

ANNUAL

REPORT

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY
2017-2018



Utah Valley University is the model for dual-mission success — a model that combines the rigor and richness of a first-rate teaching university with the openness and vocational programs of a community college.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is impossible for me to convey all that I am feeling as I consider that this is the last issue of the Presidential Report I will send to you.

Serving as president of this institution for nine years has been a signal honor and an enormous source of satisfaction and joy, both personally and professionally. When my wife, Paige, and I first arrived here nine years ago, the institution was already on a tremendous trajectory. Yet, significant challenges also loomed. Determining how to maintain that trajectory and overcome those challenges looked daunting to say the least. What we discovered very early on, though, is that this institution is filled with and supported by a vast swath of intelligent, talented individuals with huge hearts and a love of this institution.

We are so grateful to our colleagues in the administration and on the faculty and staff who have worked so tirelessly in the development and implementation of a vision for UVU to be:

- inclusive in its outreach to all students, from all backgrounds, and all levels of academic preparation and aim,
- engaged with the world around us, making the educational experience at UVU practical and fascinating,
- serious in its commitment to intellectual rigor, academic standards, professional best practices, and national achievement in everything from the arts to athletics,
- and, ultimately, a place focused first, foremost, and forever on student success, helping all those who come here prepare to make a great mark on their professions, communities, and families.

We are no less grateful for the incredibly generous and thoughtful support of all our alumni, external boards, legislators, civic officials, and general community supporters who have made the realization of this vision possible.

It was a thrill for UVU to host the first-ever international dual-mission model summit at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year. States throughout our nation and other countries are finding what we've known for quite some time, that the access and affordability of a community college alongside a full, serious university experience provides opportunities to help our students reach their most lofty personal and professional goals.

Speaking of those students, Paige and I express our greatest thanks and praise to them. They are the main reason we came, stayed, and absolutely love this institution. We wish them, and the entire UVU community, the best possible future — something that we know awaits as UVU takes the next step in its exhilarating development.

Best,



Matthew S. Holland
President
Utah Valley University



EMBRACING A BRIGHT FUTURE

The school year started with a rare total solar eclipse on the first day of classes, August 21, 2017. Though UVU was not in the path of totality, the campus was totally into the scene.

“Three things cannot be long hidden: The sun, the moon, and the truth.”

—Buddha

“Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work at hand. The sun’s rays do not burn until brought to a focus.”

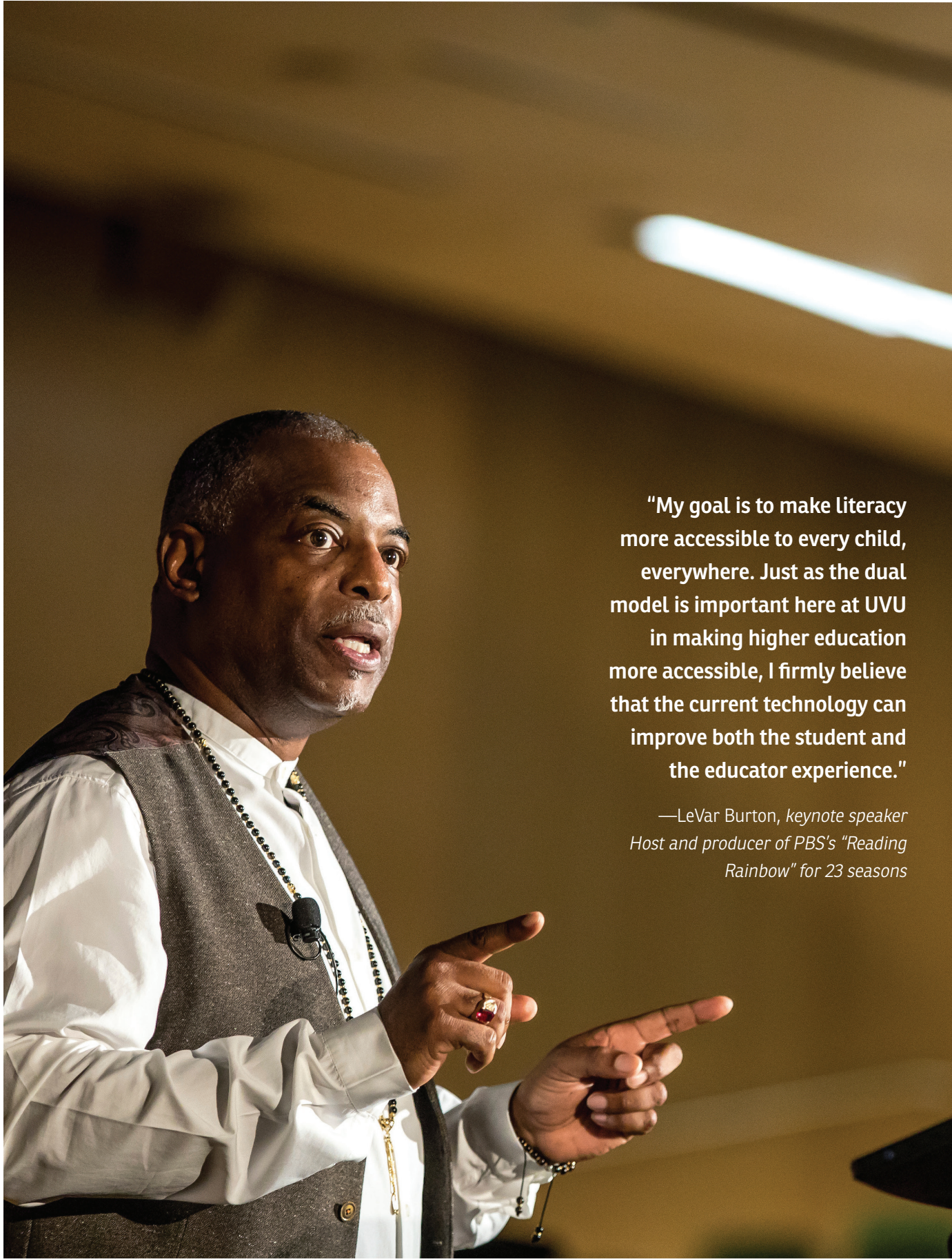
—Alexander Graham Bell

DUAL-MISSION MODEL SUMMIT

UVU hosted the first-ever national summit on dual-mission institutions, which brought together thought leaders in higher education from a wide variety of backgrounds and locations.

Summit sessions consisted of community college and university officials, legislators, government, consultants, and state higher education leaders from 13 states and Canada, discussing the strengths and delivery systems of integrated models in higher education.





"My goal is to make literacy more accessible to every child, everywhere. Just as the dual model is important here at UVU in making higher education more accessible, I firmly believe that the current technology can improve both the student and the educator experience."

—LeVar Burton, keynote speaker
Host and producer of PBS's "Reading Rainbow" for 23 seasons

"I think you've got opportunities here that are phenomenal. Institutions and systems working on dual-mission models have strong advantages toward broader student success work."

—Dr. Paul Markham, *Sova Solutions*



"Our student debt [for Utah] is the lowest in the nation. People are able to get a good education and not come out with a lot of debt. This dual-mission model allows universities to be more nimble."

—Gary R. Herbert, *Utah governor*



"The thing about the dual-mission education is, it's the first model I've seen that I think is very inclusive, it very much is focused around student success. It's very intentional about trying to get more students through."

—Autumn Arnett, *Education Dive reporter*



"I've had a number of distinguished faculty, distinguished professors, [in Wisconsin] chew on me about the dual mission [saying], 'Hey, we can't be both a research institution and direct our money over here to an open-access institution,' to which I very academically respond, 'That's bunk.'"

—Dr. Raymond Cross, *president, University of Wisconsin System*



STUDENT SUCCESS

Student success is at the core of UVU's educational model.

When students succeed, the university succeeds, and research shows students are more apt to be successful if they feel part of a community. Faculty and staff continued building community and encouraged student retention by offering jumpstart orientation, personalized academic advisement, and a reading program and convocation for freshmen.

UVU's unique model of engaged learning, rigorous academic programs, and faculty-mentored research is transforming higher education by making it more affordable and accessible to students of all backgrounds, which has translated into unprecedented growth. The saying is true: "There is a place for you at UVU."

<p>37,282 number of students at start of fall semester 2017. 6.5 percent growth over 2016</p>	<p>6,084 degrees awarded at end of year largest graduating class to date</p>	
<p>3,224 bachelor degrees</p>	<p>2,336 associate degrees</p>	
<p>328 certificates/ diplomas</p>	<p>193 master degrees</p>	<p>3 graduate certificates</p>

FACILITIES AND PROGRAM EXPANSION

With a record number of students enrolled, UVU continued to expand its facilities and programs to meet the needs of students, the community, and beyond.

Highlights included:

- Continuing construction on the Noorda Center for the Performing Arts (pictured top right).
- The renaming of the Classroom Building to the Clarke Building, in honor of benefactors James and Andrea Clarke (pictured with their children, middle right).
- Groundbreaking on construction of the pedestrian bridge (pictured bottom right).
- Three new degrees in engineering were added.
- A diplomatic conference on international trade relations was held on campus.
- The Woodbury School of Business hosted business and community leaders and students at the “Juggernaut” conference to discuss the latest trends in business, leadership, and management.
- The university launched the College of Health and Public Service, comprised of 14 different schools, department, and major programs.





NATIONAL EXPERTS

VISIT UVU

Numerous nationally recognized experts, creatives, and officials spoke at UVU, sharing their insights on wide-ranging topics like writing hit musical scores, international military threats, and nuclear war, to life-altering technology, social media, and the state of society.

On-campus speakers (pictured clockwise, starting at top left) included former Facebook executive Randi Zuckerberg, MIT Professor Hugh Herr, CNN journalist and anchor Wolf Blitzer, music composers Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, who are particularly known for their songs in "The Greatest Showman," and the former director of the CIA and NSA, General Michael Hayden.

ATHLETIC PROGRESS

In 2017-18, the Wolverine men's basketball team opened its season with a rare challenge: facing top-five nationally ranked Kentucky and Duke on the road in back-to-back nights.

The trip was referred to as "the toughest 24 hours in college basketball history," and UVU drew national attention for the challenge and the team's performance at Kentucky. The Wolverines finished the year with a 23-win season.

Other athletics highlights:

UVU softball earned a second postseason invitation with a trip to the National Invitational Softball Championship (NISC) after placing second in the WAC in 2018 with a 10-4 league record.

Five UVU wrestlers went to the NCAA Championships, and the team earned its first top-25 national ranking after defeating Big 12 power Oklahoma.

UVU's 2018 track and field athletes won nine individual event titles at the WAC outdoor championships, while the men's and women's cross-country teams finished second at the 2017 WAC championships. Three Wolverine women's basketball players also received All-WAC honors.

A total of 201 Utah Valley student-athletes earned academic all-conference honors over the past calendar year — 186 received Academic All-WAC honors, and 15 earned Big 12 All-Academic honors. The Wolverines landed 30 track and field student-athletes on the WAC 2018 Winter All-Academic Team.





NEW ATHLETIC FACILITIES

UVU opened two new state-of-the-art athletic facilities: the NUVI Basketball Center and the Wolverine Training Dome.

In 2017, UVU opened the NUVI Basketball Center, a new practice and conditioning facility that houses the Wolverine men's and women's basketball teams. The facility was funded entirely by private donations and sponsorships totaling approximately \$4.4 million.

In April, UVU opened the Wolverine Training Dome, a new indoor facility on UVU's Vineyard Campus. The dome allows for year-round practice, and includes a strength and conditioning gym for Wolverine athletics. The dome will also be used by UVU intramurals and club sports.

Back at the Orem Campus, the baseball facility was officially renamed the UCCU Ballpark. It is the home field of the UVU baseball team and the minor league Orem Owlz.

TRANSITION TO TUMINEZ

"It is when we are in transition that we are most completely alive."

— William Bridges

Transitions in life come when they are least expected. Such was the case when President Holland announced he and his wife, Paige, were leaving to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Raleigh, North Carolina.

As with all transitions, it was bittersweet. It was sad to see the departure of a president and first lady who had worked so devotedly to transform Utah Valley University, but it was exciting to contemplate the idea of a new president — someone who could see the university through new eyes and take it to new heights, just as President Holland had done over the last nine years.

On April 20, 2018, the Utah Board of Regents announced Astrid S. Tuminez as the new president of Utah Valley University.

President Tuminez officially took office on September 17, 2018. The future of Utah Valley University is very bright indeed.

Photos: At top right, President Tuminez and her husband, Jeffrey S. Tolk, along with two of their three children. At bottom left, the Hollands pose with Dr. Tuminez on the evening she was announced as Holland's successor. At bottom right, President Tuminez addresses campus.





“To believe in what is possible, whatever the hurdles and challenges are — that’s the culture I’d like UVU to have.”

— President Astrid S. Tuminez

