UVCC Program
Among Top 8
In the Nation

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OREM — Two national organizations have cited Utah Valley Community College's humanities program as one of the top eight exemplary programs in the nation for the second year in a row.

The recognition comes from the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The recognition program, "Advancing the Humanities," selects eight junior colleges each year in the U.S. who have exemplary humanities programs to act as mentors for other colleges. The program is designed to help other colleges establish quality humanities programs. Each of the eight schools acts as a mentor to two other two-year institutions.

Elaine Englehardt, acting dean of general education and humanities instructor at UVCC, was named as mentor for Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, Wyo., and Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich.

She was instrumental in the recent development of UVCC's humanities program.

Lucille Stoddard, vice president for academic affairs, said one of Ms. Englehardt's accomplishments at UVCC was her work on securing an NEH grant that helped the college develop an ethics and values class that has since become a required course for all students seeking two-year associate degrees.

"It is an exceptional program in that it helps promote a greater understanding of the humanities. Often times, two-year colleges emphasize skills and trades, but they forget what it means for a student to learn more about himself or herself," Ms. Englehardt said.