



UVU Women's Council September 2021 Newsletter



Hello Friend,

On behalf of the Utah Valley University (UVU) Women's Council, we are excited to engage you in the events, research, and happenings at UVU regarding the advancement of educational and professional opportunities for women.

Over the past few years, UVU has made strides in providing valuable resources and opportunities for women. To name a few, we have

- Increased female enrollment from 43% in 2010 to 48% in 2020.
- Extended paid maternity leave from two weeks to six weeks under the direction of President Tuminez.
- Provided six private Mamava pods on campus for mothers to express milk or breastfeed in a comfortable space.
- Created the Research Institute at the Women's Success Center which will benefit the women at UVU, in our community, and beyond.

This is just a sample of the many activities and programs we have to support women. We are excited to continue to help coordinate and collaborate with various campus

entities to help advance educational and professional opportunities for women.

As Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, "Women belong in all places where decisions are being made." We hope you will engage and connect with us.

All the best,

Marilyn Meyer
Vice President of People and Culture

Kyle Reyes
Vice President of Student Affairs

Women's Council Co-Chairs



Research Institute at the Women's Success Center

On August 26, 2021, UVU announced the launch of the Research Institute at the

Women's Success Center.

We want to provide a very special thank you to Tara Ivie, the director of the WSC, and Dr. Jessi Hill, associate professor of psychology, for their work to make this dream become a reality.

The Research Institute is a strategic collaboration between Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and the Women's Success Center and will be a platform to elevate women's voices across academia, industry, and the community. Inspiration and motivation for this program stemmed from a lack of student retention and employment among women at UVU.

This unique partnership will provide support for research and collaborative projects, and give students opportunities to engage in scholarly work, mentorship, and field experience making strategic connections within the community. The Research Institute at the Women's Success Center creates a multi-discipline platform that strengthens ties between students, faculty, industry, and the community and recruits and retains underrepresented students and faculty.

A generous gift from the Todd Family Foundation funded the first endowed faculty fellowship at the Research Institute, providing \$10,000 annually and supporting scholarly work for UVU faculty and student scholars. This amazing gift also supports the creation of the new convening space that will support collaborations as the Research Institute grows.

Both the endowed fellowship and seminar room are named after Dr. Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill, emerita professor of psychology and the legacy she continues to grow as a builder of women.

The Research Institute at the Women's Success Center will be used to bring women from academics, industry, and the community together so they may all elevate and support one another and build a stronger culture and better Utah.

[Read more](#)



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EVENTS**  

UWHEN Fall Social

September 16, 2021

12 - 1 p.m.

Location: UVU Main Campus - Sorensen Student Center Grand Ballroom

Networking Reloaded: Reconnecting in a Post-COVID Workplace.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Women's Leadership Institute (WLI)

Political Development Series

September 16, 2021

The Women's Leadership Institute offers a one-of-a-kind, nonpartisan political candidate training program for women in Utah.

[Political Development Series Details](#)

YWCA Luncheon

September 24, 2021

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: The Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City

LeaderLuncheon is YWCA Utah's signature event, garnering over 1,000 attendees from companies, nonprofits, philanthropic organizations, and individuals in our community. Each year, we honor five women in our community who have had immense impacts and success in their respective fields through the Outstanding Achievement Awards.

[Register Here for YWCA Luncheon](#)

VentureCapital.org
WeROC 2021

September 24, 2021

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: The Grand America in Salt Lake City

WeROC is a conference designed to provide actionable insights, success stories, and tools for female leaders seeking investment capital.

[Register Here for WeROC](#)

UWLP (USU) - A Fireside Chat with Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson on Women and Leadership

October 1, 2021

12 - 1:15 p.m.

Location: Online or USU Brigham City Campus

Join us for an engaging fireside chat between Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson and Dr. Susan Madsen on women and leadership.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

UWHEN - Fall Women's Leadership Speaker Luncheon

October 5, 2021

12 - 1 p.m.

Location: UVU Main Campus - Sorensen Student Center Grand Ballroom

The Fall Women's Leadership Speaker Luncheon for 2021 will feature keynote speaker, Justice Paige Petersen.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

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