

October 5, 2017

Colleagues,



The [Utah Women & Leadership Project](#) (UWLP) has seven women and leadership announcements for October:

First, the second *Utah Women's Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series* event for this academic year is scheduled for November 2, 2017 (6:30-8:30pm) at Utah Valley University. It is the second annual **"She Talks Utah"** event and will feature five engaged, accomplished, and entertaining Utah women who will share their personal stories, ideas, and passions about finding both their voices and the courage to use them in influential ways (15-minutes each). These include Jenny Oaks Baker (Grammy Nominated Violinist), Shannon Hale (Best-Selling, Award-Winning Author), Brooke Walker (Host & Executive Producer of "Studio 5 with Brooke Walker" at KSL TV), Vanessa Quigley (Co-founder of Chatbooks.com), and Deidre Henderson (Utah State Senator). More details are on the [event flyer](#), and you can [RSVP ONLINE HERE](#). Allison Lew (founder of [Women Who Build](#) and Business Development Coordinator, Provo Mayor's Office of Economic Development) and I will be facilitating that evening.

Second, we are pleased to announce the launch of the new video series we have developed in partnership with the Utah Education Network (UEN) titled ["5 Steps to Finish Your College Degree."](#) Five women are highlighted (one in each 5-minute video) as they tell their stories of going back to school in various stages of life. Please share these with women you know who never finished their degrees. Hopefully your contacts will identify with at least one of these women, as we have women of different ages, races, backgrounds, and life situations.

Third, if you haven't heard about the [Utah Women's Walk](#), you are in for a treat. You can see an amazing new women's sculpture in the Ashton Gardens at Thanksgiving Point, and you can sit on benches nearby to hear the stories of 120 women in Utah (historical and present day). The purpose of the Walk is to recognize and show gratitude for the lives of notable women who have made significant contributions to life in the state of Utah over the past 150 years. Its goal is to educate the public about the remarkable lives of Utah women and to uplift, inspire, and motivate other women to reach their highest potential. You can also read stories, watch videos, and listen to recordings of many women throughout the state at www.Utahwomenswalk.org.

Fourth, the UWLP and YWCA Utah have also released the [Access to Healthcare Impact Recommendations](#) from a recent gathering of healthcare experts. It highlights the current resources/strengths, gaps/challenges, and also recommendations for potential interventions that may move things forward in Utah on this issue.

Fifth, we have had many requests for the videos of the sessions from our September 14th community event. Here are the links to the short [keynote by Elaine Dalton](#) and also the workshop presented by Dr. Matt Swenson on ["Building Resilience in Girls and Young Women."](#) The other workshops are coming. Thanks to the Utah Education Network for their editing and partnership.

Sixth, [Action Utah](#) and [Real Women Run](#) are hosting an evening of community and conversation on Wednesday, October 18, 7:00-8:30pm in the Thanksgiving Point area. It will focus on ["How Our Political System Works and How to Engage It."](#) Also, don't miss the Real Women Run Fall Social on November 14th (5:30-7:30pm) with [details here](#).

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Finally, [Utah Wonder Women](#) is partnering to bring SUREFIRE to Salt Lake. [SUREFIRE](#) is an innovative event that brings together the resources of a local community for one special day - to offer skills, interactive workshops and learning activities for teenage girls. This is for teen girls ages 15-18 from various high schools and backgrounds (parents & caregivers track also available). It provides innovative and hands-on learning workshops taught by industry leaders and influential women in the community. It will be held November 11, 2017 at the University of Utah. Teenage girls can [register for the event online](#). The hosts are looking for a diverse group of attendees and hope you will distribute this to young women in different parts of the city and state.

Enjoy October!

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