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IMS Receives Grant in American Dream Ideas Challenge

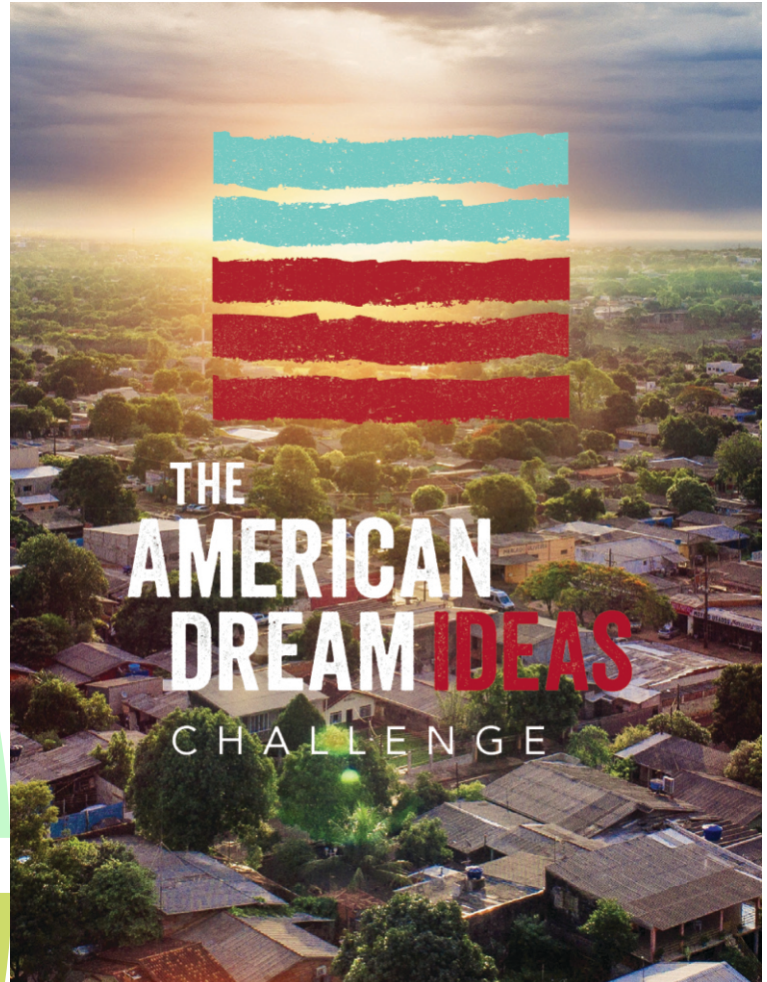
UTA's Innovative Mobility Solutions has partnered with Salt Lake City and the Utah Department of Transportation to find solutions designed to foster access to and support a thriving middle class in Utah. The partnership recently became one of 10 finalists that received \$10,000 from the 2018 American Dream Ideas Challenge. Hosted by the University of Utah, the challenge is to find, fund and develop policy and technological innovations that have the potential to increase net income by 10 percent for 10,000 of the Utah's middle-class households by 2020. The UTA-UDOT-SLC partnership aims to do this through a mobility-as-a-service pilot designed to reduce automobile ownership and use. The pilot looks to integrate transit, ride hailing, bike sharing, and other options into a single mobility service that is accessible on demand.

The partnership's proposal will go through a second-round evaluation in November, where three finalists will be given an additional \$30,000 to further develop their ideas. The winner of from that round will have their proposals reviewed by a national review committee and a chance at winning \$1,000,000.

IMS program manager, Jaron Robertson, said the mobility-as-a-service proposal was selected from a field of over 150 received in the first round of the challenge. "We are very pleased that our proposal made it through the first round. It validates our position that innovative, technology-focused transit solutions are a legitimate means of managing transportation-related costs.

"Together we looked to save middle-class citizens significant transportation related expenses through this project. Our proposal aims to reduce reliance on car ownership by integrating public and private sector mobility partners into a single smartphone platform with trip finding and payment services. Users should find that it is flexible, reliable, easy to use, and far less expensive than owning a personal vehicle," he said.

Schmidt Futures, a venture facility for public benefit, launched The Alliance for the American Dream in April 2018 to seed ideas that support and grow America's middle class. The alliance consists of four public universities that solicit ideas from their communities and host the American Dream Ideas Challenge. Joining the University of Utah, other universities included in the alliance are Ohio State University, Arizona State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



KUDOS

Thanks to **Lamar Whytehorse** who garnered customer appreciation following the September 15 Utes football game. The customer sent a tweet that said, "HUGE shout out to the UTA employee waiting on the platform at Decker Lake station! He explained everything in great detail and got us home. He is truly a credit to UTA! He did you proud." You are an example for us all, Lamar!

TRAX committee has chosen Sheldon Zimmerman as the Employee of the month for October.

Sheldon has continually been an asset to TRAX in his efforts to support the operators in every way. Sheldon keeps the coffee and candy stocked at the fit for duty desk, encourages operators to be their best in all aspects, and practices safety in all areas of his Job. Sheldon is a rail operations supervisor that always goes above and beyond to ensure that all of our operators are informed of all updates, changes in the system, rules, and encourages safe operation. Sheldon is an example of the UTA WAY, and practices the True Norths. Congratulations Sheldon on your continuing support.

Contributed by Shari Hansen-Klung

October Anniversaries

40 Years of Service

Burke, LisaLight Rail Ops - Lovendahl

30 Years Of Service

Jones, JohnBus Ops - Mt Ogden

20 Years Of Service

Adamson, StaceyProduct Dev & Sales

Floyd, MichaelMow - Systems

Zimmerman, SheldonLight Rail Ops - Lovendahl

Mason, ConnieBus Ops - Meadowbrook

Baty, Robert.....Bus Admin - Meadowbrook

15 Years Of Service

Foran, Pete.....Bus Ops - Meadowbrook

Hansen, JohnBus Ops - Timpanogos

Richardson, Margaret.....Bus Ops - Meadowbrook

10 Years Of Service

Barkle, Karen.....Supply Chain - Warehousing

Boren, MarkBus Ops - Meadowbrook

Cofer, John.....Data Quality & Ridership

Nieto, AlbertBus Ops - Meadowbrook

Jessen, Teresa.....Light Rail Veh Maint Jrsc

Luzzi, Francis.....Bus Ops - Timpanogos

Grantham, Dan.....Bus Ops - Meadowbrook

Gomez, PaulinaSpecial Services Admin

Thomas, Jordan.....Customer Service

Mecham, HalBus Maintenance - Mt Ogden

Galarza, Jonathan.....Paratransit Ops - Riverside

Squires, Brandon.....Light Rail Ops - Lovendahl

Peterson, Douglas.....Bus Communications

Ryan, ScottParatransit Ops - Riverside

Anderson, Daniel.....Bus Ops - Meadowbrook

Morris, Leah.....Light Rail Ops - Lovendahl

5 Years Of Service

Henstrom, Paul.....Application Development

Munson, Michael.....Bus Ops - Mt Ogden

Davis, Michael.....Bus Ops - Mt Ogden

Kirk, Katie.....Bus Ops - Meadowbrook

Freeman, KirtBus Ops - Meadowbrook

Parodi, MarcoBus Ops - Meadowbrook

Terrell, ChristopherLight Rail Ops - Lovendahl

Oberhansly, ChadBus Ops - Mt Ogden

Prince, RichardCommuter Rail Operations

Mills, Todd.....Supply Chain Admin

Russell, JustinBus Ops - Timpanogos

Olson, DanielProduct Dev & Sales

Richardson, DanielProduct Dev & Sales

Retirement Journey Field Note:

Cloudy with a Chance of Rain



One of the best ways to protect your retirement savings is to set aside some in a savings account in case of an emergency—that way you won't have to jeopardize your nest egg.

Start holding back a portion of every paycheck into a savings account through direct deposit. That way when an emergency comes up you have immediate access to funds and will be better prepared. To change your payroll bank deposit complete the payroll Direct Deposit Authorization form by visiting UTANet/Human Resources/Payroll/Forms & documents. Complete and send the form to the Payroll Department.

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Defined Contribution Plans



Experts recommend contributing at least 10% of your current income to your future retirement. Check to see how much you are contributing. Look at your plan statement or visit your plan's website.

In Remembrance:



Richard Johnson passed away September 7, 2018. Richard retired in February 2004 after a 33 year career with UTA.



4 Steps 4 Heart Health



Every 34 seconds a heart attack occurs in America. Most cardiovascular diseases are avoidable, however. A healthy diet, staying active, regular medical checkups and even cholesterol-lowering medications are lifestyle changes, reducing your risk of a heart attack.

Quick Facts

- The American Heart Association advises cholesterol assessments for those aged 20 years and older.
- LDL or “bad” cholesterol increases fatty deposits in arteries, increasing the risk for heart blockages.
- High cholesterol is a controllable risk factor for coronary heart disease, heart attack and stroke.

How the UTA Employee Health & Wellness Center can help:

Get Tested. Health Risk Assessments screen for high cholesterol with a simple blood test.

Talk About Options. Discuss treatment options with your CareHere Provider

How CareHere Health Coaches can help:

Schedule Coaching: Certified Health Coaches design personal, heart-healthy plans just right for you.

Get started with these steps for better heart health:

- Step 1- Be active. Increase “good” HDL cholesterol with short, brisk walks. Start with 5-10 minutes and work your way up to 30 minutes, 5 days a week.
- Step 2 - Establish healthy eating patterns. Eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and healthy fats (including non-tropical oils and nuts). Choose water or unsweetened beverages instead of soda, fruit juice and sweet tea.
- Step 3 - Stop Smoking. Smoking increases fat build-up in arteries and lowers good cholesterol. Quitting cuts your heart disease risk in half. Our Coaches are here to help you each step of the way!
- Step 4 - Maintain a Healthy Weight. Losing weight lowers cholesterol and heart related complications.

If you want to reduce your cholesterol levels and heart disease risk, connect with your CareHere team today.

Schedule an appointment at 877.423.1330 or visit CareHere.com.

Have a Wellness Benefit Claim?



The Wellness Benefit is automatically included with your Critical Illness and/or Accident Insurance coverage at no additional cost to you and your covered spouse.

Just go to www.Voya.com/claims or call 888-238-4840 to claim your \$50 per person/per plan cash payment.

Have the following information available when calling or going online:

- Name of insured, date of birth and their relationship to you (spouse or child)
- The Social Security number of the employee
- The name of the provider that ordered the test
- The date and name of what type test was done



457 Deferred Compensation Plan Representatives are Coming in October



Representatives from ICMA-RC and Mutual of America will be available for private consultations and a Total Rewards team member will be available to answer questions or help you enroll at the following locations:

Monday, Oct 29, 2018 - Frontline Headquarters from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Schedule an appointment: <https://goo.gl/9MJ9E>

Tuesday, Oct 30, 2018 - Meadowbrook Admin Bldg from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Schedule an appointment: <https://goo.gl/YZYnop>

Wednesday, Oct 31, 2018 - Jordan River RSC from 8:00 am - 11:30 am Schedule an appointment: <https://goo.gl/ESqDfd>

Appointments can also be scheduled on UTANet by going to UTANet/Human Resources/Retirement Benefits/Schedule Appointments.

If you are unable to schedule an on-site appointment, the Plan Representatives are also available for telephone appointments. To contact Steve Jensen with ICMA-RC call 1-888-883-8584. To contact Philip Holmes with Mutual of America call 1-303-694-6102 or 1-800-468-3785 and ask to be transferred to the Denver Office.

The deadline for the October 25 issue
of *Connects* is October 16.

The *Connects* newsletter is a biweekly publication for UTA employees.
Please submit articles to: connectsnewsletter@rideuta.com

MOBU Sets Peach Days Record

The sun was shining, the temperature was mild and all of the local college football teams were playing night games. This provided the perfect backdrop for record-setting attendance numbers at this year's Peach Days in Brigham City - and along with it, record ridership records out of the Mt. Ogden Business Unit. Ridership totals for the two-day event held September 7-8 was 3,286 passengers, which was the highest rider levels UTA has ever posted during Peach Days. The prior record was during the 2008 Peach Days where we recorded a total of 3,225 passengers. UTA has been providing shuttle service to the Peach Days Festival and Car Show every year since 2006.

More than 35,000 festival goers attended this year's event that started early Saturday morning for MOBU team members. We transported many of the runners to the start line for the 5K and the 10K races at 6:00 a.m., then spectators started arriving not long after to secure prime parade-watching spots along Main Street. The parade had over 115 entries, including a crowd-favorite Big Orange - the UTA Classic 1954 bus - and a 2017 ski service bus that is used to service Snowbasin and Powder Mountain Resorts. After the parade, Big Orange moved to the Peach Days Car Show, which is hailed as the largest car show in Northern Utah. There, it was given a premier spot to be displayed alongside over 900 classic cars. Thousands of classic car enthusiasts were able to step inside the bus and view what it was like to ride a bus in Salt Lake City in the early 1950's.

Many thanks to our operators and supervisors who pitched in to assist all of the riders that commuted to the show and back again from the Utah State University Extension parking lot on the south edge of Brigham City. Couldn't have done it without-cha'!

Contributed by Art Unrein



UTA Diversity & Inclusion Training

Training is **mandatory** for managers.

Enroll now:

Date	Time	Length	Room
11/8/2018	1:00 p.m.	4hr	FLHQ Southern Pacific
11/14/2018	9:00 a.m.	4hr	FLHQ Promontory Summit

Enroll via LMS Calendar

1. Open Internet Explorer and go to the UTAnet homepage
2. Open the LMS by clicking the LMS link on the right-hand side of the UTAnet homepage
3. Click "Schedule" on the left menu
4. Find the desired class and click on it
5. Follow the prompts to register/enroll



People had fun attending Peach Days.