

## Nominate a Co-Worker Student Affairs Hero Award: Community Builder

Do you know someone who has built or strengthened our community? Over the past seven months, we have navigated COVID-19, witnessed racial injustice and protests in response, earthquake with aftershocks and a powerful windstorm. Student Affairs heroes show up during these times. They offer support, listen and help navigate next steps. They persist and bring out the best in others. We want to recognize these heroes who are the fabric of our community. **Four individual heroes will be selected and will receive \$250\***

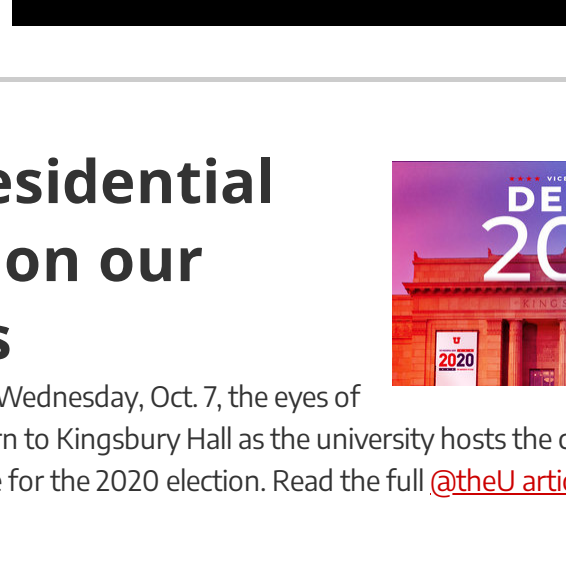
**Nominations are due by October 9th.** Submit your nominations below.

*\*Please note correction to amount in previous announcement.*

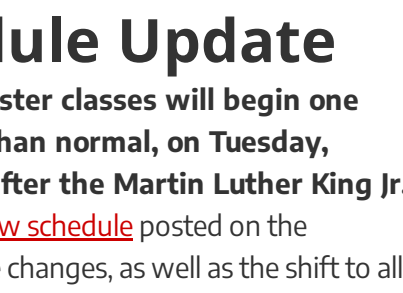
[SA Hero Nomination](#)

## Circuit Breaker: Keep Going!

The Circuit Breaker continues through October 11th to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Whether your role requires you to be on campus during this time or working at a distance, please keep up those good practices to keep our community safe.



## Vice Presidential Debate on our Campus



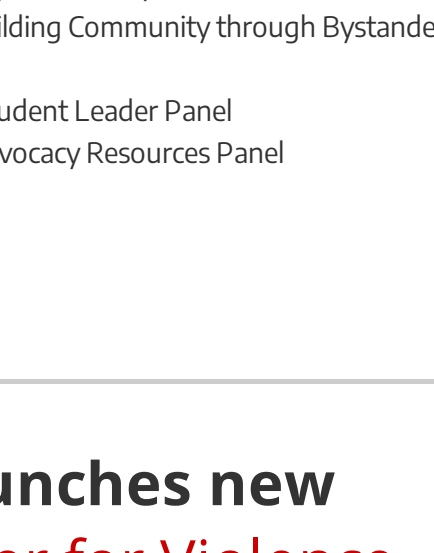
On the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 7, the eyes of the country will turn to Kingsbury Hall as the university hosts the country's only vice presidential debate for the 2020 election. Read the full [@theU article](#).



## Spring Semester Schedule Update

**Spring semester classes will begin one week later than normal, on Tuesday, January 19, after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.** A [new schedule](#) posted on the [University Registrar's](#) website this week details the changes, as well as the shift to all-online education during the first two weeks of March as a planned "circuit breaker" to slow the spread of COVID-19. The online instruction break will last from March 1 to March 14. Spring break, originally slated for March 8 – 15, will be eliminated, to reduce the risk of travel-related infection spread and to allow the semester to end on time. Read the full announcement in [@TheU](#).

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Prevention Month

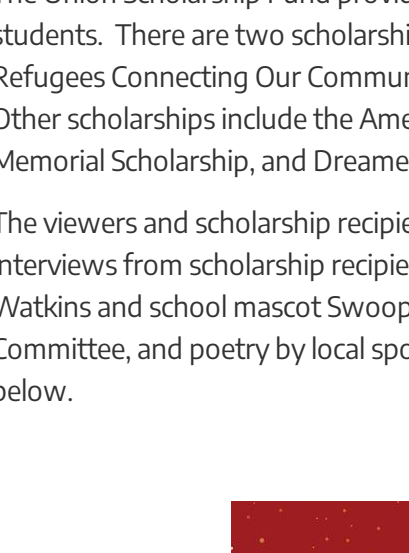


The [Center for Student Wellness](#) has been hard at work developing resources for our campus community. They have created a one-stop shop that you can access [here](#). They are offering the following workshops:

- October 1 @ 1:00PM MST | DVAM Kickoff Information Session
- October 14 @ 4:30PM MST | Healthy Relationships Workshop
- October 15 @ 4:30PM MST | Check on U-Tah: Building Community through Bystander Intervention
- October 22 @ 11:30AM MST | Harm Reduction Student Leader Panel
- October 29 @ 11:30AM MST | Victim-Survivor Advocacy Resources Panel

Register for these events [here](#).

Read their full article featured in [@theU here](#).



## U launches new Center for Violence Prevention

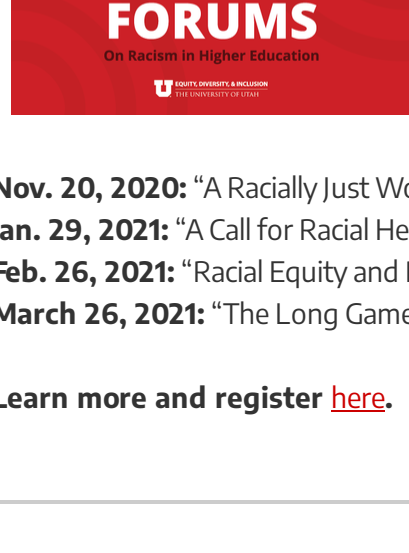
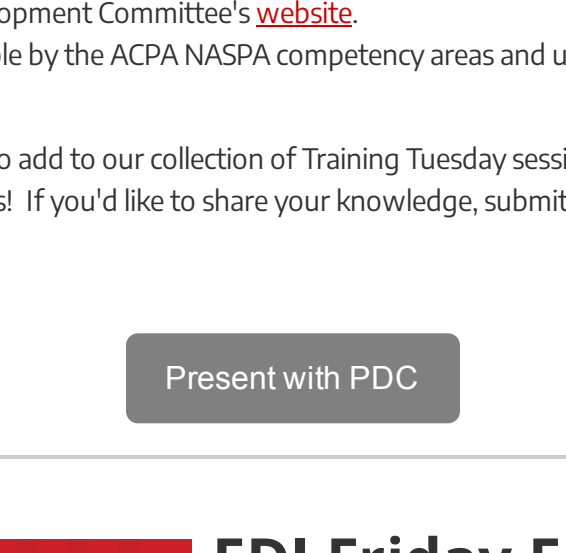
The University of Utah has launched a new center focused on primary prevention of relationship and sexual violence on college campuses. The inaugural director of the center is Chris Linder, an associate professor of educational leadership and policy in the College of Education and special assistant to President Ruth Watkins on violence prevention and education. **Read the full article in [@theU](#).**

## Union Scholarship Celebration

On Thursday, September 17th, the Union Scholarship Celebration Committee hosted their annual Union Scholarship Celebration from 7pm-8pm, albeit virtually. The Union Scholarship Fund (USF) provides private scholarships for student leaders, need-based students, and private scholarships for students' ineligible for public scholarships. Over the past ten years, the USF has awarded over \$470,000 to University of Utah students during the annual Union Scholarship Celebration. This year, scholarships were awarded to more than 50 recipients totaling \$220,000.

The Union Scholarship Fund provides many scholarships to support underrepresented students. There are two scholarships specifically for refugee students, such as the Refugees Connecting Our Community Scholarship and the New American Scholarship. Other scholarships include the American Indian Resource Center, Maria Isabel Reyes Memorial Scholarship, and Dreamers Connecting our Community Scholarship.

The viewers and scholarship recipients alike, watched the celebration consisting of interviews from scholarship recipients, surprise guest appearances by President Ruth Watkins and school mascot Swoop, speakers from the Union Scholarship Celebration Committee, and poetry by local spoken word artist. You can see the full celebration below.



## SADC Racial Justice and Decolonization Weekly Open Dialogue Series

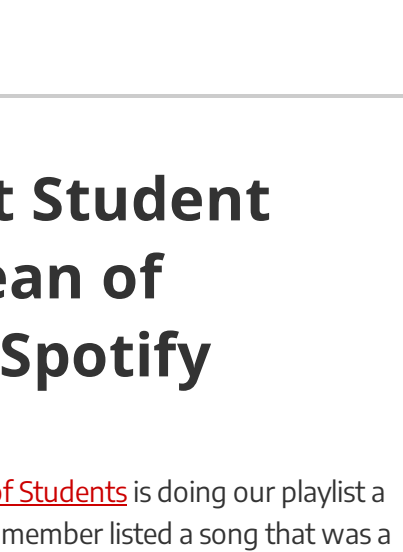
Every Thursday, [Student Affairs Diversity Committee](#) facilitates a virtual dialogue series around social justice,

decolonization, racial justice, and praxis. If you are not able to make it, please still sign up to gain access to the readings. **You can join the conversation without having attended a previous session.** Each week focuses on different reading materials to provide leading research and scholarship; tools for personal, professional, and career development; and innovative praxis opportunities for Student Affairs that will actively inform and reshape higher education. A separate invitation to join Canvas for a list of the reading materials and a link to join the series will be sent with your registration.

**Next Session: October 8th at 1 pm**

[Racial Justice & Decolonization Dialogue Registration](#)

## Professional Development on Demand

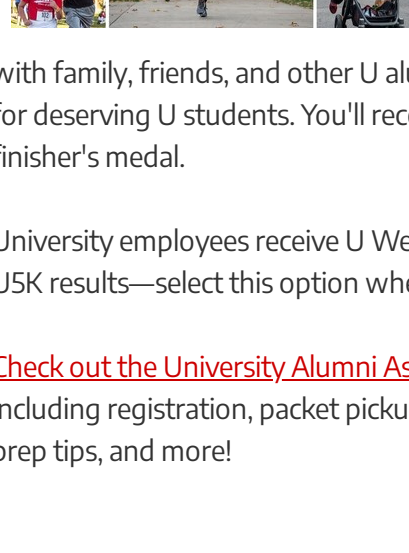


You can enhance your professional skills through a cultivated collection of free trainings on the Professional Development Committee's [website](#).

These are searchable by the ACPA NASPA competency areas and updated bimonthly. Find these [here](#).

We also continue to add to our collection of Training Tuesday sessions, offered by your amazing colleagues! If you'd like to share your knowledge, submit an application to present!

[Present with PDC](#)



## EDI Friday Forums schedule

On Racism in Higher Education

**Oct. 23, 2020:** "Establishing Anti-Racist Policy & Strategy"

**Nov. 20, 2020:** "A Racially Just Workplace"

**Jan. 29, 2021:** "A Call for Racial Healing"

**Feb. 26, 2021:** "Racial Equity and Philanthropy"

**March 26, 2021:** "The Long Game: Deepening the Work"

**Learn more and register [here](#).**

## A Generative Approach to Latinx Student Leadership Development

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

LIVE 2:00-3:30 PM

- Registration will close at 4:30 PM Central Time the day before the webinar. Space is limited and may fill before this date.
- Registrants will receive an email with the Zoom link the morning of the session.
- All registrants will receive a recording approximately one week after the webinar.
- Email [ncorewebinars@ou.edu](mailto:ncorewebinars@ou.edu) for assistance.
- Live captions and sign language provided.
- Find out more and register [here](#).



## Homecoming 2020 Virtual Scholarship U5K

Enjoy your favorite socially-distanced walk or run with family, friends, and other U alums—while supporting our scholarship program for deserving U students. You'll receive a packet including a USK 2020 bib, shirt, and finisher's medal.

University employees receive U Wellness credit when you participate and submit your USK results—select this option when you register.

[Check out the University Alumni Association's website for exciting event details](#) including registration, packet pickup instructions, suggestions for creating a route, 5K prep tips, and more!

## Weekly COVID-19 Updates from University of Utah Health

Dr. Michael Good, Senior Vice President of University of Utah Health, provided his weekly update on COVID-19 on September 29th. You can watch it here:



## Stay Up-to-Date

[Coronavirus.utah.edu](https://coronavirus.utah.edu)

General Campus Questions Hotline

801-213-2874

Health and Testing Hotline

801-587-0712

## Something on Your Mind?

[Tell us](#)

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