



**EVERGREEN**  
UVU



**EverGUIDING**  
**Student Potential**  
*Annual Report 2024*



Utah Trade Technical Institute, 1966



Central Utah Vocational School, 1950



Central Utah Vocational School, 1963



Dear EverGREEN Partner,

As we embark on the remaining two years of the inaugural EverGREEN comprehensive fundraising campaign, we are pleased to share with you our progress to date. We also detail the work that remains before we exceed our goal of \$350 million to transform Utah Valley University (UVU) for future generations. Our goals are **bold**, but achievable. Led by a single aim, we are poised to educate all who seek to **learn**, **grow**, and **succeed** in their personal and professional pursuits.

**Building A Place for All**

In the past six years, Utah Valley University has experienced unprecedented growth and change to the institution's landscape. UVU welcomed hundreds of alumni, friends, and community members back to campus last fall for the ribbon-cutting of the Young Living Alumni Center. The new alumni center now serves as a gathering place and a central hub for alumni and the broader UVU community, who are using the space to network, expand careers, and map their futures.

In September, UVU broke ground on the Scott M. Smith Building. The new four-story building for engineering will be completed in 2025 and will serve more than 6,000 students. *Read more on page 3.*

In April, we broke ground on the new Utah Community Credit Union (UCCU) Soccer Stadium. The 22,000-square-foot stadium serves both men's and women's soccer programs. When completed, it will be among the top facilities in NCAA Division I soccer. *Learn about its impact on student-athletes on page 6.*

**Multiplying Your Impact on Utah and Beyond**

With ongoing growth, we are the largest university in the state of Utah. In addition, nearly 77% of UVU alumni remain in Utah upon graduation. We boast more than 116,000 alumni. Yet, much work is to be accomplished:

- Increase our endowment to \$150 million by fall of 2026
- Boost the number of privately funded scholarships by 25%
- Continue to secure crucial funding to expand infrastructure to accommodate ongoing growth
- Inspire alumni to remember the positive impact UVU had on their lives and commit to supporting the institution

The *EverGREEN* annual report highlights the impact your gift has had on UVU students. We have much work to do in the upcoming two years and I invite you to learn more and explore ways to participate, not just financially, but also with your time and by sharing your expertise. EverGREEN is about UVU, it is about our community, but most importantly it is about transforming lives for the generations who will follow. What will be your impact?

Forever EverGREEN,

**Kyle A. Reyes, Ph.D.**  
Vice President,  
Institutional Advancement,  
CEO, UVU Foundation



## GUIDING UVU FORWARD



### EverGREEN's Path to Progress

Last year we highlighted the ways UVU is EverGROWING as we entered the second phase of UVU's inaugural fundraising campaign, EverGREEN. UVU experienced remarkable growth, driven by the unwavering support and dedication of the UVU community.

As part of EverGREEN, UVU celebrated various announcements of growth, including the doubling of UVU's endowment, the construction and opening of new buildings, strengthened community partnerships, and more.

UVU will continue to be EverGROWING, standing as a pillar of leadership as we prepare to enter the third phase of the campaign, EverGUIDING.

#### EverGREEN Campaign Progress

Visit [uvu.edu/evergreen](http://uvu.edu/evergreen) or scan the QR code to see our progress toward creating transformational educational experiences.



### Engineering the Future

UVU broke ground on the Scott M. Smith Building on September 21. This innovative space will enable more students to pursue degrees in engineering and technology fields. With 180,000 square feet, the building will offer increased lab and office space, classrooms, and conference rooms that will align technical infrastructure with existing and emerging technologies as the number of UVU students continues to grow.

Scott M. Smith shared, "We feel like we are investing in the future of generations of new engineers and computer scientists and wanted to do it in Utah County. Karen and I grew up here. Our children were raised here, and we started Qualtrics in our home in Provo. Utah County and Utah Valley University hold special places in our hearts."



**"I'm so grateful to be able to focus on my education and not worry about the financial part."**

Mohamed Toure '26,  
Mechanical Engineering

As the number of students pursuing degrees in the Smith College of Engineering and Technology rapidly grows, UVU seeks to accommodate this growth and offer engaged learning experiences to UVU students. The Scott M. Smith building will provide an interactive environment to train a new generation of engineers and computer scientists who are prepared to make immediate positive impact.



## WHY I GIVE

### Spirit of Innovation

“Utah Valley University embodies the spirit of innovation and inclusivity, empowering students to turn their dreams into reality,” said **Trina Limpert**, UVU Foundation Board member. “I am passionate about supporting UVU’s mission to foster growth, resilience, and opportunity for all. Together, we are shaping a brighter future, one student at a time.”



### Empowering Dreams

“I am a UVU alumnus who has returned to further my education,” said **Drew Malbica** ‘25, a mechatronics engineering technology student. “I have personally witnessed the impact of donations to UVU scholarships. The support I have received through these contributions has allowed me to concentrate on my studies without financial burden.”



### Shared Success

“In my role, I see students make immense sacrifices to pursue higher education, juggling jobs, studies, dependents, and more as they strive for a different life,” said **Richelle Andersen**, assistant dean of the Woodbury School of Business. “I hope my small contribution, when combined with others, can lighten their load, making it easier for them to focus on transforming their futures, and in turn, the world we all share.”



### Shaping Brighter Futures

“Working at UVU gives me purpose,” said **Josh Berndt**, UVU director of internal communications. “I love being a part of something where what I do is part of a bigger picture in helping students improve their lives, even in small doses. By giving just a little bit each paycheck to the EverGREEN Campaign, I get to contribute even more.”



## UVU Achieves \$100 Million Endowment

The 2023 UVU President’s Scholarship Ball marked a significant milestone in UVU’s history. In less than five years, UVU increased its endowment by more than 50%, to more than \$100 million. The attainment of this goal, established by President Astrid S. Tuminez when she joined UVU in 2018, reflects the tremendous support from UVU faculty, staff, and students, and greater-UVU community.

Through continued investment income, UVU’s endowment offers support in perpetuity to the university, as well as providing UVU students with transformative opportunities that positively impact their educational, personal, and professional lives.

The endowment provides crucial funding for UVU’s programs, ensuring the university can continue to grow and thrive. This achievement also propels UVU’s EverGREEN campaign toward reaching its \$350 million fundraising goal.

“This is only the beginning,” President Astrid S. Tuminez said. “The endowment allows UVU to innovate. It helps us think creatively. It helps fill the gaps on rainy days. This is an extremely important accomplishment.”

To learn more about the impact of the UVU endowment fund, please visit: [uvu.edu/advancement/reports](https://uvu.edu/advancement/reports)

## Power of the Endowment

Many pieces come together to support UVU:



**311**

separate endowed funds for university colleges and divisions

**70**  
endowed programs

**6**  
endowed professorships

**235**  
endowed scholarship funds



*“Receiving a scholarship was both shocking and exciting. Being the recipient of such a gracious gift makes me more excited to learn and eventually give back.”*

Presli Shaughnessy '26,  
Construction Management



## FROM VISION TO VICTORY

Hundreds of UVU soccer fans and community members joined with Wolverine student-athletes and university leaders on April 9, 2024, to celebrate and break ground on the new UCCU Stadium that is set to feature a host of modern amenities aimed at enhancing the collegiate soccer experience.

This game-changing facility will include seating for up to 3,000 fans, team locker rooms, a team lounge for both programs, visiting team facilities, 400 additional chairback seats, covered plaza seating, 10 luxury suites, and an MLS-style press box with a broadcast booth, all promising an unmatched experience for players, fans, and the community.

“The construction of UCCU Stadium is not just about building a new facility,” UVU Athletics Director Jared Sumsion said. “It’s about acknowledging the accomplishments of our student-athletes and providing them with the resources they need to excel on the pitch, in the classroom, in the community, and in life.”

The construction of the UCCU Soccer Stadium marks the beginning of a new era at Utah Valley University. The UVU Wolverines have built a legacy of achievement since moving to Division I status in 2003-04, and this state-of-the-art facility will elevate the UVU men’s and women’s soccer programs to new heights.

*“Being a student-athlete means an opportunity to represent myself and the university. I hope donors know that supporting UVU athletics gives so many individuals opportunities to live out their dreams.”*

Jenna Shepherd Gremillion '24,  
Master’s in Business Administration

## Multiplying Impact

Utah Valley University boards play a crucial role in supporting, strengthening, and advocating for the university. The 13 philanthropic boards play a central role in advancing the mission of UVU.

*“I support UVU and the EverGREEN campaign. Why? UVU is uniquely positioned to meet all students in their higher education goals. Supporting UVU is a statement in supporting the future of our community.”*  
Chris Bae

### About UVU Boards

<p><b>13</b> total advancement boards at UVU</p>	<p><b>162</b> total board members</p>
<p><b>Foundation Board</b> longest standing board</p>	
<p><b>Wolverines Elevated Advisory Board</b> newest board</p>	

### UVU Foundation Board

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| <br>Chris Bae      | <br>Mimi Barney   | <br>Curtis Blair | <br>Chelsey Curtis | <br>Brian Epperson    | <br>Rob Gardner     |
| <br>Teresa Harding | <br>Trina Limpert | <br>Brian Murphy | <br>Kara North     | <br>Kyle Reyes        | <br>Paul Rogers     |
| <br>Nathan Savage  | <br>Shauna Smith  | <br>Arturo Soza  | <br>Amy Sunderland | <br>Astrid S. Tuminez | <br>Joshua Woodbury |



Utah Technical College at Provo, 1970

Central Utah Vocational School, 1954

## LOOKING FORWARD

EverGREEN is an ambitious \$350 million comprehensive philanthropic campaign for the future of Utah Valley University. The inaugural campaign was launched publicly on October 22, 2022, and will conclude in October of 2026. All of the funds raised for the campaign are focused on one goal – student success.

EverGREEN will amplify and provide transformational educational experiences for current and future UVU students.

We invite you to participate in the EverGREEN campaign. Whether you give a gift of \$5 or \$5 million, alumni, friends, and community members are demonstrating their belief in UVU by making a contribution meaningful to them. From the First-Generation Student Success Center to athletics, and from the classroom to the stage – your gift will allow us to achieve our ambitious goals to:

- **Provide vital scholarships** for students seeking to complete their degree and pursue careers in Utah and beyond;
- **Create innovative programs** in artificial intelligence, cyber security, nursing, and entrepreneurship, preparing students for the jobs of today and the careers of tomorrow; and
- **Help to grow UVU's endowment to \$150 million** to attain our goal to ensure the long-term success of Utah's largest university.

Please join us in shaping the future of UVU by making a meaningful gift today:

**UVU.EDU/GIVE**

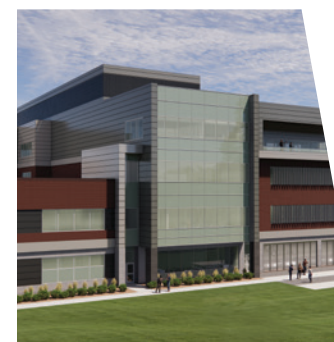
## Transforming Student Trajectories

UVU is **number one in the nation** for universities whose alumni start local businesses. The fact that **80% of UVU alumni entrepreneurs** build their businesses in Utah means that there is no entrepreneurship program in the United States that is a better investment for its local economy. A dollar contributed to the Entrepreneurship Institute or in the hands of a UVU entrepreneur is ultimately many dollars invested in Utah Valley.

### Key Numbers

**115+**  
active student businesses were awarded **\$59,000** last academic year

**50%**  
female participation in our 0-CEO programs



### Previewing the Scott M. Smith Building

Using architectural blueprints, UVU students Jordan Hunter '25, Reese Nelson '26, and Kael Harrison '25 built a virtual reality walkthrough of the many exciting features that will be incorporated into the Scott M. Smith Building. This groundbreaking project allows UVU supporters to visualize the impact of their gift while having UVU students experience their future campus.



## Making an Impact with a Planned Gift

We invite you to partner with Utah Valley University (UVU) by including us in your estate plan to support scholarships and educational opportunities for UVU students. Adding UVU as a beneficiary to your retirement fund, life insurance, or financial accounts will create a lasting legacy and shape UVU's future.

Visit [uvugift.org](http://uvugift.org) to see how your generosity can impact future generations.

*"I am very much for people wanting to better themselves, and you must start with education. Our family has supported UVU since World War II when it was a little technical college in Provo. In the beginning the buildings were small, with beams showing, and now UVU has grown to become the largest institution in the state of Utah. There's no end to what you can do for people."*

JoAnn Losee, Friend and Believer in UVU



As a supporter of UVU, you play a crucial role in shaping the futures of our students. Every UVU student has a story of how donor gifts have impacted their life. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to UVU.

See how your continued engagement supports UVU students like those featured on this cover:

[engage.uvu.edu/yearofimpact](https://engage.uvu.edu/yearofimpact)

