

WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2025

## NEWS TO KNOW

### UVU Partners With Global AI Leader, NVIDIA



Utah Valley University (UVU) President Astrid S. Tuminez, Utah Governor Spencer Cox, and executives from [NVIDIA](#), a global leader in artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning, recently signed a three-year agreement to provide extensive resources to train UVU students, faculty, and staff in applied AI.

The announcement comes on the heels of UVU introducing its new [Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute](#), [applied AI apprenticeship program](#), and [master's degree in applied artificial intelligence](#).

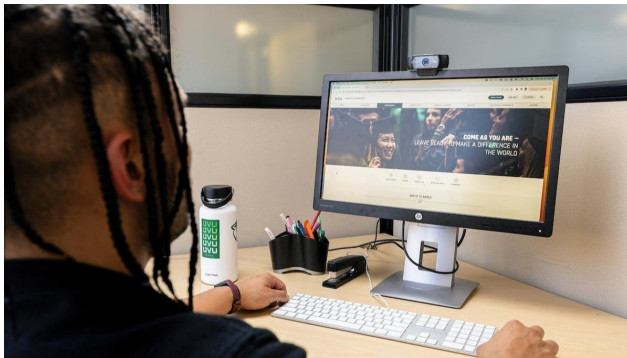
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**Your Faculty Ombuds: Natalie Grecu**

**Watermark Course Evalutaion Tool Update**



Things to know and where to go when it comes to conflict resolution. The UVU Faculty Ombuds role was created so that faculty dealing with problems or conflicts have a safe place to go.



UVU is switching from a Student Ratings of Instruction (SRI) system to the Watermark Course Evaluation System (CES). This change allows students to access the CES through Canvas and enables faculty to import CES results into their Faculty Success templates.

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**Faculty Footnotes: Finding Solutions With Machine Learning**







“Never stop asking questions” is the advice that UVU Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Colleen Hough has for science students. This curiosity-based mindset is what motivated UVU biotech students to present their solution for preventing harmful algal blooms in Utah at the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition in Paris, France.

**Faculty Senate President Updates**



**WIOLETA FEDECZKO**

**Faculty Senate President**

Join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2025 Faculty Senate Distinguished University Employee Awards!

Thank you for your dedication to students and Utah Valley University.

[Check out all Winners](#)

**Policy Highlight: Rank Advancement at UVU**

# Service Learning Champion: Lauren Brooks



While September might seem far away, it is not too early to start preparing your rank advancement portfolio in Faculty Success. These early spring months can be ideal for reflecting on your achievements and gathering documentation — before the end-of-semester rush begins.

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Lauren Brooks is an associate professor in the biology department, where she was hired as an environmental biologist. While her Ph.D. is in microbiology, she is also passionate about preserving the environment and loves teaching courses that allow her to introduce students to pertinent issues facing biodiversity and ecosystem health.

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## UVU FACULTY IN THE NEWS

**Would George Washington win an election today?** | KSL News | February 25, 2025

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**Here's how a group of UVU students is addressing Wasatch County's affordable housing crisis** | KSL .com | March 8, 2025

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# THINGS TO DO

## Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill Endowed Fellowship Project



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The Center for Intercultural Engagement (CIE) Women’s Program is seeking applications for the 2025 Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill Endowed Fellowship. This fellowship will fund a project of up to \$10,000 and is designed to support women scholars and their collaborators, scholars of any gender who mentor women students, or scholars of any gender whose work focuses on women.

## This Week: Double UVU Basketball Watch Party!

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DOUBLE  
WATCH PARTY

19  
MARCH

MEN'S  
VS  
SAN FRANCISCO

09  
PM

UUV CENTER STAGE

FREE PIZZA & T-SHIRTS

21  
MARCH

WOMEN'S  
VS  
AIR FORCE

6:30  
PM

UUV CENTER STAGE

FREE PIZZA & T-SHIRTS

Both Utah Valley basketball teams are playing in the post-season National Invitational Tournaments (NIT), and all of the campus community is invited to party at UVU's Center Stage! The UVU men's team takes on the University of San Francisco

on Wednesday night at 9 pm. On Friday at 6:30 pm, the UVU women's team heads to Colorado Springs to take on the Air Force Academy. Come get some free pizza and watch the game with your fellow Wolverines.

Congratulations, Swag Contest Winner!

Congratulations to our Faculty News @ UVU swag winner, Candice Sandness, adjunct professor in public and community health!



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