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**244 High School Seniors Earn Utah Scholars Recognition**  
***Former Higher Education Commissioner Richard Kendell to***  
***Speak at Awards Banquet***

**WHAT:** **Former Commissioner of Higher Education Richard E. Kendell will address high school seniors who have qualified as Utah Scholars.** The banquet marks the end of the second year of the Utah Scholars program. The initiative involves local businesses and community leaders to encourage and mentor high school students taking rigorous curriculum in preparation for college and the workplace.

National data prove that students who take a rigorous course of study in high school are better prepared for and more likely to participate in postsecondary education. The Utah Scholars curriculum includes:

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of math
- 3.5 years of social studies
- 3 years of science
- 2 years of a foreign language (other than English)

During its first year, Utah Scholars included schools in four pilot school districts: Davis, Granite, Jordan, and Park City. The program now includes Alpine, Ogden, Provo, Salt Lake and Washington School Districts, as well as the Early College High Schools.

Utah Scholars is an initiative of the K-16 Alliance and is part of the national State Scholars Initiative. It is funded through a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education and a state appropriation.

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, April 22, 2008**  
**5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**WHERE:** The Miller Campus, Salt Lake Community College  
9750 S. 300 W.  
Sandy, Utah

**WHO:** Dr. Richard Kendell, Former Utah Commissioner of Higher Education  
Dr. Cynthia Bioteau, President, Salt Lake Community College  
Dr. David Doty, Utah Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education  
Utah Scholars Recipients and Parents  
Superintendents, Principals and High School Faculty

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