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Commissioner's Report Highlights of Notable Accomplishments in USHE

Grants and Contracts Awarded

Utah State University, \$1.5 million for "Aeronomy of Ice in the Mesosphere (AIM) Phase B for the Solar Occultation for Ice Experiment (SOFIE) Instrument and Science," John Kemp, Principal Investigator.

University of Utah: Gerald B. Stringfellow, Distinguished Professor of Materials Science and Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering and former Dean of Engineering, was honored at commencement with the Rosenblatt Prize, the U's highest award for excellence.

The American Board of Radiology has once again rated the U's diagnostic radiology residency curriculum No. 1 out of 191 programs in the U.S. and Canada from 1999 through 2003.

Utah State University: The U.S. Department of Commerce named Utah State University's Innovation Campus winner of the 2004 Economic Development Award for successfully starting 53 new companies since its inception 18 years ago. The companies at the Campus now generate more than \$75 million in annual revenues, payrolls of 1,950 employees worth more than \$50 million annually to Utah's economy.

Weber State University: Weber State University has received a \$146,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) that will help undergraduate students from across the country conduct research in and around the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. The funds will provide a total of 20 research positions over the course of this summer and

next, working closely with WSU faculty mentors during the 10-week research program.

**Southern Utah
University:**

Senior Chemistry Major Casey McCullough from Panguitch, Utah, has been elected to the governing board of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society. Casey is one of seven students across the country elected to represent their regions on the 22-member National Council for the Society.

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Snow College:

Thirty percent of Snow's total headcount graduated during May 12, 2004 Commencement Exercises, which is the largest graduating class in the 100+ year history of Snow College.

Dixie State College:

Four DSC students participated in and received honors at the Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) national competitions for marketing students, held in Nashville, Tennessee recently. Kim McKarney competed on the first place team in the Management Institute category, and Amanda Morley competed on the second place team in the same category. Eryka Sarria and Melissa Gold were finalists in Retail Management and Hospitality Management categories respectively. Four students, including Sarria and Gold, placed in the top three of their respective categories at the state level.

**Utah Valley State
College:**

Reba L. Keele, director of faculty relations at Utah Valley

State College, recently received the Willard Gardner Prize in Business by the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, honored for being “a remarkable scholar and researcher.” Keele is known for her various accomplishments throughout the academic community. Prior to joining the UVSC faculty, she was a member of the Board of Regents, the first women director of the BYU Honors Program and also the founding dean of undergraduate studies at the University of Utah.

**Utah College of Applied
Technology:**

The Automobile Technician Program at the Salt Lake/Tooele Campus of the Utah College of Applied Technology is now fully equipped with new lifts and tools.

The program prepares technicians for the four most-sought ASE certifications: Brakes, Steering and Suspension, Electrical/Electronic Systems, and Engine Performance. The program helps to meet the strong market demand for skilled automobile technicians.