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Conference for Political and Civic Engagement to be held on U of U Campus

Who: Associated Students of the University of Utah,
Utah Student Association
What: Conference for Political and Civic Engagement
Where: University of Utah, Hinckley Caucus Room
When: Friday, August 8-9 2008

Over 70 students and advisors representing public and private higher education institutions across Utah will participate in the Conference for Political and Civic Engagement to be held August 8 and 9. The Student Empowerment Training (SET) Project, the nation's oldest and most experienced student government training program, will provide training and knowledge to organize and lead an effective voter registration campaign as well as increase civic engagement on university campuses.

The University of Utah, in conjunction with the Utah Student Association, will host the conference which also includes partnerships with VoteProject UofU, Commission on Civic and Character Education, the Hinckley Institute of Politics, the University of Utah Student Affairs, and the Marriott Library.

"This will be a good opportunity to help students understand the importance of civic engagement and will enhance their campus experience, especially in a big election year." remarked Dave Buhler, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education, "We appreciate the support of these various groups in organizing this event."

Andrew Jenson, ASUU Government Relations Board Director said, "The 2008 elections will be one of the most closely watched events in American history. As students, we have a unique opportunity and responsibility this year to get involved and engaged in American politics."

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