



## Utah Educational Savings Plan

### **UESP turns 10 years old!**

On September 22, [UESP](#) celebrated its 10th birthday with cake and balloons. Guests included the first account owner accompanied by his two grand-daughters who were 1 and 3 years old when he set up their UESP accounts.

Marley wants to be fashion designer when she grows up and Kira wants to be a chef who makes nut-free desserts. The girls plan to use their UESP accounts to achieve their goals.

The girls helped John, a 25-year-old recent University of Utah graduate, cut the cake. John thanked his parents for setting up his UESP account. The account helped him graduate without needing student loans. He plans to enroll in graduate school with the remaining funds in his UESP account.

Former State Representative Doug Peterson spoke of the passion he had when he sponsored the Utah legislation creating UESP. He was proud of UESP's growth to the \$1.6 billion it is today. He submitted a new Account Agreement for his 1-year-old son. His other children already have accounts with UESP.

Christine Kearl, Governor Huntsman's Deputy for Education, congratulated UESP and spoke of the importance of encouraging our students to prepare for, participate in, and complete a college education. She emphasized the state's message that postsecondary education enables individuals to become self-sustaining adults who will do more for their families, their communities and the economy.