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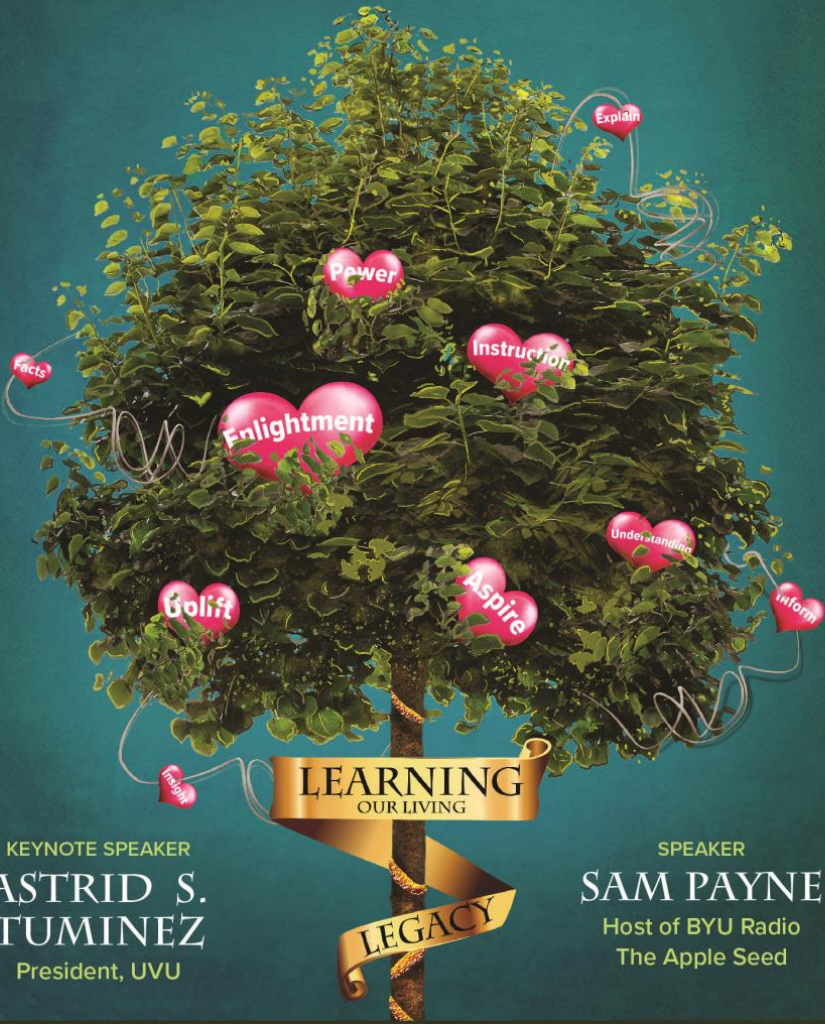
# 2019 UVU ELDER QUEST

ANNUAL SPRING SCHOLARSHIP  
SEMINAR & LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY

## APRIL 10, 2019

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | TICKETS \$25  
UVU GRANDE BALLROOM



KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**ASTRID S. TUMINEZ**  
President, UVU

SPEAKER  
**SAM PAYNE**  
Host of BYU Radio  
The Apple Seed

Music original compositions by **Esther Margarel** featuring her Husband's Poetry

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# Elder Quest President's Message



Ruth Hillam, President

We have weathered many changes this semester. The move to the Provo Senior Center has been challenging but many of you have commented that the move was a good decision. We have room to grow, more convenient parking, and better sound and video. With your help we can add more educational trips and group activities in the future. The staff of the Provo Senior Center has been wonderful to work with.

The members of the Elder Quest board have worked tirelessly to provide Potpourri Lectures, luncheon guest speakers, quality teachers, good sound and videos to enhance our class subjects, membership services, movies that interest you, etc. They have so many skills and talents and have been willing to work on your behalf.

I am so impressed with our teachers. I think that teaching is as important to them as learning is to us. We have had a great variety of classes and the opportunity to learn from some of the best minds available. They willingly donate their time, knowledge and efforts. We are very grateful.

Our membership is growing and much of the credit goes to you who have encouraged your friends and neighbors to join us. I appreciate your willingness to be a part of the organization both as members and as talented people willing to share your ideas, time and talents.

Coming up in April is our Scholarship Seminar. We are looking forward to hearing from the new president of UVU and being entertained by a world-famous storyteller. We will hear touching stories from some of the students who have benefited from the scholarships you have so willingly provided. The music has been composed by one of our own teachers who has put music to her husband's poetry. The ballroom at UVU is very impressive and grand and will provide us with space and comfort to enjoy the day's activities. The meal is being planned by Chef Todd Leonard, certified Executive Chef, who won the Utah Chef of the Year Award in 2006 and 2010 and was the 1<sup>st</sup> place Gold medal Winner of the Western Region Chef of the year competition in 2011. Last year he won the 2018 **National** Chef of the Year award, competing against 3 other regional award-winning chefs in a fast-paced timed competition.

You are philanthropists who are willing to share your love of learning with students who are just beginning to find out what their life's work will be and are anxious to support their families and enhance the world with new knowledge and experiences. Please plan to come and share your dollars with these young students. Every donation is important no matter how large or small. Or just come to be with friends and enjoy the day.

Thank you again for your support for me this year. I appreciate all your comments and suggestions. We are all "life long learners" and as our theme this year states: **Learning is our living legacy.**

*Ruth Hillam, Elder Quest President*

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## Scholarship Fundraiser

### Featured Keynote Speakers:

- ◆ UVU President Astrid Tuminez
- ◆ Master Storyteller Sam Payne
- ◆ With UVU Elder Quest Scholarship Recipient Speakers



With Original Musical Entertainment by  
Elder Quester Esther Megargel





# Keynote Speaker

## Dr. Astrid S. Tuminez

Dr. Astrid S. Tuminez (pronounced too-MEE-nez) was appointed the seventh president of Utah Valley University in 2018, and is the institution's first female president. Tuminez brings to UVU a broad and rich experience in academia, philanthropy, technology, and business.

She was born in a farming village in the Philippine province of Iloilo. When she was two years old, Tuminez moved with her parents and six siblings to the slums of Iloilo City where her parents were seeking better educational opportunities for their children.

Tuminez was 5 years old when Catholic nuns offered her and her siblings a chance to go to school, which changed the trajectory of her life. As a 15-year-old, she went to college at the University of the Philippines, taking

what she calls a tour of majors.

She applied to and was accepted by BYU, where she discovered a knack for languages, double majoring in Russian literature and international relations. She counts BYU professor Gary Browning, who taught Russian, as a lifetime mentor.

Next came graduate school at Harvard University on scholarship followed by a doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in political science.

Before assuming her current position, President Tuminez was a world leader in the fields of technology and political science, most recently serving as an executive at Microsoft, where she led corporate, external and legal affairs in Southeast Asia. Tuminez is also the former vice dean of research and assistant dean of executive education at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, the premier school of public policy in Asia.

A friend in Utah encouraged her to consider applying for the opening at UVU and "the more I looked, the more excited I felt. The mission really resonated with me, working with all sorts of students, traditional and nontraditional, and looking toward their success in life, student success in learning and in life, to tell students 'Come as you, whatever phase you're in in your education journey,' " she said.

Accepting the job meant moving 8,750 miles across the globe from Singapore with her husband, Jeffrey Tolk, and their sons, ages 16 and 8. Their daughter, 22, lives and works in North Carolina.

She is fluent in English, Filipino/Tagalog, Ilongo, Russian, and French with a working knowledge of Spanish. In her spare time, she enjoys running, dancing, and martial arts.



# Featured Storyteller

## Sam Payne

**Sam Payne** travels the world telling stories and singing songs about growing up the son of a folk singer and the grandson of a World War II veteran in the American West. He has brought his stories and songs to halls in Canada Bulgaria, Tokyo, and from coast to coast in the United States. Most of Sam's songs come from his own ideas but he says that some of the most interesting work he does has to do with making songs and stories from other people's ideas as a songwriter-for-hire.



For BYU Radio he hosts, "The Apple Seed: Tellers and Stories," a daily radio show on the art of storytelling. *The Apple Seed* features the world's best storytellers with tales that are funny, adventuresome, and thought-provoking, all hosted by Sam Payne.



One of his latest Broadcasts, titled Generations was aired March 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm. You'll hear Sam's muse about the passing of wisdom through various generations reflected in a story about a recent family reunion talent show. That story serves as a springboard for a tale by Kevin Kling called "Lake," a couple of songs from songwriter and storyteller John McCutcheon, recorded live at the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival, and a great story from Bill Harley about his own kids growing up.

## Featured Musicians

**Esther Megargel** received a master's degree in composition from BYU in 2013. She has awards from Mu Phi Epsilon, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, BYU (Vera Hinckley Mayhew Award), and a commission as Composer of the year by OMTA (Oregon Music Teachers Assn.) She was one of 24 composers invited to apply for one commission from the Mormon Arts Center in New York. Her works have been performed by church and



community choirs, including Salt Lake Choral Artists, and chamber ensembles, including BYU's Orpheus Winds, and ensembles drawn from the Utah Symphony and University of Utah. Her newest book entitled "Fifteen Organ Preludes and Postludes" is published by Lorenz Publishing company.

**Douglas Smith** is Associate Professor and Percussion area Coordinator at UVU. He is an active freelance musician in Salt Lake City with groups including the Utah Symphony, Utah Opera, and Ballet West. A leading proponent of works for solo marimba and voice, he has helped establish this emerging field with numerous commissions since 2003. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Arizona, a Master of Music degree from Rice University, and Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from the University of Central Missouri.



# 2018-19 Elder Quest Scholarship Recipients



My name is **Remington Rawlings**, and I was born in Bountiful, UT but grew up in Parker, CO. I am studying Philosophy at UVU and I am in my Junior year. My wife Christin and I both attend UVU. She is a Senior, and is really excited to graduate.

I plan to make a legitimate difference in the world in multiple ways. a) develop businesses that will help people, and b) fight against the broken systems that leave people without. I want to use my Philosophy to go to

Law School, and then using my entrepreneurial skills and business experience develop business platforms that will move toward fighting the bigger giants who have perpetuated broken systems in our capitalistic economy. My degree will make a difference in my life because nothing matters more to me than helping as many people as I can. This is what I care about.

I so appreciate your willingness to help me in my pursuit of higher dreams and goals. I want to make sure you look back on your decision one day and think, "Wow, he really went and used the help he got from the many people along the way to make something truly great." I am thankful to you for your support and choosing me for this distinguished opportunity!

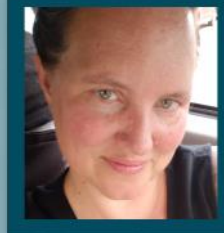


My name is **Brandee Zira Hansen**. I like to include my middle name because it is unique. It is pronounced ZY-rah, but most people pronounce it Zir-AH. I am 33 years old, a full time student and a senior in the Bachelor's of Social Work program at UVU, and a single mom of two wonderful kids.

My daughter is 12 years old and on the autism spectrum. She is a wonderful and caring person who has always struggled with anxiety and fitting in with her peers. My son is 10 years old and has a rare genetic condition that causes chronic health issues and pain. He has been through so many hospital stays and surgeries, I have lost count. He is the most compassionate and caring person I have ever encountered. The two of them are my reason for living and wanting to better myself.

As a single mom, one of the constant worries I have is finances. I struggle to provide for my family and stay in school. There have been many times when I had to consider quitting school to work. Because of donors like you, I have been able to stay in school and continue my dream of getting an education and career. The relief that has come from financial assistance and donors like you, is indescribable. My long-term goal after graduating and finding a career where I feel fulfilled and satisfied,

I want to be able to do what you have done for me, and help others realize their dreams and goals. It takes a very special kind of person to extend their available funds and support to strangers. It shows that you have a great faith in the educational process, which is something I share. And, tying this back into my original goal in social work, is to help other people like me. My children and I are so grateful for you and your generous efforts in assisting me and people like me attend school and meet their goals to make a difference in the future of all of us. I want you to know that I will be forever grateful for your contribution to my education.



My name is **Monica English**. I was born and raised in Utah County. I received my Associate of Arts from UVSC back in the 90's and have returned now to complete my bachelor's degree. I am in the Integrated Studies Program with my areas of emphasis being Peace and

Justice Studies and Religious Studies. I am also minor in Gender Studies. I am a senior and will graduate in May of this year.

When I returned to college, I was in my 40's and had been out of an academic environment for 20 years. I have been a mostly stay at home mom for all of that time. We have an unusual family with some children born to us, a couple of children adopted from Zambia and a few more adopted from Foster Care. Because we have a large family (seven children still at home) there is always a need to balance my education against the needs of our family life. Finances are always the first consideration. This scholarship gives me the security to know that I am not sacrificing the needs of my family for my education. I have deep gratitude for Elder Quest and those who have made this possible. It truly makes a difference.

After I graduate, I plan on continuing on to grad school in conflict studies. I am fascinated in the way societies clash and the ways in which violence ceases. During my time here at UVU I prepared a grant to interview women in Northern Ireland who were involved in the peace negotiations in the 1990's. I received this grant and with it I spent two weeks in post conflict areas of Northern Ireland doing archival research and interviewing women who were instrumental at ensuring women's voices were heard and incorporated into the peace accords. I would like to continue this research as a master's thesis and continue on to receive a PhD.

When I returned to school after such a long break, I worried that I wouldn't be able to keep up with the students in their 20's. What I have found is that my life experiences, particularly working within the foster care system and adopting children who are a racial minority in this area has given me a very personal insight into the classroom discussions. I want to continue to bring this insight to my graduate studies and then I hope to be able to enter academia myself.

I am so grateful for this scholarship, it offers me the freedom to focus on education without feeling like I am burdening the very family that inspired me to return to school. I am honored and humbled to be chosen, I know there are many, many worthy students who could have been chosen in my



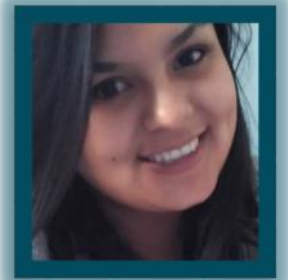
My name is **Margarita Aguilar-Bojorquez**. I am from Mexicali, Baja California Mexico. I came to the United States about 25 years ago. I am studying to get a bachelors degree in sciences with an emphasis in ballroom dance. I am a divorced mother of 5 with 3 kids still at home. With all the responsibilities of being a single head of household and a full time student, this scholarship means a lot to me and my family. I am extremely grateful to be the honored recipient of the UVU Elder Quest Endowed Scholarship. The stress this scholarship takes off my life is great. I will be able to focus in my studies and my family. I will be able to have access to the tools I need to succeed, and become an active participant of activities that enrich my education.

My goal is to become a dance and movement therapist. My experience with the healing powers of dance opened up a way I see the arts. I want to use dance as a tool to help others recover emotionally, physically and mentally. I am the first in my generation to go to college. It is important for me to be a good example for my kids and open a new path in education. The well being of my family depends on me. I need to be prepared to face life challenges and provide for the ones that depend on me. This degree is changing my life and the life of generations to come, one school day at a time.

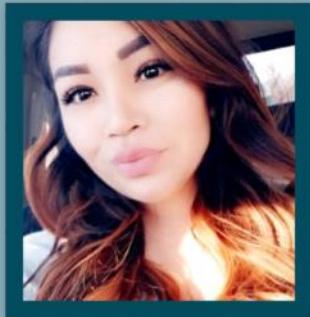
### June Perez

I was born in Utah but have moved around quite a bit so I come from a diverse background I am American but raised as a Panamanian with hints of Peruvian culture. My parents named me June Perez due to the fact they were married in June. I am studying Psychology and a minor in Biology. I only have two years left until I finish and graduate with my bachelors in Psychology and this scholarship will definitely help me graduate with less roadblocks on my path to success.

I don't think I have met a person that gives a complete stranger money to get through school. It's hard enough for me to donate 10 dollars sometimes even 1 dollar to help someone and you have managed to do way more than that for me, which is amazing. I just want to say again thank you so much for this I don't know who you are but thank you. Your kindness makes me want to pay it forward to others in need and you have gotten me closer to that by helping me with my education. As I said in the beginning words cannot express how grateful I am to be blessed with this scholarship and I don't say blessed lightly. My heart is just glowing and I feel so content I really appreciate what you have done for me, you have no idea. This is phenomenal and I hope that one day I can be just as giving as you and help someone get closer to achieving their dream. Thank you so much.



Ya'at'eeh, Shii' ei **Brianna John** yinishye'. Tl'aa'schi'i nishli', doo' T'o'aaheedliinii ba'shishchiin. In the Navajo culture its appropriate to include our matrilineal clans when we introduce ourselves.



Hello! I am Brianna John and I am Diné (Navajo) I was born in Shiprock, NM located on the northern part of the Navajo Reservation. I moved to Utah to pursue an education in Social Work, I am a sophomore working on my pre-requisites before I apply for the BSW program this spring.

As a single mother of three children, I don't fit the traditional student profile, but my hard work has proven to me that I can reach my goals and I am capable. I was raised by a single mother and our family fits the statistics of a Native American family living in poverty. I am proud to be the first in my family to attend college and set an example for my children and younger siblings in my family. I understand that I am not in the best place financially to be in school however, I don't want my financial situation to get in the way of the dreams I am striving to achieve. I am so grateful for opportunities like the one your foundation is providing for students like myself, this scholarship has eased the financial strain of being a single mother in college and more importantly has provided me more time to commit towards my studies, so I can reach my full potential as a college student.

There is a shortage of Social workers on the reservation, one of the main issues is the cultural divide, being a female native american this provides me with an advantage. I have lived on the Navajo reservation and I am now living here in the city, the cultural difference between the two is immense and I can relate to both urban living as well as the reality I see on my reservation and use this as a way to break through these barriers. Observing my family work on the reservation has helped me to understand the importance of being a social worker and the positive changes it can do for a community. I am a survivor of domestic violence, and I have been through many hardships throughout my life, I hope to use my story to help others who are in the same position I was once in and make constructive changes to the people in my community creating a better environment for my people.

I am honored to be the recipient of the Elder Quest scholarship. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your generous, financial support towards my higher education.

## Travel Directions for the Spring Seminar

Going west on 800 South in Orem, turn left at the first signal after 800 West. The street is not marked but you are on College Drive. Continue south until you see the parking garage. There is a sign that says parking for "Roots of Knowledge". Go to level 4,5 or 6. Then find the elevator and go to level 2 in the building.

Coming from the freeway on University Parkway exit, turn left into the main entrance to UVU. Do not go around the round-about. Turn right and follow the road (College Dr.). Follow the signs to the Sorensen Center. You will need to watch carefully after the LDS Institute Bldg. because the parking terrace faces north. Go to level 4,5 or 6. Then find the elevator and go to the level 2 in the building.

From the frontage road in Orem go to 800 South and turn east. Just before you get to 800 West there is an intersection with a light. Turn right onto College Drive. It is not marked. Follow the road south until you see the parking terrace. There is a sign that says parking for "Roots of Knowledge". Go to level 4,5 or 6. Then take the elevator to level 2 in the building.

There is an entrance to UVU across the street from Lakeridge Jr. High on 960 South. There is a sign on the west side of the road that says UVU. Turn west on 960 South and follow the signs to the Sorensen Center. You will need to watch carefully after the LDS Institute Bldg. because the parking terrace faces north. Go to level 4,5 or 6. Then find the elevator and go to level 2 in the building.

If you don't feel comfortable driving yourself, meet Cathy Carter at the park by the Orem Senior Center. Park in the public parking on the north side of the park and meet at 9 a.m. She will lead you to the Sorensen Center or will give you a ride.

## Travel Adventures with Elder Quest

### ANNOUNCING A NEW ELDER QUEST TOUR

We are pleased to announce a new Elder Quest Tour, "Pacific Coast Cruise."

We will be flying from Salt Lake City to Seattle and then going by train into Vancouver, Canada. This is one of the most beautiful train rides in the world, and we don't want you to miss it. We join our ship, the beautiful "Norwegian Jewel" and set sail for Victoria, British Columbia.

You will have an opportunity to visit the incredible Butchard Gardens or perhaps have high tea at the Empress Hotel. Next we are bound for Astoria Oregon where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean and Lewis and Clark ended their journey. You can visit the fort they established and also see the incredible carved round stone monument. There is also a large Maritime Museum here.

We spend a day at Sea and then arrive in San Francisco. You will have choices of excursions here of Alcatraz Island, Fisherman's Wharf, Ghiradelli Square, Chinatown, numerous wonderful museums and much more.

Our last stop is Los Angeles. You may want to extend here and visit Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knotts Berry Farm, or visit Grohmann's Theatre and see the famous hand prints of Movie Stars, past and present. You could also do a tour seeing where Movie Stars live, or tour a Movie Studio, or what about time at the beach on the Santa Monica Pier.

The world awaits you. Visit soon. Call Travel Passport, 801-423-1081 to make your reservation today for this exciting cruise. The dates are October 7th-13th, 2019, starting at \$742.00 per person for the Cruise. Airfare is extra. When the ship sells out, it is sold out. The deadline for joining this tour is May 1, 2019, as we need to secure airfare and train tickets.

### PLEASE NOTE!

There are about 5 seats left on the Logan Musical Theatre Tour and the Southern Utah Tour is closed.

The Florida Keys, and the National Parks Tour have been cancelled.

Contact Joan or Carla at [Travel Passport @](mailto:TravelPassport@) 801-423-1081 or 1-800-677-4750

[carlatravelp@yahoo.com](mailto:carlatravelp@yahoo.com) for information.



## Summer Luncheons!

We hope to see you on the second Wednesday each month at noon at Sizzler in Orem

May 8 \* June 12 \* July 10 \* August 14.

Please pay for your meal and then meet in the Banquet Room for an informal lunch with other Elder Quest members.

We welcome friends who may be interested in joining Elder Quest."



*Thank you to Sue Flick for her creative ideas  
for the posters, program, tickets,  
and table decorations for the Seminar.*

The tentative schedule for the 2019 Fall Semester begins with a luncheon on September 11, 2019. Classes start September 16, 2019. Each semester is 10 weeks.

For more information watch:

Fall Elder Quest Newsletter \* Website: [UVU.edu/elderquest](http://UVU.edu/elderquest) \* Facebook: Elder Quest Orem

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