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Commissioner's Report Highlights of Notable Accomplishments in USHE

Grants and Contracts Awarded

As detailed in the Regents' General Consent Calendar, \$33.6 million in research grants have been awarded--\$18.6 million to the University of Utah and \$15 million to Utah State University--since the last Board meeting.

University of Utah: The David Eccles Business School ranked 67th in the world, 36th in the U.S. and 23rd in faculty research in a recent report published by the *Financial Times*. There are over 2,000 business schools in the U.S. alone.

Utah State University: NASA recently awarded Utah State University a \$40 million contract to build an orbiting telescope that will examine galaxies and try to find new stars. The 1,000-pound device will sit on a spacecraft that will spend up to 12 months orbiting over the North and South Poles about 800 miles into space.

Weber State University: For the second year in a row, a group of Child and Family Studies students at Weber State University has received national recognition for outstanding research in their field. Their paper, "Modernity and the Intergenerational Transmission of Parenting Styles," has been awarded the 2003-2004 Outstanding Undergraduate Research Project by the National Council on Family Relations. The research was conducted and written by five WSU seniors pursuing degrees in Family Studies.

Southern Utah University: Dr. Alan Hamlin, Chair of the Department of Management and Marketing of Southern Utah University has been asked to join the Oxford Round Table at the University of Oxford in England this coming July. Hamlin is the second professor from SUU's School of Business to be selected as a Round Table participant in the past year. Hamlin will be part of the discussions on trade relations between the United States and the European Union, joining representatives from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and other members of academia.

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College of Eastern Utah: Two recent CEU graduates, Chase Walker ('03) from Altamont who is currently at Weber State working on a B.S. in manufacturing engineering technology, and Cole Murray ('04) from Vernal were among 24 welding students from across the nation invited by SkillsUSA (formerly VICA) to compete for the chance to represent TeamUSA at the World Skills Competition in Helsinki, Finland (June 2005). Each qualifier will now complete a series of projects that will be evaluated by American Welding Society and SkillsUSA judges. The top six will then compete at the national AWS conference in Dallas where the final selection will be made for the international competition.

**Utah Valley
State College:**

Utah Valley State student Mike Stebinger was just named the 2004 Global Student Entrepreneur of the Year and awarded a \$10,000 cash prize. Mike was one of twelve finalists competing for the international award. In addition to the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards (regional and global), Mike Stebinger and his business Tropi-Cool (specializing in ice cream and paletas—frozen fresh fruit bars) also won the Utah Entrepreneurial Challenge (\$40,000 cash and over \$100,000 of in-kind prizes) and took second, along with his partner Brandon Hatch, in the BYU Business Plan Competition.

**Salt Lake Community
College:**

The Division of Nursing has developed partnerships with Workforce Services, the IASIS Corporation (which includes Jordan Valley Hospital, Salt Lake Regional Medical Center, Davis Medical Center and Pioneer Valley Hospital), and Intermountain Health Care (IHC) to provide nursing training. These cohorts will enable additional students the opportunity to complete a nursing program and help alleviate the nursing shortage that exists both in the Salt Lake region and throughout the state.

**Utah College of Applied
Technology:**

The Southwest Campus (SWATC) of the Utah College of Applied Technology will partner with Southern Utah University (SUU) to serve rural areas by delivering technology education via the internet to adults and high school students. This will enable SWATC to make several more technology programs available to small communities in Beaver, Garfield and Kane counties.