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COLLEGE *of* HUMANITIES *and* SOCIAL SCIENCES

# MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

MASTER *of* ARTS

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TWENTY NINTH OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

# MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

## MASTER OF ARTS

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3:00 pm, Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
Grand Ballroom, Sorensen Center

**Introduction**..... Elizabeth B. Fawcett, Ph.D., LMFT  
*MFT Program Director*

**Welcoming Remarks** ..... Rachel Arocho, Ph.D.  
*Social & Behavioral Sciences Department Chair*

**Keynote**..... Megan Story Chavez, Ph.D., LMFT  
*SBC Assistant Department Chair*

### **Presentation and Hooding of Graduates**

**Closing Remarks** ..... Steven C. Clark, Ph.D.  
*Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences*

*A MFT cohort photo, celebration, and reception for graduates and  
guests will immediately follow the ceremony in SC 206 A, B, C.*

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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DEAR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025,

Congratulations on reaching this impressive milestone in your academic journey! As the Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, I am proud of your achievements.

Your path to graduation has been marked by resilience, determination, and growth. You've mastered academic, personal, and professional challenges and are now ready to make meaningful contributions to society.

Throughout your time here, you've developed critical thinking skills and an understanding of human behavior and social dynamics. These tools will serve you well in your next chapter. Remember, learning is a lifelong journey. I encourage you to stay curious, seek new experiences, and continue to challenge yourselves both intellectually and personally. As you leave our campus, know you carry with you the support and pride of our entire academic community. We're excited to see the impact you'll make in your fields.

To the families and supporters of our graduates: thank you for your invaluable support and encouragement. Your role in this achievement cannot be overstated.

Class of 2025, as alumni, you'll always be part of our college family. We look forward to hearing about your future successes and hope you'll stay connected with us. Congratulations once again on your well-deserved success. Go forth with confidence and determination to make a positive difference in the world!

Sincerely,

**STEVEN C. CLARK, PH.D.**

*Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences*



# MESSAGE FROM THE MFT FACULTY

## DEAR 2025 GRADUATES,

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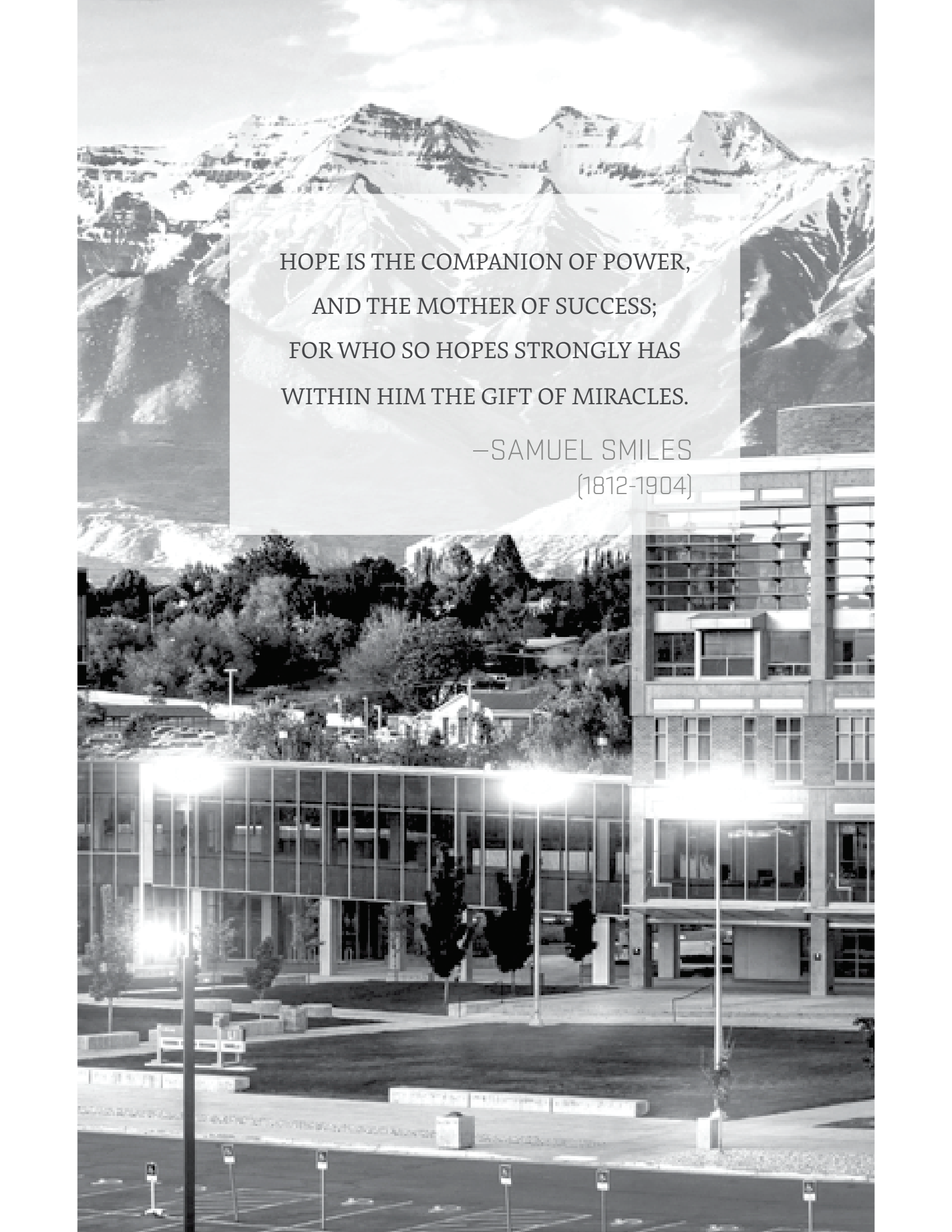
We are proud of you and the therapists you have become. We are delighted to welcome you into our profession as colleagues.

Virginia Satir said, “I want you to get excited about who you are, what you are, what you have, and what can still be for you. I want to inspire you to see that you can go far beyond where you are right now.” Today, we celebrate who and what you are. We congratulate you on the effort and mastery that have brought you to this moment. We are also excited for all that can still be for you.

We wish you joy and inspiration for your future steps in your personal and professional journeys.

## YOUR MFT FACULTY





HOPE IS THE COMPANION OF POWER,  
AND THE MOTHER OF SUCCESS;  
FOR WHO SO HOPES STRONGLY HAS  
WITHIN HIM THE GIFT OF MIRACLES.

—SAMUEL SMILES  
(1812-1904)

# MFT PROGRAM FACULTY

Rachel Augustus, Ph.D., LMFT  
*Assistant Professor, MFT Program*  
*UVU Clinic Assistant Director*

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Jeremy S. Boden, Ph.D., LMFT  
*Associate Professor, Family Science*

Megan Story Chavez, Ph.D., LMFT  
*Assistant Professor, MFT Program*  
*Assistant Department Chair*

Lori L. Duke, MAMFT, AMFT  
*MFT Program Manager*

Elizabeth B. Fawcett, Ph.D., LMFT  
*MFT Program Director*  
*Associate Professor, MFT Program*

Colleen Peterson, Ph.D., LMFT  
*MFT Clinical Director*  
*Assistant Professor, MFT Program*

Todd Spencer, Ph.D., LMFT  
*Assistant Professor, Family Science*

Matthew Withers, Ph.D., LMFT  
*Associate Professor, MFT Program*



# GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

**The following individuals have earned or are completing a  
Master of Arts in marriage and family therapy:**

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Brooklyn Harris Burchett  
Arley 'Anela' auli'ionalani Coelho  
Aubriana Dahnelle DiSpirito  
Alexzandra Eich  
Taylor Williams Frame  
Caley Jean Fuller  
Annicka Perry Gustin  
Angela Hallstrom  
Nathan Lance Holman  
Austin Michael Lynn  
Madeline Elise Mortell  
Rachelle LaRee Olmos  
Kate Glenn Park  
Abigail Powell  
Jessica Sullivan Robbins  
Kenya I. Sanchez  
MaCall Smith  
Alissa Waters  
Doris Elizabeth Willey  
Brooke Woolley Williams



# WITH APPRECIATION

**The Marriage & Family Therapy Program sincerely thanks the following community partners for supporting our students' learning and growth:**

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Beehive Child and Family Counseling, Lehi  
Diagonal House Family Therapy, Sandy  
Flourish Therapy Inc., Orem  
Monarch Family Counseling, Herriman  
Monarch Family Counseling, South Jordan  
Monarch Family Counseling, Draper  
Northern Utah Center for Couples & Families, Orem  
Purple Sky Counseling, Murray  
Sage Family Counseling, Draper  
Sandcastle Family Counseling, Riverton  
Sandstone Psychology, Spanish Fork  
Utah Family Therapy, American Fork



