

# COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIP

Addressing Financial Barriers to Graduation





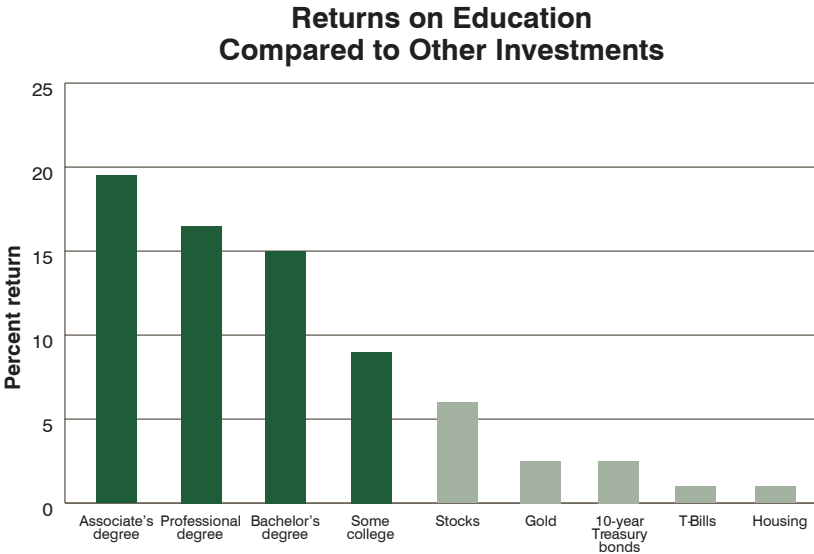
# > THE CRISIS BEFORE SOCIETY

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▶ Is completing college worth the investment for students who are financially struggling to finish a degree?

- Student earnings are \$100,000 higher than peers who ended education after high school (Source: Brookings)
- Unemployment is only 3.6 percent for those with bachelor’s degrees, compared to 11.4 percent for those with a high school diploma
- More education corresponds to better employment opportunities, even in the current pandemic-driven job market

The state of Utah has one of the highest rates of college students per capita. Yet, the reality is that nearly 20 percent of individuals between the ages of 25 to 64 are designated as ‘having some college, but no degree.’



▶ How Can WE Overcome the Obstacles TOGETHER

Utah Valley University (UVU) is nationally recognized for its work in bridging the gap for all students. Nearly 80 percent of UVU students work and nearly 21 percent of students are parents juggling the demands of children, education, and full-time employment. Nearly two-thirds of students who discontinue their studies cite ‘finances’ as the driving reason behind their decision. Pursuing a degree is without question a daunting task. This is especially true given the impact of COVID-19 on students and families. Your support is needed now more than ever.



“I took a break from college because I couldn’t afford it. What I thought would be a semester turned into four years. I wanted to come back, but I didn’t have enough money to pay tuition and live. The funds I received from Utah Valley University made it possible for me to come back. In August 2020, I graduated from UVU. I am the first person in my family to graduate from college. I am now working at Alternative Behavioral Strategies and helping children with autism. There are so many people like me who need support to finish their education. By helping us afford college, you allow us to reach our goals and give back to the community.”

– Melissa Chung, ‘20, Psychology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences





**WE INVITE YOU** to support Utah Valley University student success with a gift to the Completion Scholarship: Addressing Financial Barriers to Graduation. These financial awards will help prevent students in their final year from dropping out due to financial burdens. The award will help students struggling financially to complete their degrees so they can move on to greater economic stability and personal success.

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