



## UVU Women's Council September 2022 Newsletter



### Looking Ahead to a Great Year!

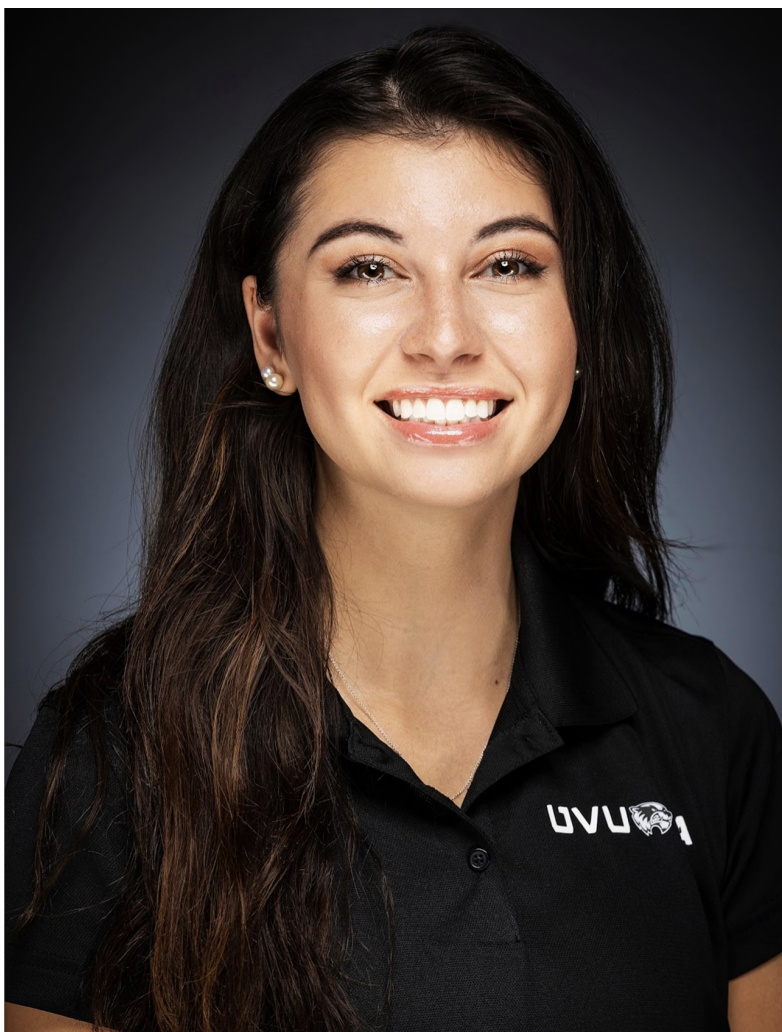
UVU's Women's Council is excited for the 2022-2023 year. We started with a record-breaking Freshmen Convocation with over 6,500 participants, and for the first time in UVU's history, our enrollment of female students is at 50%. This increase in enrollment of women at UVU is the result of a decade-long, and a campus-wide focus on

outreach to and support for women at UVU. From our programs and services at our Women's Success Center to our new Research Institute focused on scholarship and studies of women's issues, UVU continues to be a state leader in the advancement of women in educational and professional opportunities. We invite you to collaborate with us and get involved in the many events, activities, and programs we have throughout the year and across campus.

Marilyn Meyer & Kyle Reyes – Co-Chairs, UVU's Women's Council

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## UVU September 2022 Spotlights



**Lexi Soto**



Lexi Soto is the 3<sup>rd</sup> female in a row to serve as Student Body President. Lexi's decision to become involved in college has opened many doors for her and she strives to do the same for UVU students. She is in her Junior year studying Digital Marketing and dreams to be a brand manager for the Utah Jazz. Lexi is from Saratoga Springs and loves all things related to art; paintings, films, dances, and music. Lexi started her freshman year during COVID and when she saw the UVUSA table, she immediately asked how she could get involved.

She served as the UVUSA School of Business Senator for the 2021-2022 academic year; from there she grew to love interacting with students and representing UVU. Lexi has many upcoming and ongoing initiatives she is excited to take part in this year. She hopes to help students succeed, enjoy their college experience, and see you "make this year, your year." You can also visit Lexi during the upcoming "Lemonade with Lexi" events throughout the year.

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# Linda Makin

Utah Valley University (UVU) Vice President of Planning, Budget, and Finance Linda Makin was selected as the 2022 recipient of the Utah Women's Leadership Exchange (UWLE) Elizabeth Hitch Mentorship Award.

Makin was nominated by UWLE Associate Kami Paul from SUU.

"Linda Makin might be the best mentor there ever was," Paul said. "She took time to listen to my project interests, discussed directions with me, and then set up times for me to talk with people who could offer perspectives and information to help me with implementation. Linda is a rock star at her own institution, and a hero for all she did with me."

From 2019-2021, Makin served as co-chair of UVU's Women's Council. Currently serves as UVU's ElevateHer liaison, a peer evaluator for NWCCU, and the PACE executive liaison. Linda represents UVU on USHE's Business Affairs Council and Budget Officers System subcommittee. Makin participates in several professional associations — Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), Association for Institutional Research (AIR), Western Association of College and University Business Officers (WACUBO), and Association of College and University Policy Administrators (ACUPA).

UVU is honored to have Linda Makin as a mentor for women at our institution and throughout the Utah Women's Leadership Exchange. Congratulations, Linda!

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## UWHEN Faculty Forum

**"Searching for Success: Stories of Strategies & Serendipity in Salty Sustainability Science"**

Facilitated by Dr. Brenda Bowen, Director of Global Change & Sustainability Center and Professor of Geology & Geophysics at the University of Utah.

**Friday, September 30 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: UVU Campus, FL 428 - Lakeview Room**

[UWHEN: Learn More & Register Here](#)

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## **UWHEN Fall 2022 Virtual Book Club**

### **Lead From the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change**

This semester we are reading *Lead From the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change* by Stacey Abrams.

Our Book Club Coordinator, Kelly Hall, will lead virtual discussions three times throughout the semester:

**September 13 or September 14 | 12:00 PM**

**October 4 or October 5 | 12:00 PM**

**November 7 or November 8 | 12:00 PM**

Once registered, please pick up your book in the Women's Success Center. LC 303.

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## **UWLP: The Status & Experiences of Utah Women of Color**

A panel with Nubia Pena, Sui Lang Panoke, Paula Smith, Lillian Tsosie-Jensen, Jessi Hill, and Ze Min Xiao.

**September 15 | 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM**

[UWLP: Learn More & Register Here](#)

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## **UWLP: Hacks to help Women Maximize Income and**

## **Minimize Expenses**

Workshop with Vincenza Vicari-Bentley

**November 9 | 12:00 PM - 1:00PM**

[UWLP: Learn More & Register Here](#)

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## **UWLP: Utah STEM Fest**

Utah Stem Action Center

**September 27-28 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

[UWLP: Learn More & Register Here](#)

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## **UWLP: WeROC 2022**

Women Entrepreneurs Realizing Opportunities for Capital

**October 7 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

[UWLP: Learn More & Register Here](#)

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## **Women's Success Center: Navigating Mental Health in the Workplace**

Join us for a 30-minute presentation on how to improve your mental health in the workplace or in any situation. Questions and mingling will follow.

**September 16 | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM**

**Location: UVU Campus, Clarke Building 214**

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## **Women's Success Center: Women in Science Networking Luncheon**

In collaboration with the UVU College of Science which offers students an opportunity to network and meet other women in their future career fields.

**September 21 | 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

**Location: UVU Campus, Center Stage**

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## **Women's Success Center: Career Goal Setting Presentation**

Come and learn about career exploration resources at UVU's Career Development Center and make a vision board for your goals.

**September 30 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: UVU Campus, LC-409- Career Seminar room**

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