

Report of the Chair

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- University of Utah:

University of Utah student, **Ingrid Price**, has been named one of 65 students selected from 283 U.S. colleges and universities as a 2008 Truman Scholar. Price is the second straight Truman Scholar at the U, but one of only four Truman Scholars selected from a Utah university in the past 10 years. This prestigious scholarship provides each recipient \$30,000 for graduate study as well as priority admission and supplemental financial aid at some premier graduate institutions, leadership training, career and graduate school counseling, and special fellowship opportunities within the federal government.

- Utah State University:

USU mechanical and aerospace engineering student, **Luke Hanks**, received a prestigious scholarship from the Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation Program. The scholarship will total slightly more than \$100,000 and be distributed over a four-year period. Hanks will receive an annual stipend of \$25,000 per year, full tuition and related educational fees, a book allowance of up to \$1,000 per year, health insurance, a paid internship and post-graduation employment with Ogden Air Logistics, located on Hill Air Force Base. Hanks will use the award to complete his undergraduate work and then a master's degree at USU.

- Weber State University:

WSU senior **Lori Lundell**, who is graduating with a bachelor's degree in sociology this spring, has made the most of her undergraduate experience. Lori was the founding editor of WSU's undergraduate research journal *Ergo*, conducted undergraduate research (thanks to two National Science Foundation grants), organized an alternative spring break community service project in Oregon, and engaged in community-based research projects. She also completed two terms as an AmeriCorps volunteer. Lori is weighing offers of admission from graduate school programs at Cincinnati, Northeastern, Purdue, University of Connecticut and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

- Southern Utah University:

Southern Utah University's Technology students brought home two gold and three silver medals from the recent SkillsUSA state competition in Salt Lake City. Each year thousands of Utah high school and college students compete against each other in technical and skilled areas in hopes of going on to nationals. **Dana Meier**, a senior electronics engineering technology major from Cedar City, placed first in Electronics Technology; **Robert Kerksiek**, a senior automotive major from Beaver, placed first in Power Equipment Technology; **Travis Houchin**, a senior electronics engineering technology major from Colorado Springs, placed second in Electronics Technology; **Shane Johnson**, a junior CAD/CAM major from Cedar City, placed second in Technical Drafting; and teammates **Colin Clark** and **Wayne Humphries** placed second in Mechatronics. SUU's two state gold medalists will go on to compete at nationals, held June 23-29 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Student Success



- **Snow College:**

Snow College sophomore **Lerin Bridges** exemplifies what a student should be. A Davis High School graduate, Bridges came to Snow with involvement as her goal. Not only is she part of the school's Service and Activities Council, but she joined more than a dozen clubs, including serving in the presidency of Phi Beta Lambda business club. Along with balancing her school work, Bridges recently returned from the state PBL competition, placing in the top five in three events, including a first-place finish in Partnership with Business.

- **Dixie State College:**

Ten Dixie State College students captured medalist honors at the annual Utah SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference held in Salt Lake City. Collectively, DSC students brought home five gold, three silver and two bronze medals. DSC's Quiz Bowl team of **Adam Eaton**, a senior graphic communication major from St. George; **Jeremy Luke**, a senior elementary education major from Aurora, Utah; **Jason Pegg**, a sophomore graphic communication major from St. George; and **Travis Theobald**, a junior general studies major from St. George, claimed the gold medal in its competition. DSC's **Holly Nisson**, a sophomore general studies major from St. George, also took home the gold in her Preschool Teaching Assistant contest.

- **College of Eastern Utah:**

Michael W. Marion Jr., a 1999 graduate of College of Eastern Utah was recently awarded a Doctorate of Education with emphasis in Higher Education Administration by the University of Southern California. While CEU has had many former students go on to receive graduate degrees from prestigious universities, it believes that Michael is the first student who was named as a CEU basketball MVP (1998) and who is the ninth leading scorer in school history to complete such a degree. Dr. Marion is originally from Portland Oregon and played basketball for San Diego State University subsequent to his graduation from CEU.

- **Utah Valley State College:**

Marcus Lowe and **Caleb Love**, from the Woodbury School of Business, spent five days last August in "The Big Apple" as part of the "Pathways to New York City" program. Both spent time developing professionally by listening to keynote speakers, meeting with company executives, and networking with other undergraduate and graduate college students as well as representatives from investment banks and ad agencies. Lowe is an accounting major (4.0 GPA) and Love is majoring in business management. **John Shroaf**, an UVSC alumnus living in New York, sponsored the students. Due to the success of the trip, UVU is planning to send eight to ten students next year.

- **Salt Lake Community College:**

The Salt Lake Community College men's basketball team completed the best year in the program's history by playing in the National Championship game. **DaVell Jackson** and **Brian Green** were both named to the NJCAA All-Tournament team. Jackson was honored as an NJCAA first-team All-American, and Green was selected to play in the NJCAA Basketball Coaches Association's second annual All-Star Classic game.



- **Utah College of Applied Technology:**

Hank Robins ventured to Cedar City from rural Salina, Utah, to earn his business degree from Southern Utah University. Knowing it will be critical to his future career to have applied technology training in addition to his degree, Robins attends Southwest Applied Technology College's Advanced Welding Technology Program 10+ hours per week to earn a UCAT Certificate of Completion. Robins also assists the Welding Program as a peer teacher, and his skills are advancing so quickly, many don't realize he is still a student. He owns a ferrier/blacksmithing business, Hank's Horseshoeing, and qualified for Custom Fit Training funds. Robins also served two years in the Marine Corps in San Diego and recently completed horseshoeing school in Oklahoma.