



Commissioner's Report Highlights of Notable Accomplishments in USHE

As detailed in the Regents' General Consent Calendar, \$24.7 million in research grants has been awarded – \$19.8 million to the University of Utah and \$4.9 million to Utah State University – since the last Board meeting.

- University of Utah:** The Financial Times announced on Oct. 24 that the David Eccles School of Business Executive MBA program ranks among the top 75 in the world, placing 66th overall and 37th in the U.S.
- Utah State University:** Utah State University received five advising awards from the National Academic Advising Association. Four individuals and one office/organization from USU were honored during ceremonies at NACADA's annual conference this month. Individual award recipients include Lyle McNeal, Darcie Peterson, Dennis Welker and Stephanie Hamblin. Utah State's office of Student Support Services, under the direction of Nazih Al-Rashid, received the "Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Award." The National Academic Advising Association is a national organization that includes 8,000 members, including faculty, professional advisors, administrators, counselors and others in academic and student affairs who are concerned with the intellectual, personal and vocational needs of students.
- Weber State University:** Weber State University's criminal justice professor Robert Wadman spent much of his summer in Eastern Europe, working on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice. As part of a five-member commission, Wadman spent a month in Albania, helping that nation's police force draft operating rules and regulations. He also visited Warsaw, where he delivered a seminar on community policing to the leadership of the Polish National Police. The work is part of a state department outreach program aimed at strengthening emerging democracies around the globe.
- Southern Utah University:** Southern Utah University has integrated new, advanced web conferencing software. SUU's recent integration of the Macromedia Breeze program by Macromedia, Inc. has already launched the online distribution of the SUU Master in Education Degree program. Because the Breeze platform uses the Internet for distribution, more instructors and students can participate in distance learning through this simpler broadcast technology. Now, users can use their own computers to participate in Breeze learning experiences, wherever and whenever they have access to the Web.

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- College of Eastern Utah:** The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the Automotive Industry Planning Council (AIPC) have selected the College of Eastern Utah's automotive program as one of the top three "Generic" automotive programs in the nation. As a reward, Daimler Chrysler is donating a new quad cab diesel truck for the college's training program.
- Dixie State College:** This fall semester marks Dr. Ron Garner's 50-year anniversary teaching music full-time at Dixie State College. A mere 200 college students and about 200 high school juniors and seniors attended classes under the same roof when Garner arrived at Dixie College in 1955 from the University of Utah, where he earned a master's degree and was the assistant director of bands. During DSC's homecoming festivities on Oct. 15 this year, Garner was inducted into the Dixie State College Hall of Fame, the first-ever current Dixie State employee to receive this honor.
- Salt Lake Community College:** The SLCC Division of Aviation and Related Technologies has received the historic Star Ship aircraft (one of 53 made). The aircraft was obtained from Raytheon Corporation, at the cost of disassembling and transporting this futuristic composite plane. SLCC students will reassemble the aircraft and it will serve the Aviation Maintenance and Non-Destructive Testing Program.
- Utah College of Applied Technology:** The Southwest Campus of the Utah College of Applied Technology (SWATC) has seen a dramatic increase in adult participation over the last year. With an increased emphasis on serving the adult population in its region, SWATC has seen adult participation in evening training increase by more than 100 percent over last fall. Top short-term courses include American Sign Language for Educators, QuickBooks, Electrical Apprenticeship and Plumbing Apprenticeship. SWATC will launch its "Meet Me in the Boardroom" corporate series later this fall.

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