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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**



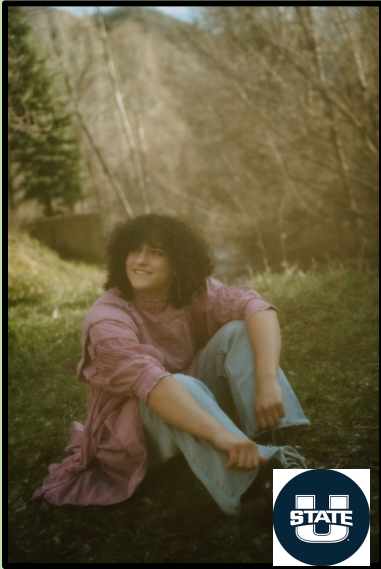
Graduating with 31 college credits.  
12 credits earned through UB



# 2025 UB GRADUATING SENIORS

## PROVO HIGH

**Eva Pedroso**



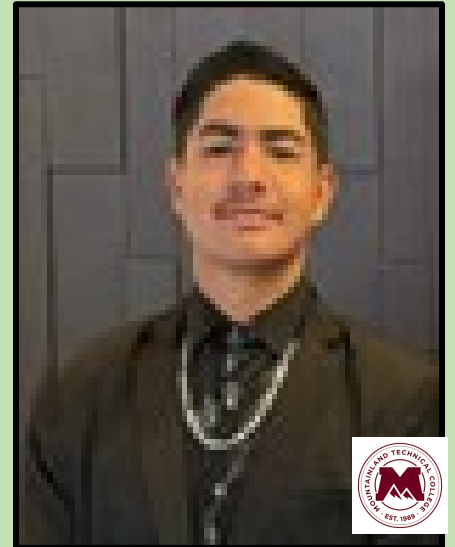
Graduating with 12 college credits

**Jannely Segundo**



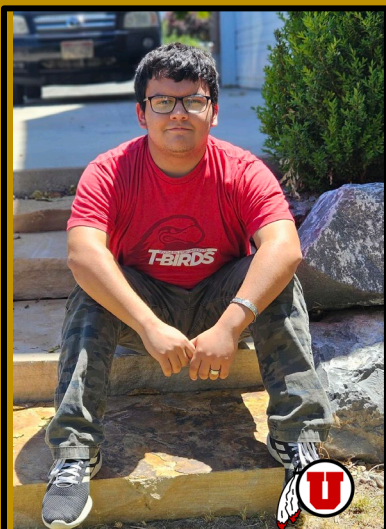
Graduating with 5 college credits

**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



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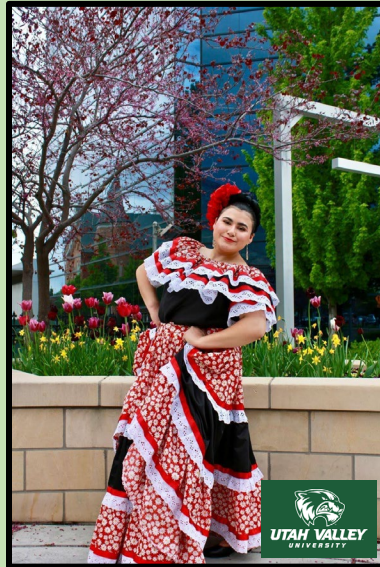
## PROVO HIGH

**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**



**Mercedes 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

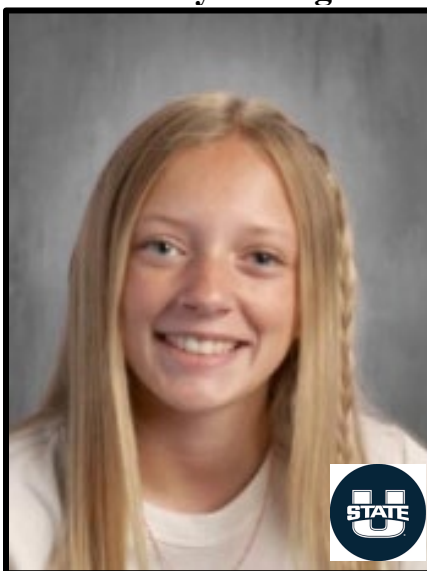
## UINTAH HIGH

**Amara McNeill**



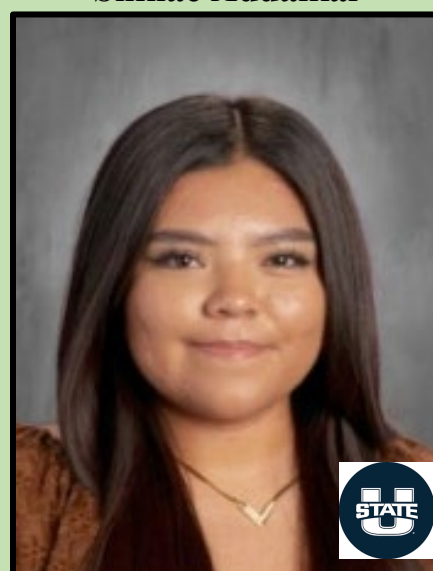
Graduating with 15 college credits.  
12 credits earned through UB

**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:



### EARN A TRiO GRADUATION CORD

(Educational Talent Search & Upward Bound)

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

TASK TO COMPLETE	POINT VALUE	EARNED
1. FAFSA 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,

Approved  
06/23/2024

Academic Advisor Signature

Date



# 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

