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ACT 2024-2025 TEST DATES

June 14, 2025
July 12, 2025

COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Seniors, you have made it to the finish line. The day you have been dreaming about since you were younger. I am so proud of all of you who are graduating this year.

You have gone through a lot to get to this point. It has not been easy to pass all your classes and receive the credit you need to get your high school diploma.

I also loved seeing how many of you are graduating with a lot of completed college credits, before even getting to college.

I would encourage all of you to continue your education. College is hard work, but so worth it in the end. Remember this feeling you have right now as you are about to cross the finish line and receive your high school diploma. In just a few short years, you will also be receiving your college diploma. It will take a lot of hard work, but that time will be here before you know it. Congratulations to the class of 2025!

I am looking forward to our Summer Program. We are just a few short weeks away from starting. Remember that this is also not going to be easy, but worth it in the end. I look forward to getting to know each of you participating this year.

-Rebecca Ayala, UB Coordinator-

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2025 UB GRADUATING SENIORS

OREM HIGH

Arelli Retamales Rios

Graduating with 27 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB

Dana Gonzalez

Graduating with 21 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB

Eden Tovar

Graduating with 23 college credits.
6 credits earned through UB

Karina Mendoza

Graduating with 33 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB

Melanie Rangel

Graduating with 50 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB

Stephanie Canela Lopez

Graduating with 31 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB

2025 UB GRADUATING SENIORS

PROVO HIGH

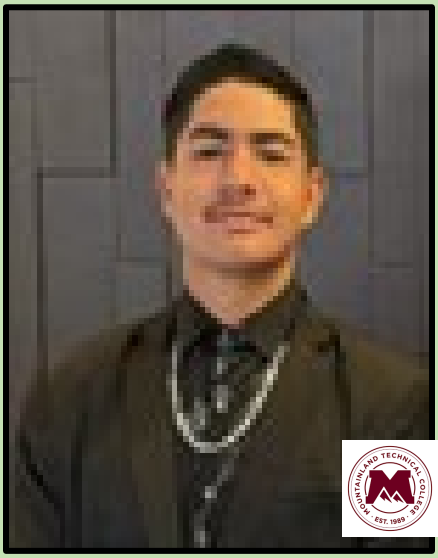
Eva Pedroso

Graduating with 12 college credits

Jannely Segundo

Graduating with 5 college credits

Juan Ruelas Sanchez



Graduating with 6 college credits

Josue Pedroza

Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 73 college credits. 18 credits earned through UB

Melanie Parra Lopez

Graduating with 41 college credits

Nizhone Johnson

Graduating with 53 college credits

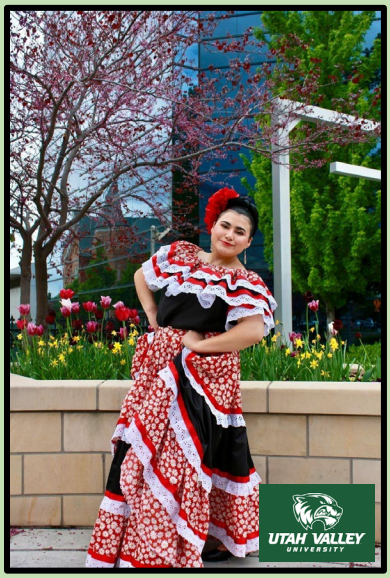
2025 UB GRADUATING SENIORS

PROVO HIGH

Valeria Alavez Camacho

Graduating with 21 college credits.
6 credits earned through UB

Yohana Porchas Martinez



Graduating with 15 college credits

2025 UB GRADUATING SENIORS

UNION HIGH

Aubrey Perry

Graduating with 3 college credits

Cherish Moore

Hannah Pittman

Mercedez Betts

Graduating with 9 college credits.
9 credits earned through UB

Paisely Snow

Graduating with 3 college credits

Sandra Burgos Aguado

Graduating with 6 college credits.
6 college credits earned through UB

2025 UB GRADUATING SENIORS

WASATCH HIGH

Cielo Hernandez

Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 63 college credits. 18 credits earned through UB

Dorani Tarango

Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 62 college credits. 18 credits earned through UB

Daniel Sanchez Yanez

Graduating with 45 college credits

Marissa Payan Salcido

Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 62 college credits. 12 credits earned through UB

Valery Benegas Neria

Graduating with 33 college credits. 12 credits earned through UB

Zitali Neria Cornejo

Graduating with 3 college credits

2025 UB GRADUATING SENIORS

UINTAH HIGH

Amara McNeill

Graduating with 15 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB

Brooklyn Slaugh

Graduating with 18 college credits

Shinae Addaikai

Graduating with 6 college credits.
6 credits earned through UB

Teran Nash

Graduating with 9 college credits.

Note:
These credits do not include the credits some students will earn in June 2025, during the UB Summer Program.

2025 UB GRADUATION CORDS

🎓 TRiO Upward Bound Graduation Cord Recognition 🎓

Congratulations to our 2025 Upward Bound Seniors!

This year, our TRiO Upward Bound seniors had the opportunity to earn a graduation cord in recognition of their dedication and achievements within the program.

To qualify for this honor, students were required to complete a series of college readiness activities, including:

- Submitting the FAFSA
- Applying for scholarships
- Participating in college prep workshops
- Engaging in community service
- Attending Upward Bound events

Seniors who earned **at least 12 points** through these activities were awarded the official **TRiO Upward Bound Graduation Cord**.

We are proud to recognize the following students for their outstanding commitment and success:

To earn a graduation cord, earn 12 points by the May 1, 2025 deadline

TASK TO COMPLETE	POINT VALUE	EARNED
1. FASFA completion	1 point	
2. Senior Resume (with photo) submission	1 point	
3. Apply to college	5 points	
a. Apply to a college in Utah (1 pt each, 3 pts max) b. Apply to a college outside of Utah (2 pts each, 2 pts. max)		
4. Apply for scholarships	5 points	
a. Application to a scholarship that requires an essay (1 pt each, 3 pts max) b. Application to Daniels Fund Scholarship (2 pts, 2 pts max)		
5. Check in with advisor (monthly) re: Sr. Guide Checklist	1 point	
6. UB: attend 1 summer program over 4 years, or ETS: attend mini college trip	2 points	
7. Submit a student spotlight to advisor with photo (Sr. yr.)	1 point	
8. Take the ACT	3 points	
a. First time (1 pt), Retake ACT (2 pts), 3 pts max		
9. Attend GGA's in senior year (ETS 6, UB 10)	1 point	
10. Complete Senior Exit Survey	1 point	
11. Register for National TRiO Alumni Association with COE	1 point	
12. Recruit one "both" student into either ETS or UB	3 points	
a. Each application is 1 pt, 3 pts max		
	25 points possible	

I certify, as the **TRiO** Academic Advisor for _____ (student name), that named student has earned at least 12 points to earn a 2025 graduation cord from the UVU **TRiO** Program. Signed,

_____

Academic Advisor Signature Date

Approved 09/23/2024

2025 UB GRADUATION CORDS

2025 UB Senior Cords Awarded	
Sandra Burgos Aguado	Union High School
Cherish Moore	Union High School
Shinae Addaikai	Uintah High School
Teran Nash	Uintah High School
Valery Benegas Neria	Wasatch High School
Cielo Hernandez Nava	Wasatch High School
Marissa Payan Salcido	Wasatch High School
Dorani Tarango	Wasatch High School
Daniel Yanez Sanchez	Wasatch High School
Zitali Cornejo Neria	Wasatch High School
Valeria Alavez Camacho	Provo High School
Nizhone Johnson	Provo High School
Melanie Parra Lopez	Provo High School
Josue Pedroza	Provo High School
Yohanna Porchas Martinez	Provo High School
Juan Pablo Ruelas Sanchez	Provo High School
Jannely Segundo	Provo High School
Evangeline Pedroso	Provo High School
Stephanie Canela Lopez	Orem High School
Danna Gonzalez	Orem High School
Karina Mendoza	Orem High School
Melanie Rangel	Orem High School
Arelli Retamales Rios	Orem High School
Eden Tovar	Orem High School