

# She Talks Utah

## *What, How, and Why We Lead, and Why You Should Too!*

*Utah Women's Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series*

October 25, 2016 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)  
*Classroom Building Lecture Hall, Utah Valley University*

### Speakers



**Mia Love**  
*Congresswoman, 4<sup>th</sup>  
District, U.S. House  
of Representatives*



**Neill F. Marriott**  
*Young Women  
General Presidency,  
LDS Church*



**Mary  
Nickles**  
*News Anchor,  
Channel 2, KUTV*



**Denece G.  
Huftalin**  
*President, Salt Lake  
Community College*



**Mary Crafts-  
Homer**  
*President & CEO,  
Culinary Crafts*

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We are proud to introduce “She Talks Utah,” 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, 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. Come and learn from women who lead in a variety of settings, including political, religious, media, education, business, community, and home. Explore reasons why you should aspire to influence and lead both informally and formally in unique and meaningful ways. The speeches will be filmed, so prepare to be a lively audience! For the last 30 minutes, attendees will pick up some light refreshments and move to dialogue tables to eat and discuss the topics presented. Women (12 years and older) are welcome to attend (men who support them can come too)! Come and listen, learn, laugh, eat, and dialogue!

The event will live stream as well (more info to come). Video recordings of the event will also be available after the event at [www.uen.org](http://www.uen.org) and also rebroadcast on UEN-TV channel 9.1.

## Panelist Bios

### **Mia Love, Congresswoman, 4th District, U.S. House of Representatives**

Representative Mia Love was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised by hard-working parents. She graduated from the University of Hartford, then moved to Utah and married her husband, Jason Love. Eager to begin fulfilling her father's ethic of "giving back," Rep. Love launched a career in the public sector by serving two terms on the city council of Saratoga Springs, where she later served as mayor from 2010-2014. In 2014 she was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives. Known for her conservative positions on limited government, Rep. Love is the recipient of numerous civic and government awards. She and her husband have three children.

### **Neill F. Marriott, Second Counselor, Young Women General Presidency, LDS Church**

Neill Marriott grew up in a Methodist home in Louisiana, earned a degree at Southern Methodist University, and later worked as a secretary at Harvard. While there, she joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and dedicated her life to serving others, especially her husband, 11 children, and 34 grandchildren. Her current Church assignment is in worldwide service to young women, age 12-18, where she has met young women and leaders in Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Hong Kong, Mongolia, Cambodia, South Africa, and Brazil as well as in the U.S. She hopes to inspire young women to stand up for themselves, get a good education, and find purpose in contributing to their homes and communities through unselfish service.

### **Mary Nickles, News Anchor, Channel 2, KUTV**

Mary Nickles, an Emmy-award winning journalist, joined KUTV News in 1991, and she currently co-anchors weekdays on 2NEWS This Morning and 2NEWS at Noon. Mary grew up in Washington and majored in English at Lewis-Clark State College. She is very active in our community, serving on numerous boards and with local non-profits. As part of her reporting on health issues, Mary got a mammogram to encourage more women to get screened, and in turn found an invasive, malignant tumor. She continued this news series through her own surgery, chemo treatments, wig shopping, radiation, and long recovery. Mary and her husband, Kent, and are the parents, tutors, coaches, and taxi drivers of twins, Zachary and MacKenzie.

### **Denece G. Huftalin, President, Salt Lake Community College**

Denece Huftalin was named the eighth President of Salt Lake Community College in September 2014 and feels privileged to have served SLCC students, faculty, and staff for more than two decades. In her tenure as President, Dr. Huftalin has launched a college-wide strategic planning cycle which has produced a new vision, mission, values, and goals for the College. Dr. Huftalin serves on a number of community boards and councils in the areas of education, service, and women's leadership; she holds national board leadership positions as well. President Huftalin earned her doctorate in Education, Leadership, and Policy from the University of Utah.

### **Mary Crafts-Homer, President & CEO, Culinary Crafts**

Mary Crafts-Homer is President and CEO of Culinary Crafts, Utah's largest off-premise caterer and 13-time "Best of State" winner for catering. Mary is heavily involved with many local, national, and international non-profits, and she holds leadership roles with Visit Salt Lake, UVU's School of Business, and the International Caterers Association. Mary's rock-solid character has attracted community recognition as well. Mary received Utah Valley University's Kirk Englehardt Ethics Award as well as numerous other awards from community organizations. At the end of her long days, Mary enjoys spending time with her husband, 3 children (all of whom work with her at Culinary Crafts), and her 6 grandchildren.

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