

WEEK OF April 29, 2025

NEWS TO KNOW

UVU Celebrates the Largest Graduating Class in School History at 2025 Commencement Ceremony



Utah Valley University (UVU) will celebrate the achievements of more than 12,000 graduates, the largest graduating class in school history, at the 2025 commencement ceremonies on April 20 at 7 p.m. in the UCCU Center on UVU's Orem Campus. Utah business icon Crystal Maggelet, chief executive officer of FJ Management, Inc. and Maverik, will be the keynote speaker.

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Update on HB 77 Flag Display Amendments



The Utah Legislature recently adopted new requirements for displaying flags at certain government buildings ([HB 77](#), “Flag Display Amendments”). UVU received questions as to how these new rules would affect campus displays moving forward.

Consistent with the Utah System of Higher Education’s guidance on [Institutional Neutrality and Speech](#), UVU does not take positions on social and political issues, and may not post logos or symbols (including flags) that support a particular political or social movement in forums reserved for university expression. This does not prohibit individual members of the UVU community from posting such logos or symbols inside their assigned, non-public spaces (e.g., employees posting within their offices) where UVU permits personal decoration.

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Utah Valley University Recognized as a Top ‘Opportunity College’ by Carnegie Classifications for Higher Earnings and Student Success

Utah Valley University was named an “Opportunity College and University – Higher Access, Higher Earnings” by [the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education](#) in Washington, D.C.

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UVU Celebrates Exceptionally Caring Employees at Champions of UVU Award Luncheon

Smith College of Engineering and Technology Hosts CET Expo



Students, faculty, staff, and departments from UVU who have made massive contributions to UVU’s value of exceptional care were honored during the 2025 Champions of UVU Awards in the Young Living Alumni Center on April 23.

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The Smith College of Engineering and Technology (CET) Expo, held April 23, 2025, at UVU’s Grand Ballroom, was a major success. More than 150 students presented nearly 100 projects, highlighting real-world solutions and innovations in engineering, technology, and design.

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Thank You Tuesday | Melissa Nellesen Center for Autism

End-of-Term Reminders



As Autism Acceptance Month ends, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the team that makes acceptance, resources, and exceptional care possible for individuals and families impacted by autism. This Thank You Tuesday, we are giving a shout out to the Melisa Nellesen Center for Autism (MNCA)!

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RTP Faculty Success Update

As the semester winds down, I want to wish you a smooth and restful transition into summer. You’ve made it through another academic year, and I hope you find time to recharge, reflect, and maybe even catch your breath.

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Global Engagement Recognition for Faculty, Staff, and Students 2025

April Faculty Policy Updates





The Office for Global Engagement hosted a luncheon on April 18, 2025, to honor faculty, staff, and students who have helped to promote global engagement at UVU.

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On April 10, 2025, UVU's President's Council approved one policy to enter stage 1. [Read more here.](#)

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Faculty Represent UVU in Peru Through 'Bridges of Water' Initiative

UVU Celebrates National Championship Victory at 2025 NCA & NDA College Nationals



UVU's dedicated faculty and international collaborations continue to make global impacts. Dr. Sally Rocks, Dr. Lauren Brooks, and Dr. Eddy Cadet from the College of Science recently represented UVU in Peru as part of the Utah-Peru “Bridges of Water” project.

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UVU's Spirit Squad has returned from the 2025 NCA & NDA College Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida, with two prestigious trophies and national recognition.

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UVU FACULTY IN THE NEWS

UVU holds 4.01K race to promote a more secure financial future | Daily Herald | April 17, 2025

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Natural Disaster Trauma Disrupts Brain’s Decision Circuits | NeuroscienceNews.Com | April 17, 2025

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THINGS TO DO

Attend Summer Faculty Institute



All UVU faculty and staff are invited to attend the open morning session of the 2025 Faculty Summer Institute on Tuesday, May 6 at 9 am in the Noel and Carrie Vallejo Auditorium. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am.

[Learn More & RSVP](#)

Check Out the BenefitHub HSA Store

Introducing the UVU discount marketplace BenefitHub — an exclusive discount program for UVU employees! The HSA Store is your one-stop destination for eligible products and service information. Shop medicine, vitamins, first aid kits, glasses, and so much more.

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Join the UVU Web Audit Workshops



Beginning **May 5, 2025**, UVU will conduct its annual web audit, which aims to maintain compliance with website accessibility, ensure website accuracy, optimize performance, and improve search engine optimization (SEO).

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Faculty News @ UVU will return during fall 2025 semester. Have a great summer!

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