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Commissioner's Report Highlights of Notable Accomplishments in USHE

Grants and Contracts Awarded

- University of Utah, \$5.8 million for the Sports Medicine Research and testing laboratory, Dennis Crouch, Principal Investigator.
- University of Utah, \$2 million for a General Research Center Grant from the National Center for Research Resources, Lorris Betz, Principal Investigator.

University of Utah: Dr. Victoria E. Judd, clinical professor of pediatrics and medical director of student health at the University of Utah was named "Physician of the Year" by the Utah Medical Association.

Utah State University: USU's College of Education and Human Services was ranked 38 in the top tier by *U.S. News and World Report*, moving up from their 49th placement last year. The improvement is credited to expanding doctoral programs and increased external research funding.

Weber State University: More than 150 students took part in Weber State University's inaugural undergraduate research symposium held March 29. The event featured more than 90 oral and poster presentations, showcasing student and faculty research collaborations from a variety of disciplines on campus, ranging from microbiology to sociology to theater arts.

Southern Utah University: The Goldwater Foundation has selected Southern Utah University student Joe Carpenter as a Goldwater scholar for 2004-2005. Carpenter, a Chemistry major from Cedar City was selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,113 mathematics, science, and engineering students nationwide.

Snow College: Three Snow football players were honored by being named to the Academic All American Team: Nate Meikle made the first team-- he is one of only two players with a perfect 4.0, Logan Hall and Brian Romey were given honorable mention awards.

On a lighter note, Snow students achieved a world—for the biggest pillow fight ever: 1706 students, employees, and community members participated.

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Dixie State College: DSC sophomore Katie Puusalu has been named a 2004 New Century Scholar by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Puusalu's selection was based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, which took into consideration approximately 1,600 student applications from two-year institutions across the nation. As the highest scoring student from Utah, Puusalu will be honored at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) convention in Minneapolis, Minn., April 24-26, and receive a \$2,000 stipend funded by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Dixie's Womens Soccer Coach Linda Huddleston and defensive player Nicole Anderson received National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/Adidas "Coach of the Year" and "Player of the Year" honors earlier this semester. Huddleston was also named NJCAA and Scenic West Athletic Conference (SWAC) "Coach of the Year" after leading the team to the NJCAA championship this year. She coaches as a volunteer, and is the wife of President Robert Huddleston.

Utah Valley State College:

The Utah Valley State College Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) chapter ranked second out of 15 chapters across Utah at the State Leadership Conference. UVSC students participated in various events, placing in the top three individual events.

Utah College of Applied Technology:

Jordan Squire, a student at the Davis Campus of the Utah College of Applied Technology student and Layton High School senior, was recognized as a Sterling Scholar finalist. He is a student body officer at Layton High and, by the end of the summer, will have earned his AAT degree.

Two employees from the Ogden-Weber Campus of the Utah College of Applied Technology, Vice President for Instructional Services, Collette Mercier, and School-to-Work Job Coach, Yvonne Coiner, were selected for the prestigious Mattie Wattis Harris "Spirit of the American Woman" awards. The presentations will be made at Weber State University on May 22.