



## All Staff Meeting

Join us for our next Student Affairs All Staff meeting with Vice President Lori McDonald on **November 5th at 11 am**. Zoom link will be sent after registration.

[Register here](#)

## Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

In recognition of **Indigenous Peoples Day** on **Oct. 12** and Native American Heritage Month in November, the University of Utah is formally launching its Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. The U operates on the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute and Ute Tribes, and Utah is home to eight distinct tribal nations. A short and a long version of the land acknowledgement have been developed.

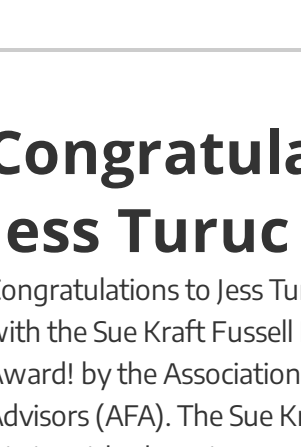
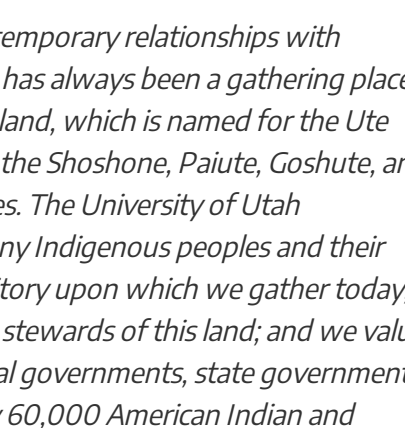
Long version:

*The University of Utah has both historical and contemporary relationships with Indigenous peoples. Given that the Salt Lake Valley has always been a gathering place for Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge that this land, which is named for the Ute Tribe, is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes and is a crossroad for Indigenous peoples. The University of Utah recognizes the enduring relationships between many Indigenous peoples and their traditional homelands. We are grateful for the territory upon which we gather today; we respect Utah's Indigenous peoples, the original stewards of this land; and we value the sovereign relationships that exist between tribal governments, state governments, and the federal government. Today, approximately 60,000 American Indian and Alaskan Native peoples live in Utah. As a state institution, the University of Utah is committed to serving Native communities throughout Utah in partnership with Native Nations and our Urban Indian communities through research, education, and community outreach activities.*

Short version:

*We acknowledge that this land, which is named for the Ute Tribe, is the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes. The University of Utah recognizes and respects the enduring relationship that exists between many Indigenous peoples and their traditional homelands. We respect the sovereign relationship between tribes, states, and the federal government, and we affirm the University of Utah's commitment to a partnership with Native Nations and Urban Indian communities through research, education, and community outreach activities.*

Before using the land acknowledgement, take time some time to study and reflect, as participants in your programs where you share it may have questions. Learn more about the development process [in @theU](#).

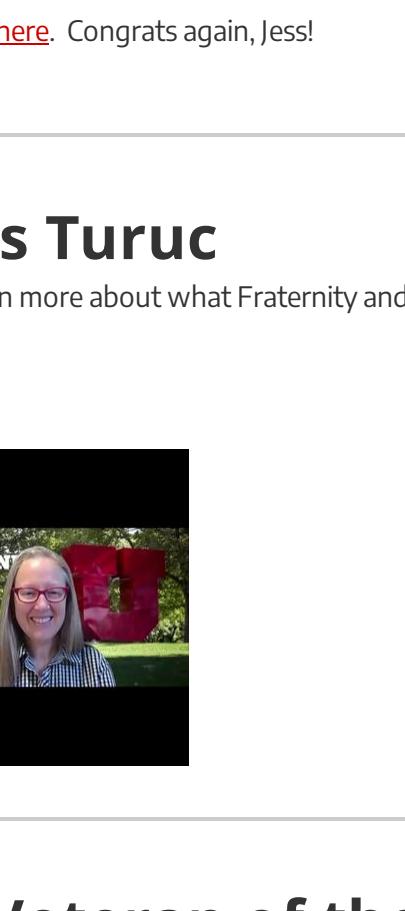


## Special Thanks to the VP Debate Volunteers

Thank you to all of the Student Affairs staff who helped make the Vice Presidential debate such a success! We are grateful for the long hours and care you put into representing the University of Utah for this important national event.

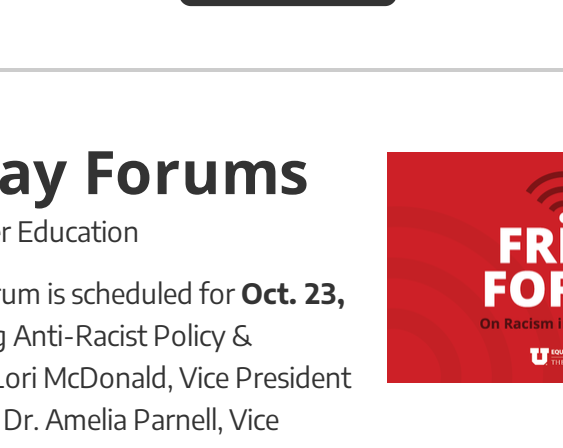
## Congratulations to Jess Turuc

Congratulations to Jess Turuc, who was honored with the Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award! by the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA). The Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service awards are presented to no more than five members of the Association each year. As a volunteer with AFA, Jess currently serves as a program facilitator for First 90 Days. At the University of Utah, she has been key in building a coalition with other PAC-12 fraternity and sorority professionals. She has launched several fundraising campaigns including a sophomore leadership retreat, full sponsorship of Centennial SongFest performance and creation of an endowed scholarship for council officers. You can read more [here](#). Congrats again, Jess!



## Catching up with Jess Turuc

Lori McDonald had a conversation with Jess to learn more about what Fraternity and Sorority life is focusing on right now.



## Student Veteran of the Year Nominations

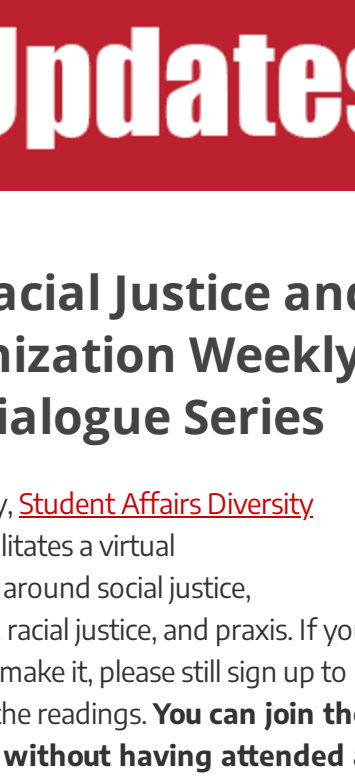
The **Veterans Support Center** (VSC) is currently accepting nominations for the Student Veteran of the Year (SVOY). The SVOY award is presented annually by VSC to a U.S. Armed Forces service member or veteran enrolled at the university. The award recognizes academic achievement, community/campus service, and military accomplishments. Based on achievements in these areas, the awardee is selected by a committee of peers (Student Veterans at Utah association), with significant emphasis placed on service to the university and/or community. The honor consists of a \$500 scholarship, an engraved medallion, and the SVOY's name engraved on a plaque displayed in the VSC. Nominations are accepted from peers, faculty, and staff and should clearly explain in detail why the nominee's academic achievement, contributions to the community/university, and military service are deserving of this recognition. **Nominations are due by 11:59 p.m. on October 30, 2020.** [See the nomination form for details.](#)

## Financial Wellness Center Workshop: Creating a College Financial Plan

October 20, 12-1 pm

Get a financial aid checklist, learn how to seek and receive scholarships, get information about important deadlines and FAFSA information, and plan for the future. Ann established the FWC in 2011, and is an accredited financial counselor.

[Register here](#)



## EDI Friday Forums

On Racism in Higher Education

The next Friday Forum is scheduled for **Oct. 23, 2020: "Establishing Anti-Racist Policy & Strategy"** with Dr. Lori McDonald, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Amelia Parnell, Vice President for Research and Policy, NASPA and Dr. Eugene Anderson, Vice President for External Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, APLU. Breakout sessions will follow the forum. **Learn more and register [here](#).**



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## Finding Community: Affinity Groups

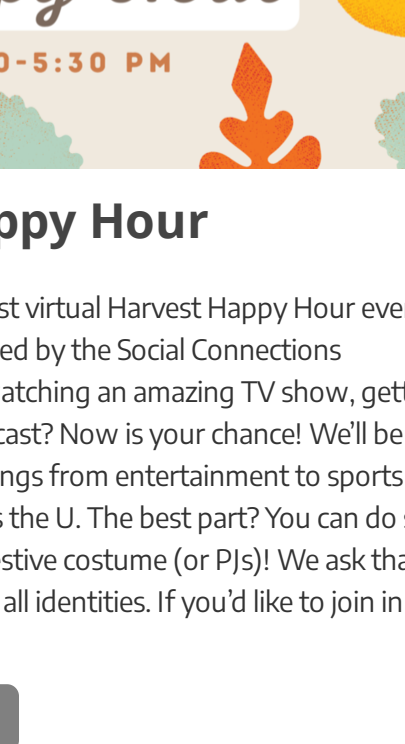
Health Equity and inclusion is leading an initiative to create affinity groups for underrepresented faculty and staff at the U.

These affinity groups will center the voices of those that have been historically marginalized, placing them in leadership within in the group, listening to their expertise, and supporting them in their pursuit for social justice.

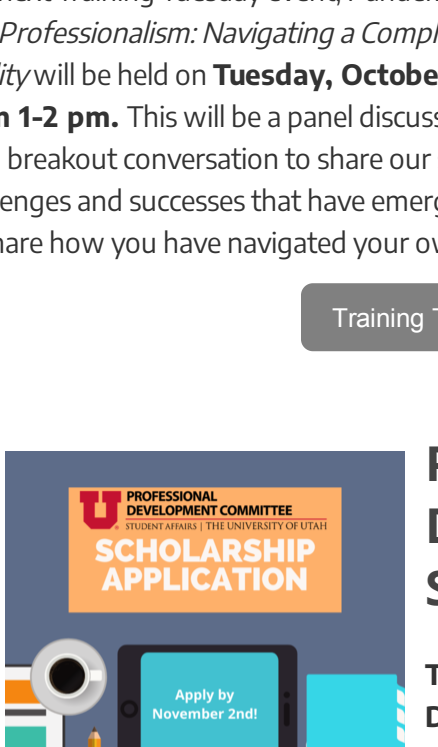
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will work with the Associate Vice President for Health Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion will work together to provide a platform for faculty and staff to advocate for voices of color and other marginalized folks.

If you are interested in being a part of starting these groups on campus, [please fill out this short survey](#).

**You can find more information on the groups on the Health Equity, Diversity & Inclusion [website](#).**



# Student Affairs Committee Updates



## 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 22nd at 1 pm**

[Racial Justice & Decolonization Dialogue Registration](#)



## Staff Wellness Committee

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Getting the flu vaccine every year is the best way to prevent infection with influenza, a virus that can cause many of the same symptoms as COVID-19, including fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and even death. Flu vaccines are available right now. Particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, it's even more important to be vaccinated against the flu to help prevent influenza, avoid a mistaken diagnosis of COVID-19 and preserve healthcare resources.

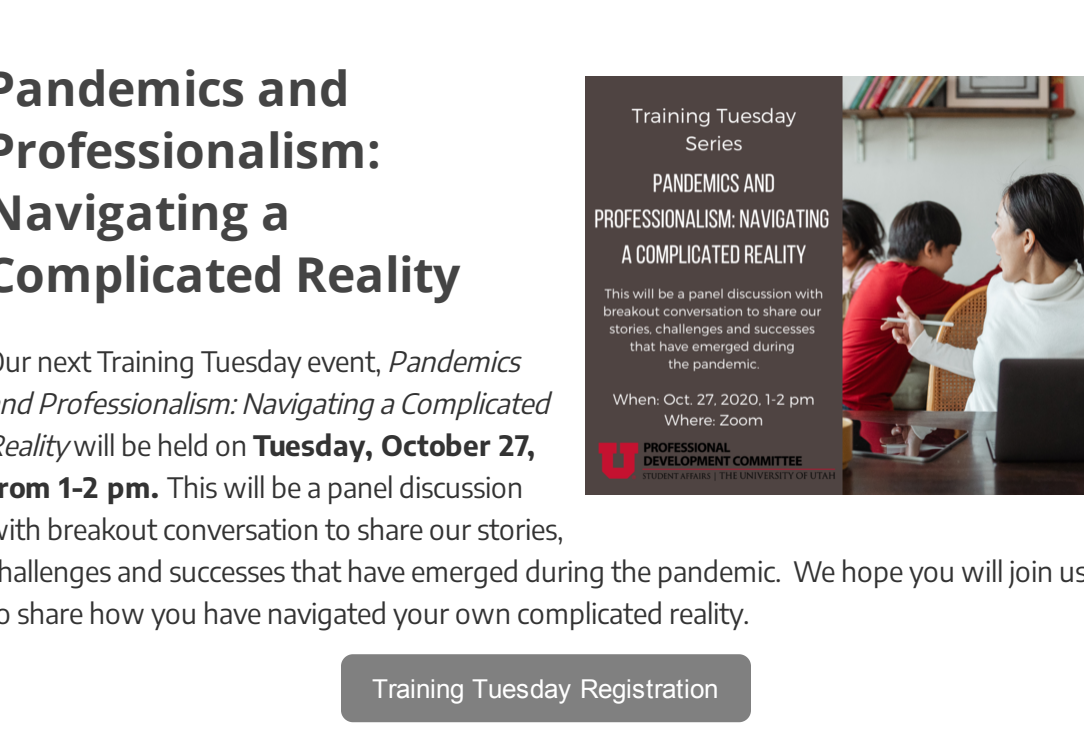


**Red Med is providing flu shots to all employees by appointment, including student employees.** The link to schedule an appointment is: <https://www.hr.utah.edu/RedMed/>. You can also find flu shots at CVS, Walgreens, Walmart and Smiths Pharmacies.



## Social Connections Committee

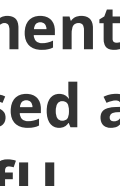
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## Student Affairs Harvest Happy Hour

Join Student Affairs pros from across campus in the first virtual Harvest Happy Hour event on **Thursday, Oct. 29, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**, hosted by the Social Connections Committee! Have you recently found yourself binge watching an amazing TV show, getting lost in a new book, or wanting to share a favorite podcast? Now is your chance! We'll be holding breakout groups, talking about a variety of things from entertainment to sports to politics, to mix and mingle with colleagues from across the U. The best part? You can do so from the comfort of your home and in your favorite festive costume (or PJs)! We ask that if you come in costume, it is appropriate and inclusive of all identities. If you'd like to join in the fun, please **RSVP by October 22**.

[Register here](#)



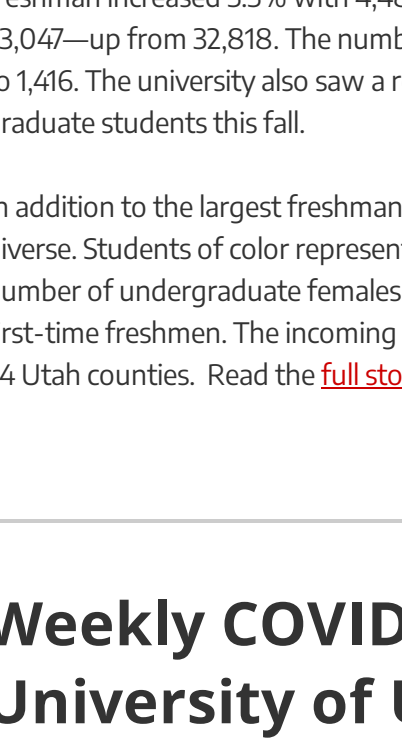
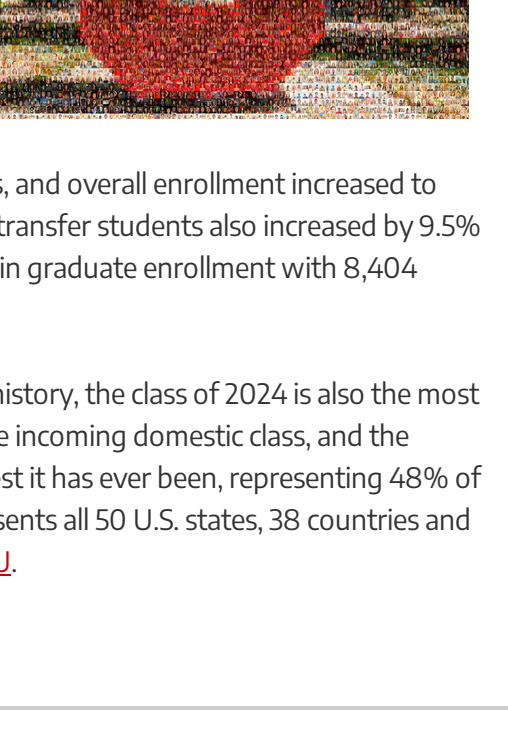
## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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## Pandemics and Professionalism: Navigating a Complicated Reality

Our next Training Tuesday event, *Pandemics and Professionalism: Navigating a Complicated Reality* will be held on **Tuesday, October 27, from 1-2 pm**. This will be a panel discussion with breakout conversations that have emerged during the pandemic. We hope you will join us to share how you have navigated your own complicated reality.

[Training Tuesday Registration](#)



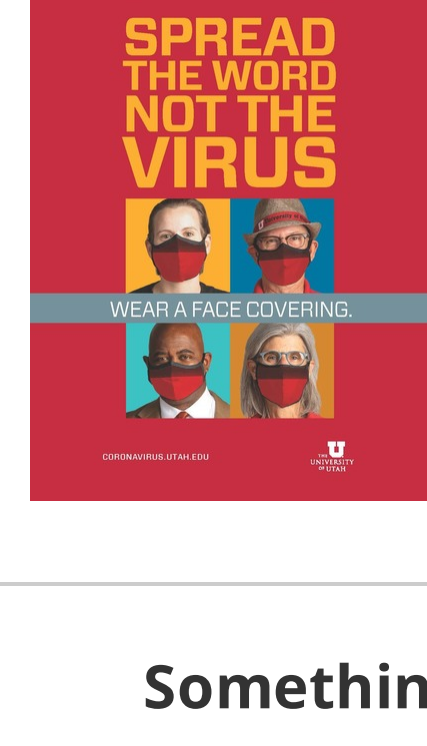
## Professional Development Scholarship

The **Student Affairs Professional Development Committee (PDC)** is accepting applications for the **Professional Development Scholarship**. This scholarship award is open to all Student Affairs permanent full-time staff, excluding directors and AVPs.

Funding will be awarded for professional development opportunities occurring anytime during the 2020-21 fiscal year to four applicants, to cover registration for a professional development opportunity, up to \$500. Two awards will be made to staff who are furthering their development and/or contributing to professional development in diversity, equity and inclusion. Please have a conversation with your director prior to applying as they will be prompted to approve your application. Learn more here and apply below!

**Application Deadline: November 2, 2020**

[Scholarship Application](#)



## COVID-19 Resources

[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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