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# UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

### LIVE, LAUGH & LEARN with ELDER QUEST

#### Spring 2023 President's Message

As you read this, we are nearing the completion of another enlightening semester. I'm so impressed with our amazing classes and our potpourri instructors. Their willingness to donate their expertise and time is greatly appreciated by all so please take your time to personally thank them for their outstanding efforts!

On March 29 we will be holding our 2023 Spring Scholarship Seminar. This year, we are delighted to have the UVU Culinary Arts building in Orem as our venue. This is a very special event for seniors as it's our 30th year of successfully delivering classes within a social envi-

ronment. Our celebratory luncheon, planned by the UVU Culinary Arts students, is going to truly be a 5 Star gourmet experience. You will enjoy every moment of this spectacular event! Tickets for our Spring Seminar are available at <u>www.bit.ly/elderquest</u> (or call our UVU/Elder Quest team at 801.863.8012). Elder Quest Board members (listed on pg 2 of this newsletter) will also be selling tickets during all of our luncheons, classes, and events this month. So please purchase a ticket for yourself and your friends, too. The ticket price continues to remain at \$25.00 per person. For more details, please check out the program highlights (pg 3 of this newsletter). Our very own First Vice President, Marjean Bingham, has graciously donated her time to create a fantastic day of music and inspirational speakers. Thank you Marjean for organizing this wonderful program! In addition, we thank Joan Hahn — Elder Quest Scholarship Chair, UVU Scholarships Department, Karen Cloward — UVU/Elder Quest Liaison, Enid Harvey — Elder Quest Communications, UVU Culinary Arts Institute, UVU Printing & Design, Spring Seminar Committee, and our Program Participants.

Please step up and make your donation to our Elder Quest Scholarship Program for "non-traditional" students who have returned to college to seek a better life for themselves and their families. These scholarships are a big part of our Spring Seminar and your donations are gratefully appreciated. No donation is too small. For 15 years Elder Quest has provided scholarships to over 100 "non-traditional" students at UVU. We have included heartfelt thanks from eight scholarship winners in this newsletter. Please read and enjoy the personal stories of how your generosity has changed the lives of these students and improved their opportunities.

My thanks to you for your ongoing membership. Your desire to continue learning and growing through Elder Quest is an inspiration to all. As a past Elder Quest President once stated, "You are philanthropists who are sharing your love of learning with students who are just beginning to find out what their life's work will be. They are eager to support their families and enhance the world with new knowledge and experiences." Your magnanimous donations are appreciated and we thank you for whatever amount, large or small, you can give. Please join us at the Spring Seminar and enjoy the warm camaraderie of our wonderful Elder Questers.

Yours in Service,

Dari A Welson



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**Elder Quest: Celebrating 30 Years of Lifelong Learning** 

This Scholarship Event is dedicated to the memory of Flora Duncan, a founding member of Elder Quest.

## **Program Highlights**

### *Mike Mower: Senior Advisor to Governor Spencer Cox & former governor Gary Herbert*

Mike Mower serves as Senior Advisor of Community Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs. Mower will also oversee constituent services, boards and commissions, and local government outreach. Mower served as the Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director for Gov. Jon Huntsman as well as State Planning Coordinator. Mower is a graduate of Brigham Young University and the S. J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah. He also attended Utah Valley University, where he later served as a member of the Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Liz, are the parents of a combined seven children and reside in Salt Lake City. <u>https://governor.utah.gov/staff/</u> <u>michael-mower/</u>

### Artiva String Quartet

A modern and eclectic professional string quartet with a fun & versatile song list. Kaitlin Booth—Cello; Rebecca Dalgleish and Annalicia Loveridge — Violins; Angelica Salazar — Viola.

#### https://www.artivastrings.com/company/about-us

### Sabrina Allen, Award Winning BYU Piano Performing Arts Major

Sabrina has performed solos with both the Utah Symphony and the American Fork Symphony. She has taken 1st place in the UMTA Piano Concerto Competition Junior High division, 1st in the Salt Lake Piano Competition Solo and Concerto Divisions, 1st in the Encore Keyboard Competition, 2nd in the MSMTA Solo Festival, 3rd in both NVMTA Concerto and Ensemble Competitions, and was an MTNA Honorable Mention. She is the granddaughter of Ann & Neal Lambert.

### Jennifer Cooper, Owner of Lead Point Solutions, Health, Science, Discovery

Jennifer Cooper is the daughter of Elder Quest members Marty and Mike Przybyla. She is also the owner/ CEO of Lead Point Solutions: Health, Science, Discovery. As a global lecturer and consultant, she has partnered in research with a number of universities including Harvard, Columbia, BYU and U of U. Her presentation will focus on the science around antiaging and longevity and will address how lifestyle changes you initiate can make living longer not just possible but better! <u>info@leadpointsolutions.com</u>

# Angelica Salazar, Concert Violinist, UVU Graduate in Violin Performance

Music is her passion and her life! Her performances have been described as both "touching" and "fiery". She has been a finalist in prestigious regional, state, and national competitions as a solo and ensemble musician. In 2022, she won a university concerto competition and soloed a three movement concerto with the UVU Chamber Orchestra. In 2021, she earned an honorable mention in a national music competition at Carnegie Hall. Angelica is a brain surgery survivor as of 2021, and has overcome many other crippling health challenges with determination and resilience. <u>www.angelicasalazarmusic.com</u>

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UVU Scholarship Recipients Nate Bronson Ashley Burgess Elizabeth Powell Darius Walker







My name is Krysten Adams and I'm working towards a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Criminal Justice, with a focus on Pre-Law. I live in Utah Valley with my three intelligent and busy children, who keep me on my toes.

After earning my degree, I plan on finding employment as a Park Ranger or some sort of local government agency while furthering my education and attending law school. I have always had a deep interest in criminal law and a drive to help others. It is also vital for me to get an education for myself in order to create a better life for my family and to be a positive influence and example to my children. Earning this degree will make all of those goals and priorities possible and will have a huge impact for the better on my family, and mostly my children. This degree will also allow me to serve my community.

I cannot adequately express my appreciation and surprise to be awarded this scholarship. I feel honored and thankful for this opportunity. It has renewed my determination and eased the financial burden my education has put on my family. My family and I have made several sacrifices in order for me to attend college while raising a young family, and this scholarship has given me validation in my efforts. This means the world to me and my family, and I am tremendously grateful.



### Krysten Adams

Criminal Justice, Lindon, UT

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



I'm Miranda Paulson, and I've lived in Utah my entire life. I'm a junior and I've spent the last ten years slowly working towards my Bachelor's in English. After having my son, I realized how much I wanted to complete my education.

I plan to use my degree to pursue the dream I never let myself chase after when I first started college. Originally, I intended to be a stay at home parent. I realized I'm actually very interested in pursuing writing as a career. I want to publish stories and content that makes a difference. I want my son to see me achieve my dreams. I want him to know anything is possible if you keep trying.

I'm so grateful for the opportunity this scholarship has given me. I would have had to go into so much debt just to afford completing the rest of my degree. Now I can focus on my studies and not worry about providing for my family. Thank you so much.

### Miranda Paulson

English, Springville, UT







My name is Darius Walker. I was born in New York but grew up in Maryland. I am studying Elementary Education and I am so close to starting my career as I begin my senior year at UVU. I am a father to two boys that I hope to make proud as I am a first generation college student.

I found teaching to be one of my passions, and with my degree I hope to become the type of teacher that instills in his students the power of education. I want to make sure that those I teach can see their full potential. I want to be the type of teacher that believes in his students. This degree will make all the difference because it will allow me to become the first one in my family to obtain a college degree.

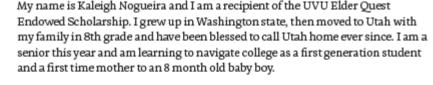
This scholarship has made all the difference in my life. It takes away the financial stress associated with paying for school and will allow me to fully devote myself to my degree. My sincerest thank you.



#### **Darius Walker**

Elementary Education, Orem, UT

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



With my undergrad in family science, I hope to become a certified family life educator and teach skills to families who may need additional support. This is important to me because I myself come from a blended family and I wish that there had been more resources specific to our situation. After receiving my undergraduate degree, it is my desire to attend grad school and pursue a degree as a marriage and family therapist. I believe that the world will change one family at a time and I cannot wait to play a small part in that change.

Scholarships like this make it possible for me to focus my time and attention on my education and to also provide additional income for my new family. It helps to take some of the financial burden off of my shoulders so that I can get out into my community and serve more quickly. I cannot thank you enough for this gift, it will be used wisely and I will be forever grateful.

### Kaleigh Nogueira

Family Science, Payson, UT







My name is Ashley and I am currently a junior working on my bachelors degree in Elementary Education. I work part time as a paraprofessional, where I tutor elementary students. I go to school full time and am also a mother 24/7 to two children,

When I graduate with my degree I plan on being a teacher right away. My first year being a paraprofessional I was a kindergarten aid and realized I truly love teaching. I have also had the opportunity to help in the reading intervention and SPED departments. I never get tired of helping students learn. I truly love to see their faces light up when they finally get or understand something they have been working so hard at. Earning my degree will have a huge impact on mine and my family's life. I will have acquired my dream job. My husband will no long have the burden, and stress, of being the main provider in our family. We will be able to start paying off years of medical debt, between my previous journey and our child's T1D journey, or anything else that may happen in the future. We will finally be able to take our children to see other parts of the country, and maybe some day the world. Most of all, earning my degree will help my children see that they can do it too; that hard work pays off and starting your dream job can happen.

Thank you so much for this scholarship. Not only does it help me to continue my education, but I also see it as helping my family. We have our goal in mind and work at it every day. One day we will be able to live without financial burdens and donations like yours helps us to achieve this goal faster. Thank you again for your kindness and help, I truly appreciate it.



### Ashley Burgess

Elementary Education, Eagle Mountain, UT



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

My name is Kaitlin Fehlberg and I am from Springlake, Utah. I am a mother of three young children and I am pursuing my degree in Elementary Education. I will be a senior this fall.

Obtaining my degree will greatly improve mine and my family's lives.

I am so very grateful for this scholarship. It will ease the burden of being a nontraditional student. I hope to be able to pay it forward someday and will not forget the generosity I have been shown.

### Kaitlin Fehlberg

Elementary Education, Orem, UT







My name is Nate Bronson, and I am from Utah Valley. I am studying Communication with an emphasis in Speech. I will be graduating after this year, and will be able to spend a little bit more time with my family once I graduate.

I hope to use my new skills in mediation and negotiation in a business format when my wife and I pursue our plans to host events for the Utah Valley community. We both value community greatly, and have found that this virtue coincides with the values of the organization Elder Quest.



I'm appreciative of the aid that this scholarship offers me and my family. We have two young daughters, (a 2-year-old named Rosemary, and a 2-month-old named June,) and we are in the process of building a life for them. The support is met with much gratitude. Thank you.

### Nathan Bronson

Communication, Springville, UT

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



My name is Elizabeth Powell and I live in Salem, UT. I grew up here, but was a military wife and stay-at-home mom for many years before being able to go back to school. I have five children.

I plan on becoming a product designer. I absolutely love my career and am very excited to make a difference while being able to support my family after my husband decided he wanted a divorce.

Thank you so very much. I really appreciate this opportunity. I am entering my final year (I hope!) of school and have been stressing. This will help so much. Thank you!

### Elizabeth Powell

Web Design and Development, Salem, UT

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### Your Generosity Makes a Difference!

The Elder Quest Scholarship fund is used to help "non-traditional" students who have returned to college to seek a better life. Scholarship criteria are: Junior or Senior in a four year program; 3.0 GPA, and demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to those who are primary caretakers of children in the home.

### Make your tax deductible donation today!

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