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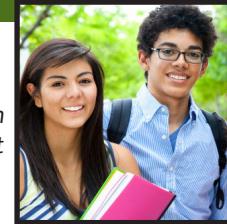
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Largest University in Utah

From Humble Beginnings to Indispensable

Utah Valley University recently announced today that enrollment for the 2015 fall semester has crested the 33,000 mark, making UVU the largest public institution of higher education in the state. According to enrollment data released in October 2015 by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, UVU has an additional 1,879 students on campus this fall (a 6 percent increase) compared to last fall, bringing total enrollment to 33,211.

As part of its enrollment increase this year, UVU has experienced a spike in 21-year-old female students and 20-year-old male students, many of whom have returned from serving LDS missions in the wake of the LDS Church lowering its age requirement for missionary service in 2012. UVU

has now nearly returned to its pre-announcement enrollment level of 33,395.

President Holland stated, "Few institutions in the history of U.S. higher education have evolved to the extent that UVU has in such a short period of time. There are few institutions in the nation offering the breadth of education on the scale that UVU does. In every sense, UVU has become an agile, efficient and indispensable resource in one of the fastest growing and most dynamic regions in the nation."

University officials anticipate a similar 6-percent surge next fall. Projections indicate UVU will see an enrollment of more than 40,000 students by 2020.

UVU educates more Utahns than any other university and is one of the largest public open-admission universities in the nation. The

institution's growth is especially remarkable considering its humble beginnings as a vocational school nearly 75 years ago. In the ensuing decades, UVU has evolved into a technical school, community college and state college before becoming a teaching-focused university in 2008. UVU will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2016.



Article adapted from the UVU Press Release, *UVU is the largest university in Utah, prepared to accommodate 6-percent growth.*

Semester Events & Deadlines

Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday
Monday, January 18

Washington & Lincoln
Day Holiday
Monday, February 15

Monday - Friday
March 14 - March 18
Spring Break

Monday - Thursday
April 25 - April 28
Final Exams

Friday, April 29
Graduation



One Stop Services

Your One Stop Informational Center

Do you or your student have a question, but you're just not sure where to go to ask? Then look no further! The UVU One Stop Service Center provides instant information regarding a variety of student services topics.

If you're looking online and can't find an answer concerning admissions, registration, financial aid, graduation or transfer credit, try viewing the quick references on the [One Stop](#) web page. Furthermore, to better answer any questions that might arise during your student's educational experience at UVU, One Stop has a variety of ways to contact them.



Call Center:

801.863.4636

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After Hours Phone Support:

801.863.4636

Monday through Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

E-mail:

instantinfo@uvu.edu

In Person:

Browning Administration Building, BA 106

Monday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Online Chat:

Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Simply click the green LIVE HELP button in the center of the [One Stop](#) web page to activate your online chat.

Article adapted from the UVU One Stop website, <https://www.uvu.edu/students/onestop/>.

75 Years Strong UVU Celebrates 75th Anniversary

During the 2016 year, UVU is celebrating a yearlong celebration in recognition of reaching our 75th anniversary serving the community of Utah Valley. UVU students have the unique opportunity of celebrating the university's rich history by participating in commencement ceremonies this year. If students are eligible to complete a certificate, two-year, or four-year degree, they are strongly encouraged to apply for graduation and participation in the ceremonies. Students seeking a four-year degree that have completed the necessary requirements for two-year degree should apply for graduation with a two-year as a way to mark a milestone in their progress toward a completed bachelor degree.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to graduate during UVU's 75th anniversary year and receive a customized diploma cover commemorating UVU's history and your accomplishment. **The graduation application deadline is February 5th, 2016.** Visit <http://www.uvu.edu/graduation/> for more details.

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WAC Champions

Women's Soccer Secures Spot in the NCAA Tournament

Taylor Kirk and Sara Callister each scored goals while goalkeeper Jessica Duffin secured the shutout to lead the Utah Valley University women's soccer team to a 2-0 win over top-seeded Seattle University. The win over the Redhawks snaps Seattle U's nation-leading 16 match unbeaten streak and earns UVU the Western Athletic Conference's (WAC) automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament. The win also marks head coach Brent Anderson's 100th overall victory.

"It's a really proud moment for the program and for this team," Anderson said. "We knew Seattle would come to battle. Our team did a good job of staying disciplined and organized. It was a great team effort today. I'm really proud of the way the team played and the maturity they showed. Winning this WAC championship and getting the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament has been something we've been focused on and pushing towards ever since we got into the WAC. To realize that goal is a great feeling and our team is ecstatic about it."



Article adapted from the UVU Wolverine Athletics article, *UVU claims WAC tournament title with historic win over SU*

Preparing to L.E.A.D.

Engaging in Academics, Student Life, and the Community

The Center for the Advancement of Leadership (CAL) trains UVU students to become leaders by approaching leadership development as more than simply management. Within CAL is the L.E.A.D. program that focuses on four key areas of personal development: Learn, Engage, Acquire, and Discover. Together these areas ensure growth—both personally and professionally.

Learn

Each month during the school year, LEAD students meet with a mentor to develop both professionally and personally. Mentors often share their own experiences and expertise to help students in their lives.

Engage

To truly understand and become leaders, LEAD students must apply their study of leadership experiences through their followership and leadership experiences. Often, LEAD students become involved with on-campus organizations like Student Government, UVU Clubs, and Service Learning.

Acquire

To gain knowledge of leadership styles, LEAD students attend workshops and seminars. Students also complete several leadership courses which teach an academic concept of leadership. Classes include a student leadership development course, an engaged learning course, Principles of Leadership, and an elective.



Discover

When beginning the program, each LEAD student participates in a self- and peer-assessment process which identifies their strengths and opportunities for growth.

There are many benefits for your student once they have completed the LEAD program including: recognition on transcripts, cords at graduation, a letter of recommendation and a certificate from The Center for the Advancement of Leadership, and an end-of-the-year banquet.

LEAD program members may also qualify for the [Wolverine Ambassador LEAD Housing Scholarship](#). If your student is interested in joining the LEAD program, they can learn more by visiting their website, www.uvu.edu/leadership/.

Article adapted from the UVU Leadership website, www.uvu.edu/leadership.

White House Honor

UVU's Latino Initiative Receives Nation-Wide Recognition

The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics has honored Utah Valley University with inclusion in its "Bright Spots in Hispanic Education National Online Catalog." More than 230 Bright Spots will be featured in the catalog; each Bright Spot is helping ensure the educational attainment for the country's Hispanic community, from cradle to career.

The announcement was made last September at the launch of Hispanic Heritage Month and in honor of the Initiative's 25th anniversary. Yudi Lewis is director of UVU's Latino Initiative, which was established in 2007.

"This award is yet another recognition of the great things UVU is doing for our growing and diverse Latino communities," said Kyle Reyes, Special Assistant to the President for inclusion. "While this is an institutional award, we have to acknowledge the tremendous leadership and passion of our Latino Initiative Director, Yudi Lewis. Her work has been transformational for thousands of Latino students, families and community members."

UVU is the largest provider of higher education for Latino students of all four-year institutions in Utah. The University has received numerous honors for its Latino initiative including being one of only six institutions in the nation to earn the Examples of Excellence distinction for improving Latino student success. UVU has more

than doubled its Latino graduates in the past five years and tripled its Latino enrollment. Latinos represent 10 percent of the student body at UVU.



"It is an honor to be selected and to represent the state of Utah on such an important matter," said Lewis. "This recognition speaks to the commitment that UVU has with the Latino community and its efforts to provide educational access and degree completion of such an important growing Utah demographic. In addition, this honor highlights the level of engagement that UVU has with students and their parents and the strong partnerships that UVU has established within and outside our campus community."

As part of its Latino Initiative, UVU provides community events and presentations in churches, nonprofit organizations and schools to make people aware about the process of admission. It helps students determine what classes to take while they are still in high school, how to prepare

the essays they need to write for their applications and how to find scholarships and financial aid.

"There has been notable progress in Hispanic educational achievement, and it is due to the efforts of these Bright Spots in Hispanic Education, programs and organizations working throughout the country to help Hispanic students reach their full potential," said Alejandra Ceja, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

Ceja goes on to say, "Today nearly one in four students in the nation's public schools is a Hispanic youth. Making sure these young people have the opportunity to achieve their dreams isn't just the right thing to do—it's also a matter of our shared success as a country."



Article adapted from the UVU Press Release, *UVU's Latino Initiative receives White House honor.*