

WOMEN'S COUNCIL FEB 202 NEWSLETTER



Women of UVU Leadership Council 12-23

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



Changing Stations in All Restrooms

The Women's Council is working to provide changing stations in all restrooms, male and female, as well as signage so people are aware of this resource



UVU Women's Leadership Certificate

The next cohort starts on March 30 to sign up or learn more click [HERE](#)



WE LIFT Co-Working Wednesdays

The Entrepreneurship Institute would like to welcome you to their working/co-working space. Whether you need a place to collaborate, enjoy reliable Wi-Fi, sit at a desk, hold a private meeting, or create a podcast. We are open to the public every Wednesday 9 am – 5 pm in KB 102.

UVU IS A PLACE FOR WOMEN AND THEIR ALLIES

I joined the Women's Success Center and the Women's Council in May 2022. In my relatively short time at Utah Valley University, I have been blown away by the incredible work being done by and for women on this campus and through campus partnerships.

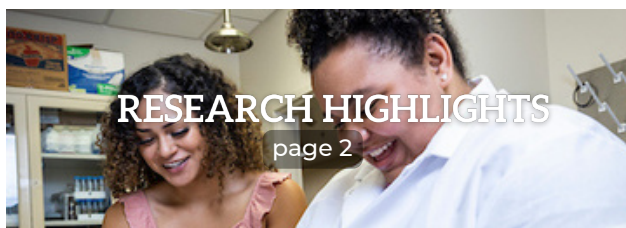
The Women's Council, which aims to support and implement policies and practices to advance women's success, is excited to reinstate our monthly newsletter. There is so much going on. Although we know a monthly newsletter can only scratch the surface of the many ways UVU is a place for women, we hope to highlight just a few each month.

You will read about the following:

- Research/scholarship being done by, for, or about women
- Student engagement efforts
- Departmental programming and success
- Service Efforts

Whether you identify as a woman or an ally, we hope you enjoy learning more about how UVU is a place for you.

Sincerely,
Rachel Lund
Senior Director, Women's Success Center



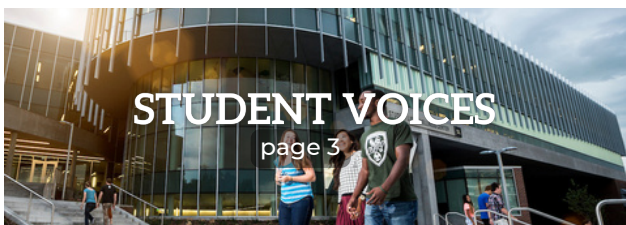
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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

When does one become a scientist?

Britt Wyatt and Josh Premo – College of Science

Out of a sample size of 495 students that completed the qualitative questions, only 39% of students view scientists as learners. If students view scientists as learners, they view scientists as wanting to gain additional information. Scientists have a passion for learning and want to solve problems. They make mistakes and learn from them. This is described in a non-systematic way.

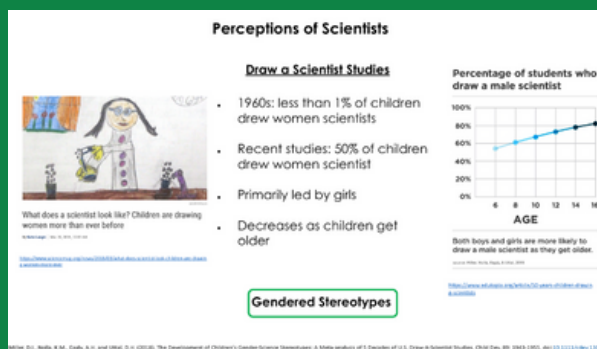
Students that describe scientists as learners have significantly higher self-efficacy, self-determination, science career motivation, sense of belonging, and science identity.

Out of a sample size of 495 students that completed the qualitative questions, 17% of students view scientists as experts. If students view scientists as experts, they describe scientists as knowing a lot of information. Scientists who are experts tend to be focused on one area and are an expert in that area. Scientists are the best at what they do and are intelligent.

Students who describe scientists as experts have a significantly lower sense of belonging in science and a lower science identity.

This research is ongoing, to view preliminary results that were shared at a recent conference click [HERE](#)

In the Fall of 2022, we surveyed over 1,354 students taking courses in the Biology Department. The data we collected included several measures connected to students' views of scientists, perceptions of themselves as scientists, perceptions of their ability in science, how they valued science, engagement with science, and others. This allowed us to understand who our students are and their relationship to the idea of a scientist and the extent to which they feel like they fit into science. Here are some of the results coming out of this work:



FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

UVU Women Awards



JESSIE HILL



PEGGY PASIN



CARRIE TODD



MAKANA SANTIAGO

The UVU Women Awards is a series of awards to recognize change-makers in our community who contribute to the Women's Success Center's mission to help women graduate from Utah Valley University.

The annual UVU Women Awards ceremony took place November 2, 2022, and recognized three members from UVU and the larger community who have supported, and continue to support, the Women's Success Center and its mission.

Award Recipients:

- Community Partner Award - The Refuge
- Faculty Service Award - Jessie Hill
- Illumine Award - Carrie Todd
- Outstanding Alumni Award - Makana Santiago
- Distinguished Service Award - Peggy Pasin

To learn more click [HERE](#)



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MLK Service Week Project

Love Your Hair

The UVU Clubs office grants MLK Service Week Grants to student organizations who wish to have the opportunity to host a service project during UVU's 29th MLK Commemoration Week.

Members of the Sigma Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, an organization committed to sisterhood, scholarship, and service with a primary focus on the Black community, hosted a Love Your Hair event to emphasize the significance and the principles of The CROWN Act and put an end to hair discrimination.

A dozen hairstylists specializing in Black/textured hair volunteered their services, and over 2 dozen families came from as far as Ogden so that their kids could get their hair cared for by an expert for the first time.

Black hair is an expression of identity and culture. It's a representation of history and carries deep emotional significance.

To learn more about Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, click [HERE](#)

UVU Police Academy

The UVU Police Academy is 1/4 WOMEN!

The UVU Police Academy has seen its largest number of women in the program! 1/4 of the academy are women. These women come from all walks of life. Some of them are single mothers, stay-at-home mothers who have decided to work again, and even women who are also completing their master's degrees.

Patrice Bolen the Administrative Assistant for the Police Academy stated that "The department is always looking for female recruits. There is a demand for women in law enforcement. Children respond better to female officers and it has been shown that many calls have a different outcome when at least one female officer is present."

Female officers tend to have better communication and empathy and agencies all over are looking for more women to join. In addition to having better communication skills, the women in the academy have some of the highest Physical Training scores and lead the class!

Despite needing to complete the program three of the women attending UVU's police academy have already been hired by police departments. Way to go!

To learn more about the UVU Police Academy click [HERE](#)

