Colleagues,

There are four Utah Women & Leadership announcements for October:

First, the Utah Women & Leadership Project has started the "Utah Women Stats" project and in upcoming months will release 15 short “research snapshots” on a variety of important topics. We are pleased to provide the latest data today on “Voting and Civic Engagement Among Utah Women.” Also, our most recent research & policy brief is titled, “The Status of Women on Utah State Boards & Commissions.” This two-page brief has a lengthy appendix that lists all state boards and commissions with gender data, number of open seats, and hyperlinks. Apply for state boards and commissions here: [https://boards.utah.gov/](https://boards.utah.gov/).

Second, we have about 200 seats left (of 900) for our upcoming “She Talks Utah” event. This is a new, annual event to be held each Fall as part of the Utah Women’s Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series. Each “She Talks Utah” event will feature a number of engaged, accomplished, and entertaining Utah women who will share their personal stories, ideas, and passions surrounding a specific subject. For this inaugural 2016 event ([see event flyer](#)), we are inviting five fabulous Utah women from various backgrounds and sectors to speak briefly about what, how, and why they lead, followed by their thoughts on why more girls and women should prepare to influence and lead. The five speakers include: 1) Sister Neill F. Marriott, Young Women General Presidency, LDS Church; 2) Mia Love, Congresswoman, 4th District, U.S. House of Representatives; 3) Mary Nickles, News Anchor, Channel 2, KUTV; 4) Dr. Deneece G. Huftalin, President, Salt Lake Community College, and 5) Mary Crafts-Homer, President & CEO, Culinary Crafts. Everyone is welcome, but we hope to get lots of 12-18 years old as well. **RSVP now**! This event will be wonderful! You can live stream it as well.

Third, the Women’s Leadership Institute is hosting an event titled “The Neuroscience Behind Decision-Making: Recruit and Retain Diverse Talent” (November 8, 11:45am-3:00pm, Megaplex Theatres at The Gateway). [RSVP here](#), and see additional information at this link. This should be very informative.

Finally, see this [video page](#); at the very bottom you’ll see a list/links to YouTube videos that relate to girls and women. Our September 8 event (Learn to Lead from Reaching out) should be online soon. If you know of any additional community grants specifically related to girls and women, please let us know. Also, we keep a list of events across the state focused on girls and women at this link. Finally, I’d also like to welcome Holly Richardson as the new Coordinator of the Utah Women & Education Initiative. We will have more information coming soon on how you can get involved in helping more girls and women understand they need to attend and complete college degrees.

Thanks for your interest and have a fabulous October!

Warmly,
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