN HAS BEEN AT UVU FOR 10 YEARS, nine of those years as director of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning and one year full-time as director of Institutional Effectiveness. He received a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, a MALS (science) from Wesleyan University, a master's degree in instructional and performance technology from Boise State University, and a doctoral degree in education from Utah State University. Jorgensen was named UVU Trio Instructor of the Year, 2013, UVU Faculty Excellence Award University College in 2012, as well as numerous military awards. Jorgensen enjoys traveling with his wife, being with family, riding bikes, and volunteering at church and at the Utah State Prison.

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BRYAN R. WAITE Associate Professor, Secondary Education | Director, Global/Intercultural Exchange

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Inclusion

BRYAN WAITE HAS RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SPANISH, a Master of Arts degree in Spanish Education, and a doctoral degree in Educational Equity and Cultural Diversity, with an emphasis in bilingual, multicultural, and ESL foundations. He has been the director of Intercultural Academic Programs, the interim department chair for Secondary Education, program director for Multicultural and Global Engagement, a teacher at the high school and junior high level, and founder of BRIDGE (Building Real Inclusivity through Diverse and Global Engagement) Consulting LLC. He is a previous winner of Student Advocate Award from Student Success and Retention, Graduate Mentor Award, and Faculty Excellence Award from UVU. He says the best of UVU "is the fact that we practice what we preach. I have never worked at a place that works so hard to actually do what they say they do. At our core, we are student-centered." His wife, Katrina, and three children spend time together skiing, camping, biking, and playing soccer. Since moving here nine years ago, he says he loves the amazing Utah outdoors.

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K. NEWELL DAYLEY Dean, School of Arts

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AS DEAN, K. NEWELL DAYLEY SUPERVISES AND SERVES ABOUT 8,500 STUDENTS EACH SEMESTER, including more than 1,700 majors. Dayley is an emeritus professor of music at Brigham Young University, where he served for nearly 40 years, teaching trumpet, jazz, music theory, orchestra, and music business. He has also served as conductor of the symphonic band, wind symphony, and symphony orchestra at BYU, as well as being music director of many theater productions. He has been president of the Utah Music Educators Association and chair of the Board of Directors of the Utah Arts Council and held several similar posts on a national level. As a trumpet player, Dayley has performed with the Utah Symphony and several professional ensembles. He is also known for his sacred compositions that are used by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and others. Dayley and his wife Diane are parents of eight children and have 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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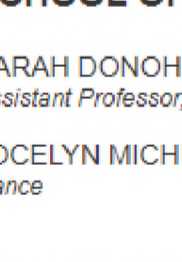


DANIEL J. FAIRBANKS Dean, College of Science and Health

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DANIEL FAIRBANKS RECEIVED A PH.D. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA IN 1988, an M.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1985, and B.S. from Brigham Young University in 1982. He has been dean of the College of Science & Health at UVU since 2014 and prior to that was associate dean. Since July 1, 2016, Fairbanks is also an accomplished artist and sculptor. He currently has an exhibit titled "In Mendel's Footsteps" consisting of works of sculpture, painting, and drawing in the Moravian Museum in the city of Brno in the Czech Republic and was recently awarded the 2017 Mendel Memorial Medal by that museum. Fairbanks is married to Donna Fairbanks, chair of the UVU Department of Music.

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MICHELLE KEARNS Associate Vice President, Student Success and Retention

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MICHELLE KEARNS RECEIVED HER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FROM UVU, a Master of Public Administration from BYU, and a Doctor of Education (ABD) from Northeastern University. She has 25 years of professional experience in higher education administration with leadership roles in both academic and student affairs. She has received many recognitions for her work, including Utah NASPA Outstanding Senior Level Educator, 2015; UVU Presidential Award of Excellence for Student Success, 2012; National First-Year Student Advocate Nominee, 2011; Utah Valley Senior Executive Leadership Fellow, 2008-2009; UVU Staff Excellence Award, 2005; UVU Distinguished Employee Award, 2003. She loves working as an advocate for student-centric policies, practices, and programs. Her joys in life include her three children, playing the piano, theater, travel, and Diet Coke.

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Dance

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Dance

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- DANA DOGGETT
Computer Science

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