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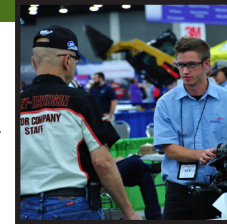
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75 Years Strong

Celebrating Growth, Excellence and Student Success

This year, UVU celebrates 75 years of rich history as an institution. "If the main purpose of our institution is student success, then when it comes to the state of the university, I say that we are indeed 75 years strong," said President Matthew Holland.

It has been predicted that by the year 2025, enrollment will increase to over 45,000 students making UVU one of the largest institutions in the nation. UVU educates more Utahans than any other university and is one of the largest public open-admission universities in the nation. The institution's growth is especially remarkable considering its humble beginnings as a vocational school nearly 75 years ago. In the ensuing decades, UVU has evolved into a technical school, community college and state

college before becoming a teaching-focused university in 2008.

President Holland stated, "Few institutions in the history of U.S. higher education have evolved to the extent that UVU has in such a short period of time. There are few institutions in the nation offering the breadth of education on the scale that UVU does. In every sense, UVU has become an agile, efficient and indispensable resource in one of the fastest growing and most dynamic regions in the nation."

From its initial focus on vocation and trade classes, the institution has significantly expanded its course offerings to better serve both the community and its students. Today, students at UVU can choose from 35 different certifications, 63 associate degrees, 75 bachelor degrees, and 5 new master degrees, offered by five different colleges and three different schools.

"We strive to be serious, engaged, and inclusive because that is what we must do in order to help students from every walk of life in our service region find and to develop those competencies that best promote a life of financial stability, social connectedness, individual fulfillment and civic contribution," said Holland.



Article adapted from the UVU Review article, Holland: Utah Valley University is 75 years strong, and UVU Press Release, Celebrating 75 years of growth, excellence and student success.

Semester Events & Deadlines

Fall Break
October 20 & October 21

Thanksgiving Holiday
November 21 - November 25

Classes End
December 8

Final Exams
December 12 - December 15

Fall Semester Ends
December 17



Internship Services

A Necessity in the Quest to Find a Job in Today's Market

An internship is a pre-professional career training experience that provides real world experience to help students explore and gain the relevant knowledge and skills required to enter their chosen career field.

Nowadays, employers are looking for experience when hiring new college graduates, and many use their internship programs as a recruiting tool for future employees. Not only do internships help build your student's resume, but they also have the chance to "test drive" a career. Furthermore, they also have the opportunity to get paid a higher salary once they graduate!

At Utah Valley University, our Internship Services department develops exceptional internship opportunities, and helps manage the

internship process. They employ a staff of Internship Coordinators for all majors offered at the university. The staff will also meet with students and assist in the application process of preparing cover letters, resumes, and interview skills. If your student is interested in contacting their Internship Coordinator and applying for an internship relating to their major, please refer them to the following link, www.uvu.edu/internships/aboutus.

Currently, UVU has hundreds of internship opportunities available for all students. Internships can be full or part-time, paid or unpaid, to simply gain experience or a credit-bearing course. We also have speciality internships, including the DC Experience, legislative and international programs.

On our Internship Services website, students have the opportunity to "opt in" to receive a weekly email regarding internship opportunities available. Encourage your student to visit our internships website below to sign up for this service today!

For more information regarding Utah Valley University's Internship Services, please refer to the contact information below.

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Article adapted from the UVU Internship Services website, www.uvu.edu/internships.

FERPA

How to Empower Your Student

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. In order for the university to release records and information related to your student, a signed authorization must be on file with Utah Valley University. Even if you're paying your student's tuition, you can't see their student records unless they grant you permission.

If your student would like to give you permission to view their student records, please have them fill out the authorization below, and submit it to the Registrar's Office.

UVU Student Information Release Authorization

<http://www.uvu.edu/registration/docs/inforelease.pdf>

For more information about this process, please contact the Registrar's office at 801-863-8493. To learn more about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations, visit www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html.



Article adapted from the UVU FERPA Information website, <https://www.uvu.edu/parents/ferpa>.

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A Newsletter for Parents
of UVU Students

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NCAA Award

UVU Volleyball Proves Success in Classroom and in Competition

The Utah Valley University women's volleyball team was honored for its academic success by the NCAA for the second straight season.

The team was named a recipient of the NCAA's Public Recognition Award. The honor is bestowed upon teams with an NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate in the top 10 percentile of all squads in their respective sports.

Head coach Sam Atoa's team made the cut for the second consecutive year after posting a perfect APR score of 1,000. To earn the award, the team is required to score in the top 10 percentile of their sport or between a 983 to a perfect 1,000.

"We want to ensure college athletes are getting the most out of their experience, and academics are a top priority in this effort," said NCAA President Mark Emmert. "The teams honored earned recognition by making a commitment to success in the classroom as well as in competition. We celebrate their achievement and dedication to preparing themselves for life after college."



Article adapted from the UVU Wolverine Athletics article, UVU Volleyball earns NCAA Public Recognition Award.

Financial Independence

UVU's New Money Management Resource Center

Is your student stressed out about their finances? Our new Money Management Resource Center can help...for free! The Utah Valley University MMRC is dedicated to improving the financial well-being of individuals by equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need to make responsible financial decisions in college and beyond.

If your student has questions regarding their finances, they can schedule a free financial coaching session to get the answers they need. Trained financial coaches are available to help your student with any aspect of their personal finances, including budgeting, credit and debt management, student load management and more! Encourage your student to schedule an appointment today, <http://www.uvu.edu/moneymanagement/appointments/schedule.html>.

If your student is graduating Utah Valley University soon, they can schedule a free appointment to complete their Student Loan Exit Counseling meeting. During this appointment, loan counselors will review your student's loans and discuss repayment plans and answer any questions they might have. Each loan counseling meeting only takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, so make sure you recommend this resource to your soon-to-be-graduate. Use the following link to schedule a Student Loan Exit Counseling meeting today, http://www.uvu.edu/moneymanagement/appointments/exit_counseling.html.



Another service that is available at the Money Management Resource Center is help with your student's Federal Student Aid application, or FAFSA. Whether your student needs a simple question answered or to sit down with a counselor, the MMRC is available to help. Students are welcome to drop by, call, email, or make an appointment.

For more information regarding Utah Valley University's Money Management Resource Center, please refer to the contact information below.

Money Management Resource Center

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Article adapted from the UVU Money Management Resource Center website, www.uvu.edu/moneymanagement.

SkillsUSA National Champions

UVU Takes Home the Gold for the Third Consecutive Year

If a university athletic team won a National Collegiate Athletic Association championship three years in a row, it would be called a dynasty. Utah Valley University has had a similar accomplishment — winning the SkillsUSA Championships three years in a row.

The event is considered the largest skill contest in the world and the single greatest day of industry volunteerism in America annually, at an estimated cost of more than \$36 million. There were 100 contests in 130 different occupational areas.

The event is massive and includes 25 acres of contest area, the equivalent of 19 football fields. There are more than a thousand judges and more than 650 technical committee members.



UVU's performance on a national level has been nothing short of exceptional. The Wolverines earned 13 national medals for students' prowess in the 24 categories it competed in, out of 100 possible

categories and more than 6,000 participants. There were 44 states that did not earn as many national medals as UVU did as a single institution.

The University has been ranked in the top three of the nation for the past 16 years. Darin Taylor, UVU SkillsUSA Director and professor of engineering graphics and design technology, praised those who competed.

"These students showed up ready to compete," he said. "They were serious and focused on their individual contests, and as the results have shown, they were judged to be among the elite in the nation."

During the competition, students wear lanyards with their names and the names of the institutions they represent. Often other competitors or their advisors are aware of UVU's reputation in SkillsUSA and congratulate them. "Sometimes the advisors point out the UVU students to their contingency, saying 'If you can beat that student, you will be on the medal stand,'" Taylor said.

There were three students or groups that earned gold medals. In audio/radio production the winners were Kristal Beyer and Grant Matheson; in chapter business procedure the winners were Khaliu Amarjargal, Kaycee Colledge, Sara Ivie, Kelsey Martin, Autymn Weaver and Kimberley Yefimov; and Savannah Buswell earned a gold medal in photography.

UVU students received silver medals in architectural drafting, commercial baking, criminal

justice, culinary arts, engineering technology – design, industrial motor control and motorcycle service technology. Bronze medals went to UVU students in carpentry, firefighting, and internetworking.



Other UVU students who placed in the top 10 of their categories were in digital cinema production, technical drafting, power equipment technology, related technical math, restaurant service, diesel equipment technology, T-shirt design, collision repair, first aid and CPR, and job interview.

"We are constantly trying to let the community know that these programs are alive and well and ranked as some of the best this nation has to offer," Taylor said. "Our success in SkillsUSA is a stellar reminder of just how excellent these programs really are."

Article adapted from the UVU Press Release, UVU team wins national SkillsUSA competition for third consecutive year, and the Daily Herald article, UVU wins third consecutive SkillsUSA national championship.