

September 6, 2017



Colleagues,

The [Utah Women & Leadership Project](#) (UWLP) has seven women and leadership announcements for this month:

First, we are releasing our 10th research and policy brief today; it is titled "[The Status of Women Leaders in Utah Education: A 2017 Update](#)," with co-authors Elizabeth Goryunova and Ashlie Hew-Len. It looks at the progress since 2014 for women and leadership in both K-12 and higher education settings. There are some interesting findings!

Second, this is the last call for the UWLP free community event on September 14, 2017 (6:30- 8:30PM); we will have an evening event titled, "[Strengthening the Impact of Girls & Women: Resilience, Social Media, and Unconscious Bias](#)." The keynote will be by Elaine Dalton (well-known author and speaker), and then attendees will choose from one of three workshops:

1. **Building Resilience in Girls and Young Women** (Dr. Matthew J. Swenson, MD, Pediatric Psychiatrist, IHC) [*for parents, educators, and other influencers*]
2. **Rethinking Social Media: Finding Your Voice and Identity as Young Women** (Sui Lang Panoke, MPA, Founder of Women Politics Media) [*for middle/high school and college students*]
3. **Making the Glass Ceiling Visible: Unconscious Bias and Advancing Opportunities for Women** (Dr. Kyle Reyes, PhD, Special Assistant to the President for Inclusion & Assistant Professor of Education) [*for anyone interested in understanding their own bias more deeply*]

The event is designed for women (12 years and older), and influencers (including men) are welcome to join us too! [RSVP Online Now](#). More details on the [Utah Women & Leadership Project homepage](#). We plan to live stream/Facebook live the sessions.

Third, the second *Utah Women's Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series* event for this academic year is scheduled for November 2, 2017 (6:30-8:30pm) at Utah Valley University. It is the second annual "**She Talks Utah**" event and will feature five engaged, accomplished, and entertaining Utah women who will share their personal stories, ideas, and passions about finding both their voices and the courage to use them in influential ways (15-minutes each; like Ted Talks). Although we are still confirming three of the presenters this upcoming week, we wanted to announce that [Jenny Oaks Baker](#) (Grammy Nominated Violinist, Billboard No. 1 Performer and Recording Artist) and [Shannon Hale](#) (Best-Selling, Award-Winning Author) will be speaking. [RSVP ONLINE HERE](#).

Fourth, we are a co-sponsor for the second annual [Women Who Build](#) summit that will be held on September 22, 2017. Attendees will work with a team to build a business in 3 hours. *Women Who Build* will be a great opportunity to pick up skills to help you start or build something and to get to know awesome women in our community in meaningful ways. At the end of the summit, each team will pitch their businesses to a panel of local entrepreneurs, followed by a keynote address by Chatbooks co-founder Vanessa Quigley. See <http://www.women-who-build.com/>

Fifth, check out the Utah Women and Leadership [blog](#), including the latest posts titled [Investing in Women is Investing in the Economy](#) and [Equal Means Equal: Closing Your Own Gender Pay Gap](#). If you are interested in contributing to this blog, contact Amber Thackeray (Amber.Thackeray@uvu.edu). In addition, if you are interested in volunteering at events or in other ways, contact Deirdre Miller (DeirdreM@uvu.edu). Also, contact Deirdre if you want to add your event to the Utah event calendar: <http://www.uvu.edu/uwlp/events/>.

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Sixth, the UWLP and YWCA Utah has also released the [Impact Recommendations](#) from a recent gathering of gender wage gap experts. It highlights the current resources/strengths, gaps/challenges, and also recommendations for potential interventions that may move things forward in Utah on the issue of the gender wage gap.

Finally, don't miss the 29th Annual YWCA Leader Luncheon on Friday, September 29, 2017 from 11:30am-2:00pm at The Grand America Hotel. Details [here](#).

Enjoy [September](#)!

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