



Meet President Astrid S. Tuminez

In 2018, following a rich and storied career in business, philanthropy, and academia, Dr. Astrid S. Tuminez became the SEVENTH UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT. She is the first woman to serve on a full-time basis as UVU president.

President Tuminez's upbringing was marked by challenges that she turned into stepping stones. Growing up in the slums of the Philippines, she lived in a shack with a leaky roof. She hated the rain, but when the sky cleared, she could gaze at the stars that ignited her dreams. A serendipitous encounter with Catholic nuns changed her trajectory, providing her and her sisters access to education — an opportunity that would transform her future.

Her pursuit of education led her to the University of the Philippines, where she nurtured her passion for knowledge. Transferring to Brigham Young University, she earned a bachelor's degree in international relations and Russian literature in 1986. She continued her academic journey by earning a master's degree in Soviet studies from Harvard University in 1988 and a Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996.

President Tuminez's career mirrors her academic journey. During her career, she has held roles in many different sectors, including finance, philanthropy, government, technology, and higher education. Her background has equipped her with a comprehensive toolkit that drives her passion for education and vision for UVU.

At UVU, President Tuminez's stewardship is marked by her commitment to Vision 2030, a 10-year roadmap of UVU's goals to provide student, community, and workforce support. Under her leadership, UVU has launched groundbreaking initiatives that reflect this transformative vision.

President Tuminez's leadership extends beyond academia. Her profound impact is felt within and beyond UVU's campus, inspiring students, faculty, and staff to discover their unique potential. Her journey inspires the UVU community and beyond to overcome adversity through the life-changing power of education.

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A Life Transformed By Education

The Power of Dreaming, the Power of Doing (YouTube)



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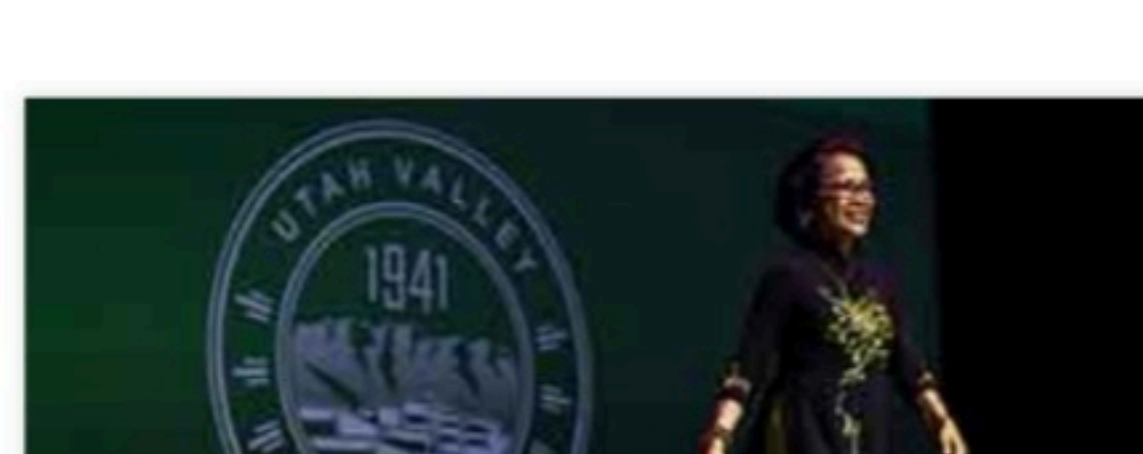
Awards



UTAH BUSINESS MAGAZINE
WOMAN OF THE YEAR, 2023



UTAH'S 40 OVER 40
2023



THE OUTSTANDING FILIPINO AWARD
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Past Awards

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Community Engagement

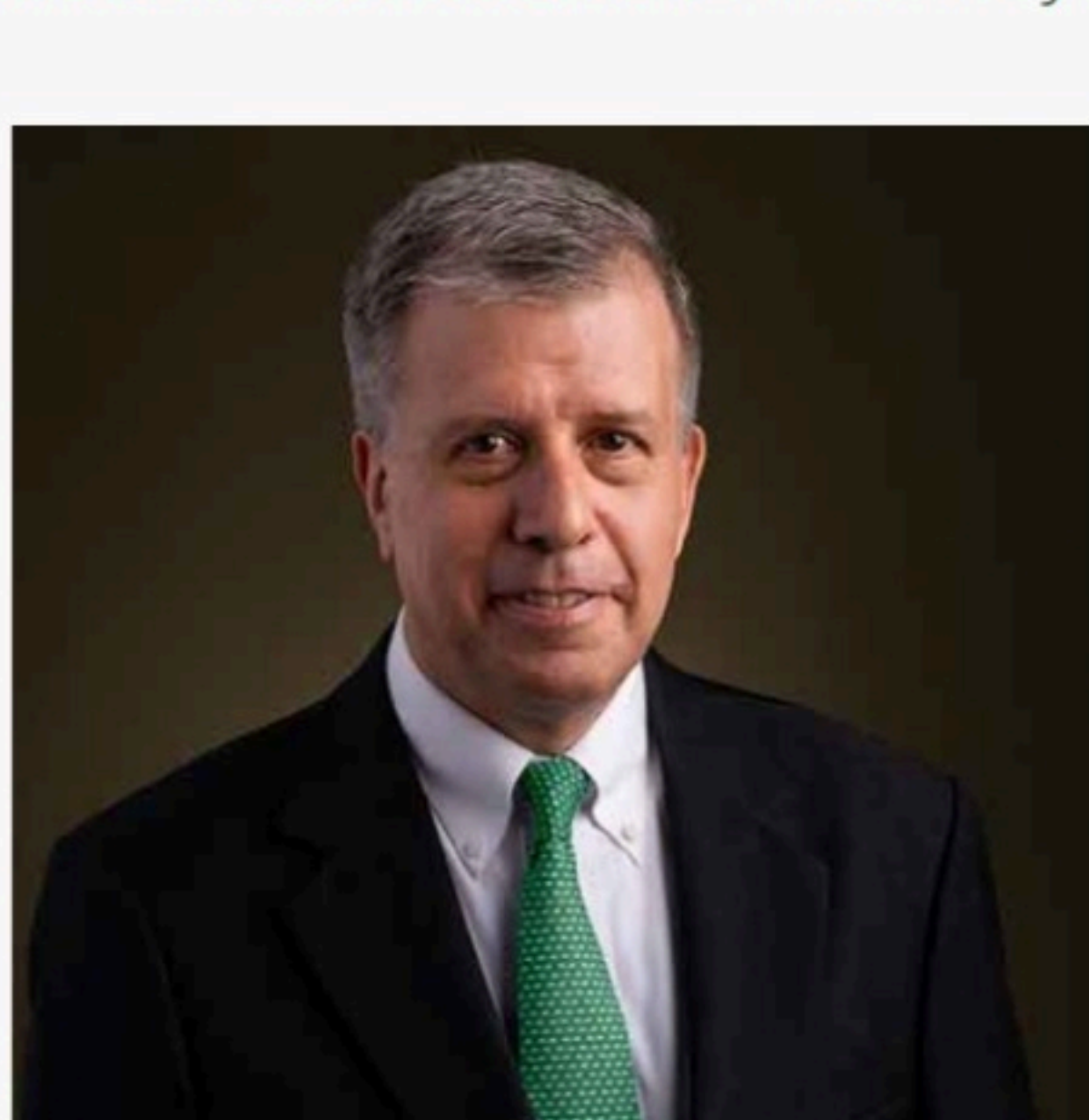
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Significant Milestones

Since the Beginning of the Presidency

2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">President Tuminez is inaugurated as UVU's seventh president in May 2018, becoming the first woman to serve in the role full time.	
	2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Noorda Center for the Performing Arts opens.President's Scholarship Ball raises a record amount of nearly \$1 million, funding scholarships for Presidential Interns.
2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">UVU fights COVID-19 by developing a new website for online learning, offering free testing on campus, and celebrating graduates with a drive-in commencement.UVU acquires a new campus at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, Utah, expanding its footprint in Silicon Slopes.UVU creates the 2020-2024 Inclusion Plan, detailing the university's commitment to supporting underrepresented or underserved populations.UVU introduces Vision 2030, outlining the university's approach to meeting the educational and workforce needs of UVU's students and community.	
	2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Pedestrian Bridge over 1-15 is completed, further connecting UTA to UVU and taking thousands of cars off the road.Founded in 1941, UVU celebrates its 80-year anniversary.
2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fall enrollment in 2022 reaches 43,099 students and 11,064 students graduate in spring of 2022 — the largest graduating class in UVU history.UVU publicly launches its first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, EverGREEN.The Scott C. and Karen Keller Building opens.	
	2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The UVU Museum of Art at Lakemount opens.The UVU Young Living Alumni Center opens.The UVU men's basketball team has the most successful season in history, reaching the NIT Final Four for the first time.

Meet UVU's First Gentleman Mr. Jeffrey S. Talk



Jeffrey S. Talk has more than 30 years of experience in international banking, asset management, and direct investment. He began his career as a clerk for Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice John Greaney, and then worked as a corporate lawyer on Wall Street. He subsequently worked for Moody's Investors Service in the Structured Derivatives group, where he had a significant impact on the nascent derivatives market. Following Moody's, Talk joined the Structured Credit group at HSBC, which transferred him to Hong Kong in 2005 as managing director and Asia head of structuring.

In 2008 Talk moved with his family to Singapore to be a portfolio manager and head of research at a hedge fund focusing on distressed debt, special situations, and private equity in Asia. While in Singapore, Talk also worked at Standard Bank as Asia head of institutional and corporate solutions, and at Resource Capital Markets. He was the owner of Eastgate Advisors Pte. Ltd., a Singapore-based consulting and advisory firm, and is currently an active angel investor in the dynamic startup economy in Utah. Talk has taught finance as an adjunct professor at Utah Valley University and is an outstanding supporter of all things UVU.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard University, a law degree from Harvard Law School, and is a CFA charterholder. He is an avid trekker and mountain climber having summited Mt. Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), Mt. Whitney (USA), Mt.

Past Publications

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STUDENT

- ADMISSIONS
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- LOOKING TO ATTEND UVU
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EMPLOYEES

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COMMUNITY

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