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Colleagues,

The [Utah Women & Leadership Project](#) (UWLP) has a number of women and leadership announcements (research, events, and cool resources) this month!

First, today we are releasing our 4-year update of the brief titled "[The Status of Women Leaders in Utah Business: A 2018 Update.](#)" My co-authors on this report include Shirlayne Quayle (Founder, SASI & Co-founder, Women's Influence Center) and Robbyn Scribner (Research Fellow, UWLP). Thanks to [SCORE Central Utah Chapter](#) for the grant that funded the data collection phase of this research, and also to [HRCP](#) (Human Resource Certification Preparation) and the [Woodbury School of Business](#) at UVU for their financial support as well. You definitely won't want to miss reading this brief as the results surprised even me when I was running the stats!

Second, the UWLP is co-hosting a free hour-long, interactive webinar with Dr. Sunnie Giles on **May 10 at 11 AM** to learn how women's innate leadership traits can catalyze radical innovation. Dr. Giles has crafted this webinar to be centered on the inherent strengths of female leaders. It is titled [How Women's Innate Leadership Traits Can Catalyze Radical Innovation](#), and you can register at the link provided. Dr. Giles has worked for companies like Samsung, Accenture and IBM, advising Fortune 500 companies on business strategy, and she is the author of the recently released book, [The New Science of Radical Innovation: The Six Competencies Leaders Need to Win in a Complex World](#).

Third, Better Days 2020 is one of our partners, and they are doing amazing things. You have the opportunity to have a sneak peek of the first ever Utah Women's History Education Curriculum. Be one of the first to witness the unveiling of [Better Days 2020's](#) creative and unique [Utah women's history education curriculum for K-12 students](#) (password: bd2020) currently being piloted by Jordan School District and soon to be publicly launched statewide (and nationwide). For more information on their mission and projects go to www.betterdays2020.org.

Fourth, we also welcome you to attend a community gathering with us in Vernal, Utah on **May 15th** (6:30-8:00pm) titled, [Strengthen Your Impact as Girls & Women](#). Thanks to Utah State University Uintah Basin for their partnership (Barbara Hammond), and we look forward to a fabulous panel with Sonja Norton (Former Mayor of Vernal), Ronee K. Wopsock (Education Director, Ute Tribe), Becky Williams (Associate Professor of Biology), and Julie May (Owner, Shine Events). We appreciate having a grant from the LDS Foundation to help support the costs of our rural events. If you are interested in hosting one of two rural events in September in your community, let me know. Also, see the events of all women's groups in the state on the [community calendar here](#).

Fifth, has your organization (company, non-profit, school/school district, agency, etc.) formally taken the [ElevateHER Challenge](#) through the Women's Leadership Institute yet? Here is the [link to the list](#) of the over 150 organizations that are participating. With the Challenge, an organization pledges to elevate the stature of women's leadership and may adapt its own policies within its unique structure to meet the commitments; recommendations are online. In addition, if you are interested in connecting with a women's group in Utah, here is a [comprehensive list](#).

Finally, I had many responses about my recently edited book, [Handbook of Research on Gender and Leadership](#), so I thought those of you interested in deeper research at the national and global level might enjoy knowing about the [Women and Leadership Book Series](#) for which I've been the lead co-

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editor since 2013. There are 6 books published on such topics as women and leadership in higher education, women as global leaders, women and leadership around the world, gender and media, theorizing women and leadership, and gender and communication. I just submitted another book to the publisher this week of women on corporate boards, and it will come out this fall.

Have a great May!

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