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## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on “What is an Educated Person?” to be held November 7 at Snowbird Resort

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- WHO:** William Sederburg, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Dr. Debra Humphrey, Vice President of the American Association of  
Colleges and Universities  
Faculty & Administrators from Utah’s colleges and universities
- WHEN:** Friday, November 7, 2008 at the Lodge at Snowbird Resort

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah System of Higher Education will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> annual conference on “*What is an Educated Person?*” on Friday, November 7 at 9:00 AM at the Lodge at Snowbird Resort. Higher education faculty and administrators from Utah’s colleges and universities will come together to identify ways to educate Utah students to become more competitive in the global marketplace.

William Sederburg, Utah Commissioner of Higher Education, who will open the conference, remarked, “This conference is one of many important efforts in higher education to strengthen academic quality in our colleges and universities. In a political age where academic background is discounted in favor of Joe Six Pack or Joe the Plumber, it is critical that we celebrate academic achievement and its contribution to American society.”

Dr. Debra Humphrey, Vice President of the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) in Washington, DC, will offer the keynote address. A panel of academic administrators from Utah institutions will respond to Dr. Humphrey’s presentation.

“The AAC&U has gathered data from a wide range of leaders of business and industry to clarify the learning and skills needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” explained Dr. Norman Jones, Chair of History at Utah State University and Chair of the Regents’ Task Force on General Education, “We will focus on evaluating how students achieve the major goals these leaders have identified.”

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