



Utah Valley University (UVU)

*President's
Scholarship Ball*

September 28, 2024

About the UVU PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP BALL

Established in 1991, the Utah Valley University (UVU) President's Scholarship Ball is dedicated to supporting the university's presidential scholarship program. This merit-based scholarship offers full tuition to outstanding students committed to pursuing their degrees at UVU. For the 2023–2024 academic school year, more than 300 students benefited from the financial assistance provided by the scholarship. The continued success of this event is made possible by the unwavering generosity of those who support UVU.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 34th annual President's Scholarship Ball at UVU.

This is my seventh ball and the start of the seventh year of my presidency. According to the internet, seven is a lucky number. It is a prime number, representing "completeness, totality, and wholeness." It is also "associated with divine meaning and magic." If it's on the internet, it must be true!

Seriously speaking, as I reflect on the start of my seventh year at UVU, I am deeply grateful to all of you who have supported us and this ball every single year. UVU is not yet whole or complete but continues to be an intriguing work in progress. We consistently strive for excellence and hold ourselves accountable for results.

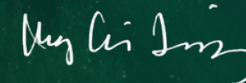
In 2023–2024, UVU educated 44,653 students and celebrated 10,197 graduates. Our student retention and completion rates are the highest in our history. We have placed students at Harvard, MIT, Oxford, and Cambridge. We graduate the most Utahns in the state. With 77% of UVU alumni staying in Utah 10 years after

graduation, your support prepares Utah's future workforce, voters, citizens, and families.

Tonight, we celebrate with you the next phase of our historic EverGREEN campaign: EverGUIDING. Your participation at UVU and your financial support guide us toward excellence and exceptional results. We cannot succeed without you.

The Time Lord Dr. Who said: "People assume that time is a strict progression from cause to effect, but actually from a non-linear, non-subjective viewpoint it's more like a big ball of wibbly-wobbly, timey-wimey stuff." At UVU, we are ever conscious of cause and effect, but tonight, let's just ignore time and dance!

Warmest regards,



Dr. Astrid S. Tuminez
President,
Utah Valley University



TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Bloom A Cappella

"A Sky Full of Stars" — Arranged by Laura Beattie (Opb. Coldplay)

Welcome

Jeanette Bennett, UVU Board of Trustees, Master of Ceremonies

Video Presentation

UVU Culinary Arts Institute

Remarks

Steve Sonnenberg '06, Computer Science

UVU Repertory Ballet Ensemble

"The Kingdom of the Shades"
Choreographed by Christa St. John,
Dedicated to Corinne Wallentine

Remarks

Jo Hickman '24, Bioinformatics,
Geoffrey Zahn, Associate Professor, Biology

Remarks

President Astrid S. Tuminez

Open Time

Performances by Artiva Strings

Remarks

Hannah Bruce '19, Psychology

Video Presentation

Lyn Wells '15 MBA '17

Remarks

Melania Pena '20, Physics

UVU Ballroom Dance Company

"Up in the Sky" by Emilee Moore
Choreographed by David Moon,
Assisted Choreography by Tara Boyd

Video Presentation

Heather Stainbrook '23, Psychology

Remarks

Ryan Stream '25, Psychology
and Communication

Remarks

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

Closing Remarks

President Astrid S. Tuminez

TONIGHT'S MENU

Appetizer

Smoked Duck, Sweet Corn Pudding, Hatch Chili Corn Relish, Crispy Corn Salad, Chili Lime Vinaigrette

2nd Course

Sweet Pea Soup, Crispy Pork Belly, Hatch Red Chili Oil, Dill Crème Fraîche

Intermezzo

Guava, Passion Fruit, and Coconut With Candied Ginger Sorbet

Entrée

Local Iron-Seared Beef Fillet, Chili Garlic Shrimp, Roasted Onion, Chorizo and Jack Stuffed Mushroom, Butternut Squash Medley, Oven-Dried Herbed Zucchini

Dessert

Exotic Milk Chocolate Gateau, Milk Chocolate Bavarois, Sacher Sponge, Brown Butter and Honey Milk Chocolate Ganache, Tropical Custard With Hazelnut Crumble, Mango Salsa, and Banana Caramel

A dietary needs menu (vegan, gluten-free, nut-free, and shellfish-free) will be served to guests who requested it prior to September 6, 2024.



Appetizer



Entrée



Dessert

TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCES

Bloom A Cappella

UVU's Bloom A Cappella was founded in 2021 and is currently the only a cappella group at the university. Recently, they were crowned Grand Champions at the 2024 ICCA (International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella) competition. More than 400 groups and 16,000 students competed internationally, making this a rare and special win for Bloom and UVU. Bloom is excited to keep this momentum going as they prepare to release their studio EP album and a music video this fall.



UVU Repertory Ballet Ensemble

Repertory Ballet Ensemble is the resident performing company for the ballet program at UVU. The ensemble was founded in 2007 by Jacqueline Colledge and is currently under the direction of Christa St. John and Tyler Schnese. Since its inception, the ensemble has developed a notable reputation for presenting classical and contemporary choreography with equal virtuosity. Tonight's performance is dedicated to the memory of esteemed UVU ballet faculty member Corinne Wallentine (Oct. 11, 1989 – Aug. 24, 2024). An alumna of UVU's dance program, Corinne's deep love for ballet and unwavering dedication to her students will continue to inspire and guide future generations.



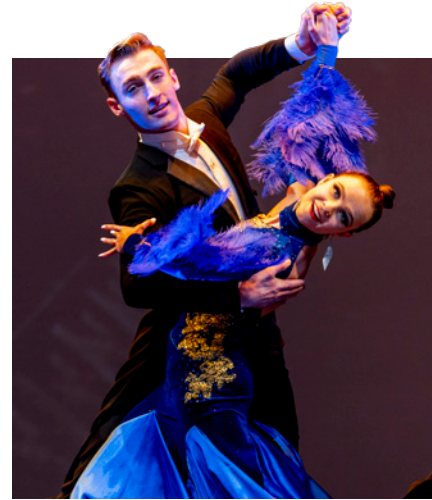
Artiva Strings

Artiva Strings is a multidisciplinary group of musicians who specialize in performing live music for special events. As a professional string ensemble, their goal is to perform with a standard of quality, memorability, and professionalism. The group has performed together since 2020 and has played in countless venues across the state of Utah.



UVU Ballroom Dance Company

The UVU Ballroom Dance Company is one of the nation's premier ballroom dance companies and are currently working towards competing for the British Open Latin and Standard Formation Championships in Blackpool England this May. 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.




By the Numbers

UVU PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



359
students received
Presidential Scholarships
during the 2024–2025
academic year

Presidential Scholar stats
as of September 9, 2024



Destination: UVU
This year's Presidential
Scholars come from

← **16 counties**
in Utah


95 towns
across the U.S.

11 states
nationwide

61.8%
of recipients are
juniors or seniors

2,213 miles
is the farthest a
Scholar traveled
from home to UVU

52.9%
of recipients are
from Utah County



37%
of UVU students
are first-generation



\$26,028
Total four-year tuition expense
for an in-state student without
a Presidential Scholarship

The most common majors of
Presidential Scholars are:



University Studies




Computer Science

In the past
17 years, more than
\$4.3 million
has been raised at
the UVU President's
Scholarship Ball



89
different majors of
Presidential Scholars



77%
of UVU alumni stay in Utah
10 years after graduation"

Presidential Scholars come
from every school on campus

- 110** Smith College
of Engineering
and Technology
- 58** Woodbury School
of Business
- 46** College of Humanities
and Social Sciences
- 44** College of Science
- 28** College of Health
and Public Service
- 22** School of the Arts
- 19** School of Education

If each guest in
attendance tonight gives
\$35.17
UVU could fund an
additional student
scholarship for four years



Accounting



Mechanical Engineering



In 2023, UVU employees
donated more than
\$200,000
toward student success

ABOUT EverGREEN

EverGREEN is an ambitious \$350 million comprehensive philanthropic campaign for the future of UVU and Utah. **EverGREEN** will amplify and provide transformational educational experiences for current and future generations of UVU students. Since its public launch on October 22, 2022, **EverGREEN** has gained momentum with the support of the UVU community.

For the past two years, the campaign has celebrated many milestones. Groundbreakings and openings of cutting-edge facilities along with new scholarships and academic programs have all been possible because of those who support UVU. With your commitment, UVU will continue to empower students as the campaign enters its next phase: **EverGUIDING**.

Impact of the Campaign



“Your generosity has opened a door to an amazing education and meaningful work. Thank you for making this possible.”

*Kelsey Anderson '24,
Marketing*

Since 2018,
UVU has provided
7,488
scholarships
to students

How to Donate to Support UVU STUDENTS

Your contribution to the UVU Presidential Scholarship is an investment in the next generation of leaders, innovators, and trailblazers. You are directly impacting the future of Utah and its workforce. With your support, UVU will continue to provide opportunities for Presidential Scholars to achieve their goals and excel in their careers.

Also, in addition to support UVU Presidential Scholars, you have the opportunity to give to a college, school, or initiative that has meaning to you.

Online: Visit uvu.edu/psbgive to contribute or scan the QR code below.



Donation Card: If you prefer to contribute in-person, please complete the donation card located on your table. A member of the UVU team will collect these during open time.



Every UVU student has a story of how donor gifts have impacted their life.

As a supporter of UVU, you play a crucial role in shaping the futures of our students. See how your continued engagement supports UVU students like those featured here by scanning the QR code.



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By becoming an **EverGREEN** Ambassador, you are part of the UVU community. As an ambassador, you will gain access to exclusive “insider” information. UVU will share with you news, information, and details about what is happening on campus and beyond. By participating in the monthly contests, you have an opportunity to win exciting prizes.

What Do EverGREEN Ambassadors Do?

- **Weekly Updates:** Receive updates to share with your social media community.
- **Engage and Share:** Inform your followers about UVU and its students by sharing posts.
- **Personalize Content:** Customize the content to make it authentic to YOU!

*Become an EverGREEN Ambassador
to share UVU's impact*



Sign up today by scanning the QR code

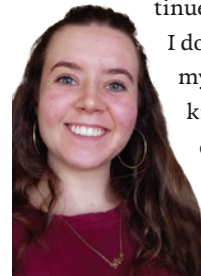


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“The Presidential Scholarship has opened new horizons and encouraged me to continue my education. Though I do not know exactly what my future will hold, I know that it will include continuous learning and growing.”



Bailey Knorpp '26,
Culinary Arts

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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



chefs, or certified chefs de cuisine. The Culinary Arts 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 UVU 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 CAI faculty and staff.

SEASON 2024-25

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UVU SCHOOL OF
THE ARTS

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