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Utah Valley University (UVU)
PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP BALL



Saturday, October 7, 2023

About the

UVU PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP BALL

The Utah Valley University (UVU) President's Scholarship Ball was established in 1991 to support the university's Presidential Scholarship Program. The merit-based scholarship provides full tuition to promising students who desire to pursue a degree at UVU. Committed and generous donors make the ball a success each year through their financial contributions, which directly impact students. In 2023, more than 382 students received the financial assistance the scholarships provide. As UVU continues to expand to meet the educational demands of a diverse population, support is vital.



THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP BALL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2023 Utah Valley University (UVU) President's Scholarship Ball, when, together, we celebrate the power of education and the generosity of our community. Your presence tonight signifies your commitment to creating opportunities that change lives.

UVU proudly awarded 9,629 certificates and degrees to 8,517 graduates in May 2023. This is true student success and impact. Thirty-three percent of our graduates in May were first-generation students. Ten years after graduation, 77% of our alumni are still in Utah. Your generous investment in our students continues to build a healthy Utah economy and society.

Tonight, as we enjoy the food from UVU's Culinary Arts Institute, revel in captivating performances, and hear inspiring stories from our students, we are also

embarking on the next phase of our journey: EverGROWING. This phase of UVU's first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign underlines our confidence in the quality of the UVU experience and our impact on thousands of people.

Thank you for believing in UVU. Thank you for sharing our journey. Have an unforgettable evening!

Warmest regards,

Astrid S. Tuminez
President,
Utah Valley University



TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Bloom A Cappella

"Resilient" - Arranged by Jerick Rose (opb. Katy Perry)

Cultural Envoy

"Where I Belong" by Mr. Sua, lyrics inspired by UVU students

"Shekini" by P-square, choreographed by CELP

Welcome

Kainoa Clark '13, Chief Marketing Officer of the Wasatch Group
Kortney Osborne, UVU Women's Success Center Board Chair

Video Presentation

Culinary Arts Institute

Student Speaker

Jonathan Fimbo '24 Mechatronics Engineering Technology

Remarks

Kyle Reyes, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, CEO of UVU Foundation

Bloom A Cappella

"Evergreen" - Arranged by Perrin York (opb. Yebba)

Video Presentation

Jephte Lapointe '23 Digital Marketing

Student Speaker

Eliza Ballantyne '24 Physics

Remarks

President Astrid S. Tuminez

Open Time

Performances by UVU School of the Arts and Music Bravos, Ensemble Director Luca Florin

UVU Ballroom Dance Company

"Maracatu Funk" Choreographed by Tara Boyd

Featured Speaker

Sawyer Norman

UVU Steel Band

"Sloop John B" by Brian Wilson arr. Mast

"Jump in the Line" by De Leon, Bell, Oller, & Samuel arr. Duerden

Video: 2022-23 UVU Highlights

Closing Remarks

President Astrid S. Tuminez

TONIGHT'S MENU

Appetizer

Seafood Duet - Shrimp and Avocado Gazpacho Shot, Salmon Rilletes With Crostini and Dill Cream

Soup

Autumn Soup With Duck Confit, Maple Cream

Sorbet

Raspberry Orange Ginger "Pop"

Entree

Surf and Turf - Iron-Seared Beef Tenderloin With Lobster Sausage, Zesty Hollandaise Sauce, Caramelized Onion and Sherry Demi-Glace, Golden Whipped Potatoes, Carrot and Asparagus Medley

Dessert

Mango Pineapple Panna Cotta - Mango Buttermilk Panna Cotta, Tropical Fruit Compote, Spice Cake, French Butter Cookie, Pineapple Tuile, and Lime Meringues



TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCES

Bloom A Cappella was created by Jerick Rose and Sicily Poulter in 2021 and is currently Utah Valley University's only a cappella group! Last year, Bloom had the opportunity to compete in the popular ICCA competition (International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella). They took home multiple awards, including 1st place (Denver, Colorado), Outstanding Solo (Sicily Poulter, Denver, Colorado and Phoenix, Arizona), and Outstanding Arrangement (Jerick Rose, Denver, Colorado). Bloom's goal is to create a safe and inclusive space for both its group members and its audiences.



Bloom A Cappella

Cultural Envoy is a UVU-sponsored leadership program that validates students' cultures and supports their pathways to completion. As a student in the Cultural Envoy Program, you will learn to navigate and negotiate your experience at UVU, your community, and other critical spaces that you may celebrate as important.

The program is open to all students who want to understand and refine facets of their culture, identity, and lived experiences to facilitate their development as scholars, change agents, and stewards of a globally interdependent community.



Cultural Envoy



UVU Steel Band

The UVU Steel Band was founded in 2020 by Dr. Shane Jones as is directed by Dr. Jones, Nathan Hurst, and Chelsea Tinsler Jones. Upon formation of the group, a full set of 14 voices were built specifically for UVU by steel drum builder Kyle Dunleavy. The group performs annual concerts that promote the folkloric Soca and Calypso music of Trinidad and Tobago, as well as other Caribbean and pop musical styles. The group exists in many formats (two piece to 14 piece) and is available for hire for your next island-inspired event!

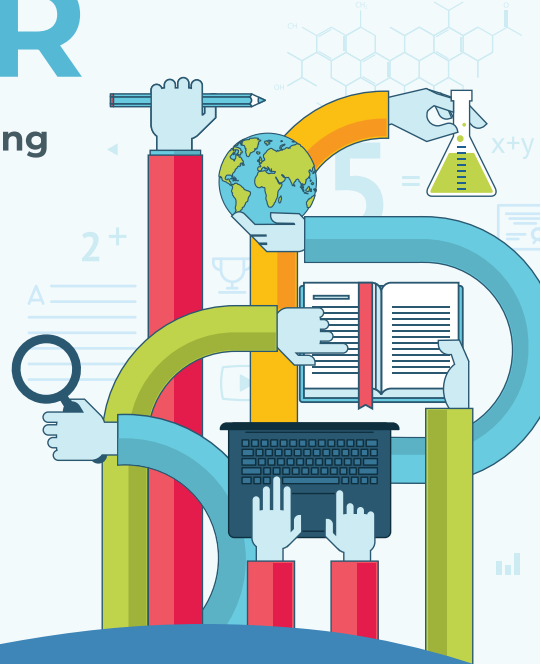
The UVU Ballroom Dance Company is one of the nation's premier ballroom dance companies and the current British Open Formation Champions in both Latin Formation Dance and Standard Formation Dance. The company has won six world titles at the Open British Championships, two USA Dance National Formation Championships, and is undefeated as the DWTS National Collegiate Championships.



UVU Ballroom Dance Company

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Your contribution to the UVU Presidential Scholarship provides life-changing funds to hundreds of students. Recipients of the scholarship will become the dedicated workers and innovative leaders who shape Utah's future. With your help, UVU transforms lives and provides an opportunity for students to excel in an ever-changing world.

Ways to Give

Online: Go to uvu.edu/psbgive or scan the QR code below to make a gift.



Donation Card: Complete the card at your table and a student ambassador will collect it.



UVU PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

by the numbers



345
students received
Presidential Scholarships
during the 2023-24
academic year



It takes
\$25,080
to fully fund one Presidential
Scholarship for four years

The most common majors of
Presidential Scholars are:



Computer Science



University Studies



Accounting

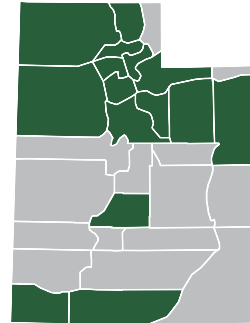


Business Management

In the past
16 years, more than
\$3.3 million
has been raised at
the UVU President's
Scholarship Ball



50%
of UVU first-generation
receive federal financial aid



Destination: UVU

This year's Presidential
Scholars come from

← **15 counties**
in Utah

— **90 towns**
from across the U.S.

— **14 states**
nationwide

76.7%
of UVU alumni are
in Utah 10 years
after graduation

1,815 miles
is the farthest a
Scholar traveled
from home to UVU

52.2%
of recipients are
from Utah County



73
different majors of
Presidential Scholars



63%
of UVU students graduate
with no student debt



37%
of UVU students
are first-generation

Presidential Scholars come
from every school on campus.

- 100** Smith College
of Engineering
and Technology
- 59** Woodbury School
of Business
- 46** College of Science
- 44** School of Education
- 43** College of Humanities
and Social Sciences
- 28** College of Health
and Public Service
- 25** School of the Arts

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS (2023–2024)

Kamryn Adams
Pre-Professional
Cottonwood Heights, UT

Braxton Anderson
Computer Science
Provo, UT

Ethan Bailey
Business Management
West Jordan, UT

Justin Barr
Animation and Game Dev.
Lewiston, UT

Rachel Bentley
University Studies
Santaquin, UT

Hallie Boren
Art and Design
Herriman, UT

Hailey Burt
Applied Communication
Riverton, UT

Jaci Cheney
Nursing
Mendon, UT

Tessa Ah Mu
Nursing
Highland, UT

Bronwyn Andreoli
Theatre Arts
Alpine, UT

Andrew Baker
Business Management
Orem, UT

Jamison Barrett
Pre-Professional
Spanish Fork, UT

Cody Bergquist
Finance
Riverton, UT

James Bott
Accounting
Perry, UT

Anika Butler
Art and Design
Pleasant Grove, UT

Jennifer Christensen
Dental Hygiene
Sherwood, OR

Isaac Allen
Mechatronics
Engineering Tech
Eagle Mountain, UT

Ashlee Andrews
English
Midvale, UT

Eliza Ballantyne
Physics
Orem, UT

Kristine Bartholomew
Social Work
Springville, UT

Nicole Bigler
Marketing
Ammon, ID

Nathan Bowman
Pre-Professional
Kanab, UT

Michael Cahoon
Accounting
Herriman, UT

Timothy Christensen
Civil Engineering
Orem, UT

Elann Allison
Psychology
West Jordan, UT

Jax Arthur
University Studies
Mapleton, UT

Brigham Ballard
Personal Financial
Planning
West Jordan, UT

Isaac Bartlett
Computer Science
Herriman, UT

Sophia Bills
Nursing
Highland, UT

Tyler Bradford
Deaf Studies
Spanish Fork, UT

Trevan Camomile
University Studies
Cedar Hills, UT

Trajan Clark
Computer Science
Provo, UT

Drew Allred
Biotechnology
West Valley City, UT

Mason Astill
Physics
Farmington, UT

Katherine Barker
Applied Communication
Kaysville, UT

Keisha Barton
Humanities
Lehi, UT

Zachary Bingham
Business Management
Kaysville, UT

Weston Brimhall
University Studies
Orem, UT

Karlie Campbell
Geology
Benjamin, UT

Matthew Clawson
Personal Financial
Planning
West Valley City, UT

Owen Amakasu
Biotechnology
Lehi, UT

Madison Atkinson
Aviation Management
GulfBreeze, FL

Kate Barker
Applied Communication
Pleasant Grove, UT

Carter Baxter
Computer Science
Orem, UT

Eric Bishop
Computer Science
Lehi, UT

Truman Brown
Exercise Sci.
and Outdoor Rec.
Layton, UT

Lillian Campbell
Digital Cinema Prod.
Riverton, UT

Trey Clayton
University Studies
American Fork, UT

Keora Anderson
Nursing
Riverton, UT

Elizabeth Avery
Exercise Sci. and
Outdoor Rec.
Orem, UT

Austin Barker
University Studies
Pleasant Grove, UT

Zachary Beard
Aviation Science
Hurricane, UT

Megan Black
Computer Science
Orem, UT

Indiana Brown
Business Management
Farmington, UT

Noah Carroccio
Business Management
Lehi, UT

Emma Cluff
Exercise Sci.
and Outdoor Rec.
Mapleton, UT

Kelsey Anderson
Marketing
Salt Lake City, UT

Mariah Babbitt
Art and Design
South Jordan, UT

Eden Barlow
Computer Science
Lehi, UT

Tandon Belliston
Computer Engineering
Lindon, UT

Anna Blaser
Humanities
Eagle Mountain, UT

Andrew Bruner
Transportation Tech.
Brigham City, UT

Zachary Carter
Information Systems
Provo, UT

Cortney Cobabe
Accounting
Syracuse, UT

Tyra Anderson
Public Health
Lehi, UT

Carter Bagley
Marketing
South Jordan, UT

Zachary Barnes
University Studies
Draper, UT

Mckenzie Belt
Biology
Durango, CO

Carver Boelk
Finance
West Branch, IA

Nicolas Bryant
Business Management
Orem, UT

Megan Charchenko
Applied Communication
West Bountiful, UT

Max Colledge
Political Science
Cedar Hills, UT

Benjamin Belt
Chemistry
Durango, CO

Peter Bohman
Business Management
Farmington, UT

Mykah Bullard
Biology, Farmington, UT

Caleb Chase
Statistics
Kaysville, UT

THE LIFELONG PURSUIT OF LEARNING

Jonathan “John” Forsgren’s ‘25 journey through the world of computer science is a testament to his determination and the power of education. A junior at Utah Valley University (UVU), he followed a path marked with a passion for programming and an unwavering quest for knowledge.

“I’ve had a love of programming and computers ever since I was 10, when my mom taught me HTML and my best friend taught me how to make Minecraft programs in Java,” he explained.

John’s enthusiasm for programming only intensified as he grew older. He spent his free time immersed in building games and crafting apps. He knew that if he wanted to take his skills to the next level, higher education was essential.

UVU always impressed John with its exceptional programs, a welcoming campus, and an inclusive atmosphere. For John, learning is not just a means to an end; it is a lifelong journey. He continually strives to deepen his understanding of computer science while developing valuable skills and achieving personal success.

“Thanks to the generous benefactors of this scholarship program, I am able to attend college and study something that not only brings me joy and fulfillment, but also will help me to have a great career,” John shared.

John and his wife eagerly anticipate the prospect of starting a family after he graduates. His education is an investment not just in his own future, but also his family’s.

“*I would like to thank all of the donors and supporters of the UVU Presidential Scholarship for their contribution to my education and life goals. It means the world to me that I get to learn more about computer science and have the chance to improve my place in life.*”

As John prepares for the opportunities that lie ahead, he embodies the spirit of resilience and determination. His passion, education, and the support of others propel him toward a future of success and achievement.



PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS *(continued)*

Cooper Connolly
University Studies
Cottonwood Heights, UT

Tyler Cram
Forensic Science
Draper, UT

Kennedi Creer
Business Management
Cedar Hills, UT

Logan Croker
Digital Audio
Manassas, VA

Julius Dalley
Aviation Management
Herriman, UT

Rylee Dalton
Pre-Professional
Grantsville, UT

Ivey Davies
Operations Management
Providence, UT

Isabel Dean
Social Work
Lehi, UT

Jakob DeLlamas
Digital Cinema Prod.
Springville, UT

Brooke Denison
Dental Hygiene
Heber City, UT

Dallen Denys
Computer Science
Highland, UT

Juliet Dickerson
Engineering Design Tech.
Gilbert, AZ

Nicole Dieveven
Chemistry
Lehi, UT

Jace Dixon
Mathematics
Highland, UT

Nathan Dobbin
Digital Cinema Prod.
West Valley City, UT

Andrew Domyan
Electrical Engineering
Pleasant Grove, UT

Cameron Dornj
Information Systems
Mapleton, UT

Brooklyn Dortch
Animation and Game Dev.
Pleasant Grove, UT

Teagon Downs
Professional Pilot
Herriman, UT

Braden Duffin
Psychology
Stansbury Park, UT

Michael Duffin
University Studies
Millville, UT

Brennon Duffy
Computer Science
Layton, UT

Rilee Duke
Family Science
Tremonton, UT

Alyson Earl
Accounting
Provo, UT

Maya Eaton
Software Engineering
Eagle Mountain, UT

Bella Edwardson
Nursing
Fresno, CA

Jenna Elder
Elementary Education
Draper, UT

Jeremiah Engel
Electrical Engineering
Saratoga Springs, UT

Cassidy Ensign
Dance
Sandy, UT

Elizabeth Evans
Pre-Engineering
Draper, UT

Jonathan Evans
Aviation Management
Cedar Hills, UT

Tyson Eyre
Information Systems
West Jordan, UT

Gabriel Fankhauser
Philosophy, Draper, UT

Jordan Farnsworth
Elementary Education
Farmington, UT

Parker Farnworth
Geology
Mapleton, UT

Richard Fassbinder
Emergency Services
Administration
Pleasant Grove, UT

Elisabeth Fausett
History
Payson, UT

Mason Fernandez
Software Engineering
Lehi, UT

Abigail Fisher
Psychology
Spanish Fork, UT

Jason Fogg
Pre-Engineering
Lake Point, UT

Jonathan Forsgren
Computer Science
Washington, UT

Mark Forsyth
Computer Science
Orem, UT

Makayla Fowles
Elementary Education
Lehi, UT

Braden Francom
Pre-Professional
Lehi, UT

Paige Franklin
Nursing
Syracuse, UT

Olivia Frary
Bioinformatics
Provo, UT

Cole Fryer
Finance
Salt Lake City, UT

Luke Fryer
Accounting
Salt Lake City, UT

Abbie Fuhriman
Digital Marketing
Tremonton, UT

Kylynn Fuhriman
Computer Science
Saratoga Springs, UT

Maren Fuhriman
Elementary Education
Spanish Fork, UT

Kylie Fuller
Psychology
Spanish Fork, UT

Isaac Fulwider
Mech. Engineering
Spanish Fork, UT

Kaleb Fulwider
Computer Science
Spanish Fork, UT

Cassady Gappmayer
Biology
Spanish Fork, UT

Ethan Garff
Public Health
West Jordan, UT

Austin Garlick
Software Engineering
Pleasant Grove, UT

Riley Garside
Biotechnology
Eagle Mountain, UT

Daxon Geldmacher
Digital Cinema Prod.
Payson, UT

Jared Gibbons
University Studies
Pleasant Grove, UT



Noah Guzman had many options for college. He was accepted by the music programs in Utah, but because he qualified for the Presidential Scholarship, he chose UVU.

“Often people talk about really learning and looking for more than just a degree, and I think that’s made so much easier if you have the help of a scholarship to give you more momentum and excitement. I am grateful for what the UVU Presidential Scholarship has allowed me to do throughout my college career.”

Noah Guzman '24 Music Education & Commercial Music

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS *(continued)*

Katy Gidney
Art and Design
West Valley City, UT

Lindsey Glod
Computer Science
Draper, UT

Rebekah Glod
Accounting
Draper, UT

Ian Gotcher
Computer Science
Pleasant Grove, UT

Hailey Graham
Hospitality Management
Riverton, UT

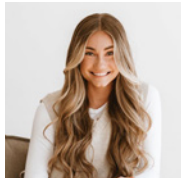
Kara Green
Exercise Sci. and
Outdoor Rec.
West Jordan, UT

Lyndi Greenhalgh
Pre-Professional
West Jordan, UT

Lily Greenwood
Art History
Sandy, UT

Sara Gubler
English Education
Eagle Mountain, UT

Adam Guthrie
Finance, Provo, UT



"I made it a goal when I was in 5th grade to earn an academic scholarship so that I could pay for college. I really believe it was by the grace of God and good people like you who donated that have made this possible for me."

Annie Andrus '25 Architecture

Noah Guzman
Commercial Music
Bountiful, UT

Ariana Hammer
Psychology
Mapleton, UT

Jenna Hampton
Accounting
American Fork, UT

Logan Hanks
Computer Science
Clinton, UT

Ethan Hansen
Computer Science
Kaysville, UT

Mitchel Harker
Civil Engineering
Taylorsville, UT

Annabelle Heaton
Biotechnology
Cottonwood Heights, UT

Rylan Hermansen
Marketing
Spanish Fork, UT

Tessa Higbee
Animation and Game Dev.
Providence, UT

Ruby Holbrook
Pre-Professional
Providence, UT

Dennis Holdaway II
Mech. Engineering
Orem, UT

Elizabeth Holman
University Studies
Lehi, UT

Alley Holt
Political Science
Provo, UT

Joshua Houtz
Mech. Engineering
Springville, UT

Callan Howard
Cabinetry Architect
Woodwork
Orem, UT

Andrea Huggins
University Studies
Lehi, UT

Robert Hughes
Statistics, Lehi, UT

Katey Huntsman
Culinary Arts
Spanish Fork, UT

Henry Hutchinson
Computer Science
Clearfield, UT

Joseph Isaacson
University Studies
Alpine, UT

Tomas Isaak
Mech. Engineering
Orem, UT

Talon Ivers
Culinary Arts
Spanish Fork, UT

Luke Iverson
Physics
Saint George, UT

Emmalee Jacob
Psychology
West Jordan, UT

Maile Jacobson
Digital Cinema Prod.
Saint George, UT

Wesley James
Computer Science
Springville, UT

Audrey Jensen
Theatre Arts
Orem, UT

Daniel Jensen
Biology
Ridgecrest, CA

Emma Jensen
Public Health
Chandler, AZ

Sophie Jensen
University Studies
Orem, UT

Summer Jensen
Social Work
Lindon, UT

Gordon Jepsen
Integrated Studies
Provo, UT

Jaren Johansen
Philosophy
Morgan, UT

Eli Johnsen
Biology
Alpine, UT

Siena Johnson
Forensic Science
Columbia, MO

Samuel Johnston
Finance
Springville, UT

Chad Jones
Biology
Lehi, UT

McKay Jones
Performance
Orem, UT

Tracee Jones
University Studies
Spanish Fork, UT

Ava Jorgensen
University Studies
Brookfield, WI

Tyler Jukes
Computer Science
American Fork, UT

Dakota Kholos
Digital Marketing
Rogers, AR

Lillian Knight
Architecture, Orem, UT

Bailey Knorpp
Culinary Arts
Riverton, UT

Jacob Kohler
Nursing
Kaysville, UT

Seth Krommenhoek
Exercise Sci. and
Outdoor Rec.
Mapleton, UT

Thane Laker
Mech. Engineering
Draper, UT

Jace Lang
Biology
Santa Clara, UT

Elizabeth Larkin
Digital Marketing
Provo, UT

Olivia Larsen
University Studies
Mapleton, UT

Jane Laudie
Public Health
Lindon, UT

Bowen Libby
Business and Analysis
Kaysville, UT

Kaitlin Liddiard
Criminal Justice
Sandy, UT

Ching-Yang Lin
Professional Pilot
Salt Lake City, UT

Sadie Lindahl
Personal Financial
Planning
Pleasant Grove, UT

Charlotte Lindeman
Accounting, Lehi, UT

Marley Livingston
University Studies
Pleasant Grove, UT

Marissa Madsen
Microbiology
Lehi, UT

Sarah Marchant
Geology
Bluffdale, UT

Angela Mata
Deaf Studies
West Valley City, UT

FIRST-GENERATION SUCCESS

When Dianet Linares considered where to attend college after high school, Utah Valley University (UVU) impressed her with its focus toward hands-on learning and a welcoming atmosphere.

“I picked UVU because it was the perfect location, and I found out about all these great opportunities at the school,” Dianet explained. “It is also more diverse than most other Utah colleges, and the pricing was another big draw.”

As a first-generation student, attending college intimidated her. Dianet did not know how to navigate higher education or where to look for help.

One day as she walked through the Liberal Arts Building, Dianet saw a group passing out information about the UVU First-Generation Student Success Center.

Now, a year later, the First-Gen Student Success Center significantly impacts Dianet’s college experience.

“This is where I’ve met most of my friends, found the resources that I needed, made connections, and found opportunities,” she said. “Now, I’ve gained the opportunity to become a first-generation mentor, where I’m able to help guide and support students who were lost just like me.”

Dianet is also an active participant in Cultural Envoy, a UVU cultural dance group. The group often travels to public schools around Utah Valley to perform for students.

“I love it because we show students that no matter your background or what you look like, you can go to college.”

Dianet currently studies architecture and hopes to start a career in custom homes after graduating in 2026.



PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS *(continued)*

Lillian McAllister
Accounting
Orem, UT

Madeleine Merrell
Nursing
Saratoga Springs, UT

Jaylee Montague
Biology
Tooele, UT

Emma Nielsen
University Studies
Eagle Mountain, UT

Brooklyn Orr
Art and Design
Pleasant Grove, UT

Bryant Price
Mech. Engineering
Pleasant Grove, UT

Thomas Rosser
Chemistry
Pleasant Grove, UT

Victoria Scott
Exercise Sci. and
Outdoor Rec.
Murray, UT

Annie McArthur
Architecture
Saint George, UT

Emberlee Milligan
Sociology
Eagle Mountain, UT

Megan Montague
Pre-Professional
Tooele, UT

Khale Nielsen
Art and Design
Herriman, UT

Antonio Ortiz
Computer Engineering
Fort Collins, CO

Skyler Price
Nursing, Prescott, AZ

David Rowley
Computer Science
West Jordan, UT

Kaitlyn Seale
University Studies
Orem, UT

Ian McBride
Biology
Spanish Fork, UT

Allanna Mills
University Studies
Highland, UT

Corinne Moosman
Economics
West Jordan, UT

Jared Nilson
Biotechnology
South Jordan, UT

Gabriel Owen
Pre-Professional
Ballard, UT

Blakely Rasmussen
Pre-Professional
Sandy, UT

Luke Rushton
Pre-Professional
Pleasant Grove, UT

Linzie Sedgwick
Art and Design
Syracuse, UT

Carly McBride
Theatre Education
Centerville, UT

Norah Milner
English
Lindon, UT

Emily Morris
Elementary Education
Provo, UT

Nate Nilson
Computer Science
Farmington, UT

Maya Pack
Forensic Science
Eagle Mountain, UT

Miriam Ray
Exercise Sci.
and Outdoor Rec.
Centerville, UT

Noah Sanches
Accounting, Cedar Hills, UT

Michael Sellers
Finance, Provo, UT

Alexandria McOmber
Computer Science
Cottonwood Heights, UT

Dallon Monson
Computer Science
Saratoga Springs, UT

Jonathan Mortensen
Psychology
Springville, UT


Abigale O'Driscoll
Public Health
Herriman, UT

Samuel Paller
University Studies
Orem, UT

Austin Reich
University Studies
Sandy, UT

Bailey Sanford
Biology, Clearfield, UT

Rachel Severn
Psychology
Cedar Hills, UT



"I'm attending UVU to find my path in life and ultimately end up with a fulfilling career. I'm especially grateful for my UVU Presidential Scholarship as it helps to get one big step closer to these dreams of mine."

Trey Clayton '26 University Studies

Korryn Narvaez
Forensic Science
Cedar Hills, UT

Benjamin Oakes
English
American Fork, UT

Maya Patten
Web Design and Dev.
Lehi, UT

Maisy Reid
Nursing
Spanish Fork, UT

Peter Sanford
Information Systems
Riverton, UT

Hannah Sharp
Information Tech.
Chagrin Falls, OH

Sydney Nash
Emergency Services
Administration
South Weber, UT

Katelyn Olsen
Exercise Sci. and
Outdoor Rec.
Riverton, UT

Easton Peterson
Social Work,
Provo, UT

Brigham Reid
Business Management
Orem, UT

Emmaline Saunders
Geology, Cedar Valley, UT

Matthew Sherrill
Psychology,
Orem, UT

Abbigayle Nelson
Biology, Bountiful, UT

Natalie Olson
Automation and
Electrical Tech
Spanish Fork, UT

Olivia Pixton
Mech. Engineering
Shawnee, KS

Savannah Richards
Mech. Engineering
Draper, UT

Elsa Saunders
Commercial Music
Cedar Valley, UT

Alec Shewell
Biology, Murray, UT

Cassandra Nelson
Biology
Saratoga Springs, UT

Camila Orellana
Forensic Science
Provo, UT

Reed Pratt
Electrical Engineering
Duchesne, UT

Kaiden Roberts
Marketing
Saint George, UT

Claire Scarbrough
Business Management
South Jordan, UT

Kirsten Shirley
Theatre Arts
Clinton, UT

Dannion Nelson
Professional Pilot
South Jordan, UT

Tyson Prettyman
Culinary Arts,
Lehi, UT

Amy Robinson
Elementary Education
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"Thanks to my training at UVU, I got certified as an American Sign Language interpreter before graduation. I am so thankful for my UVU Presidential Scholarship and the opportunities it has opened for me."

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The First-Generation Student Success Center is a community of students, staff, faculty, and other key stakeholders that seeks to provide first-generation students with the evidence-based support they need to thrive in their university experience. The center is focused on providing opportunities for leadership development, peer and faculty mentoring, scholarships, access to resources, events, and more. At the First-Generation Student Success Center, first-generation students are empowered to pursue and complete postsecondary degrees, enabling them to achieve their dreams and inspire future generations.



37% of UVU students are first-generation, meaning neither of their parents or guardians have completed a U.S. bachelor's degree

First-generation UVU students complete bachelor's degrees at a rate almost

3x lower

than their continuing-generation peers



27%

of UVU first-generation students come from households with a combined income of \$20,000 or less

Source: First-Generation Student Success Center

"I will forever be grateful for the support that I received while trying to complete my degree. Without the scholarships I received, I wouldn't have been able to come to school. I am forever grateful to UVU for making me feel like I was invaluable, that my dreams could be achieved, and that I mattered. I felt loved, supported, and heard every single day for four years. UVU is truly a place for anyone who wants to better themselves. I love this school, my roots are forever planted here, and I am so proud to be a first-generation graduate of Utah Valley University."

Kylee Parke '19, Communication

"I am a first-generation college student. I've been working hard to get this degree because it will build the groundwork for a career that will allow me to support a family and give back to a community that has given me many opportunities. I greatly appreciate the financial help donors have provided."

Wade Beveridge '22, Computer Science

"None of my success would have been possible if it weren't for UVU and the donors who funded my scholarship. You changed my life and the lives of generations to come."

Holli Saperstein '95, Associate of Science



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UVU CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE

The UVU Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) provides premier training for students pursuing careers in professional cooking or baking. The program offers small, engaging classes focused on individualized attention and development. The Culinary Arts Institute provides experience through industry-based learning.

All CAI faculty hold certifications from the American Culinary Federation as certified executive chefs, certified executive pastry



UVU Culinary Arts Team

chefs, or certified chefs de cuisine. The Culinary Art Institute's comprehensive course of study covers several service areas, including not only how to cook and bake but also key requirements to success, such as customer service, nutrition, sanitation, and menu planning.

In addition to catering the annual President's Scholarship Ball, faculty and students from CAI operate Restaurant Forte, an on-campus restaurant where students have the chance to learn first-hand how to cook a wide variety of international cuisine. The hands-on experience students receive serves as a springboard into the hospitality industry and sets graduates up for future success.

In the spirit of engaged learning and community connection, tonight's gourmet fare is prepared and served by UVU's Culinary Arts students using fresh, local ingredients under the direction of the following faculty and staff:

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UVU FOUNDATION BOARD

The Utah Valley University (UVU) Foundation supports UVU's current and future needs as a vital partner to the community and the university. The UVU Foundation is a forward-thinking philanthropic body supporting the vision of the university by contributing expertise, experience, dedication, and financial resources.

Everything we do serves UVU's mission. The primary focus of the Foundation is to benefit students as they pursue a transformational education experience. Our fundamental belief in the university's mission keeps us focused on a commitment to include, engage, and achieve.

As we continue to set the bar high, we are committed to supporting EverGREEN, the campaign for UVU. The inaugural comprehensive campaign will impact every aspect of the campus, from

engineering to athletics and from the arts to automotive. EverGREEN will ensure UVU remains a flexible and relevant educational option for generations.

The generosity of UVU's many friends and supporters inspires us to pursue bold and actionable growth. The Foundation seeks to unite the passion of the UVU family with opportunities that will improve the lives of students, the excellence of faculty, and the future of Utah Valley University.

Ultimately, we do all of this together with each of you. On behalf of the UVU Foundation Board, thank you for your support and engagement.

Thank you,

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Utah Valley University (UVU) continues to set the standard for excellence, acceptance, and support for those seeking to attain their dreams.

At last year's President's Scholarship Ball, we began a journey when we launched the inaugural fundraising campaign, EverGREEN. The intent of the EverGREEN campaign is to provide ALL students who desire to seek an education with the skills, knowledge, and support to compete in the ever-changing workforce of tomorrow. Together with my fellow UVU Board of Trustees members, we stand poised and prepared to support this exciting initiative which will impact generations of current and future students.

Fundraising efforts of the EverGREEN campaign are centered on three core areas: **include, engage, and achieve.**

This is purposeful, as the intent of the campaign aligns with the mission of UVU. With 77% of UVU alumni remaining in the state

upon graduation, UVU alumni are poised to make meaningful and lasting contributions to the state, country, and world.

Famed poet Lucy Larcom captures best my invitation to each of you in attendance: "He who plants a tree, plants a hope." Tonight, I invite each of you in attendance to "plant hope" at UVU for the students whose lives will be transformed by your gift.

All the best,

Rick Nielsen
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