

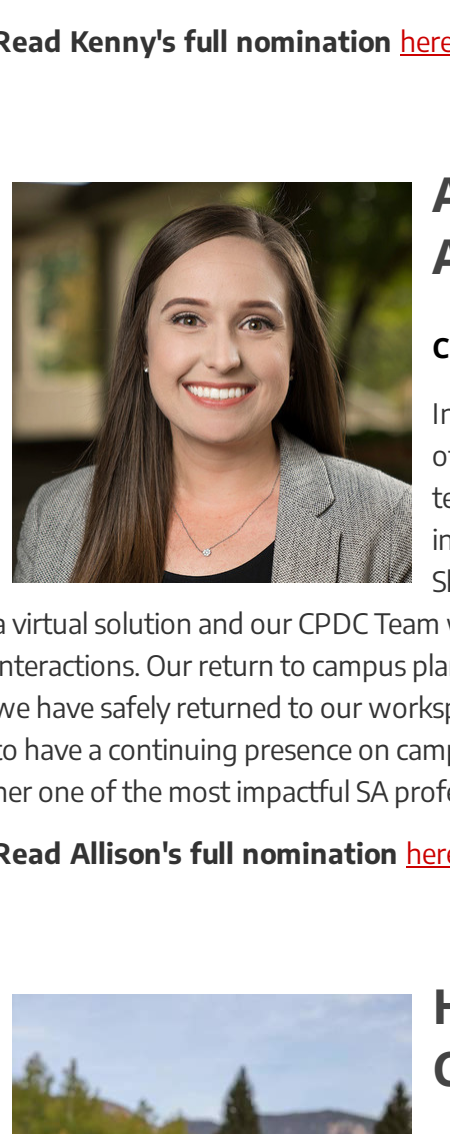
## All Staff Meeting is next week!

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](#)

## Student Affairs Staff Heros!

We are pleased to announce the Student Affairs Staff Heros who were selected from your nominations.



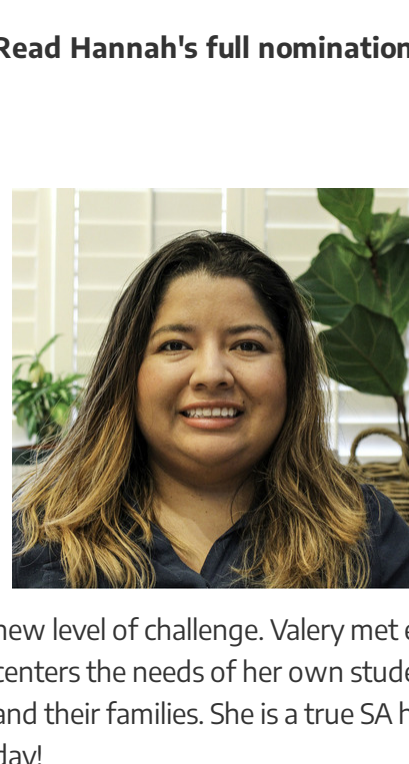
### Kenny Quintanilla, Upward Bound Coordinator

#### TRIO

Since the pandemic, Kenny has served the office in a capacity that can only be described as beyond exceptional. I dare say that were it not for Kenny, the office would have come very close to falling apart. With the pandemic, we experienced a great many challenges, including the movement to online programming in both programs, the coordination of two summer programs that were to be conducted in hybrid format, and a

scheduled move from the Annex to our current location in the student union, all the while maintaining the basic office duties on campus, and took on responsibilities while we worked to fill open positions.

Read Kenny's full nomination [here](#).

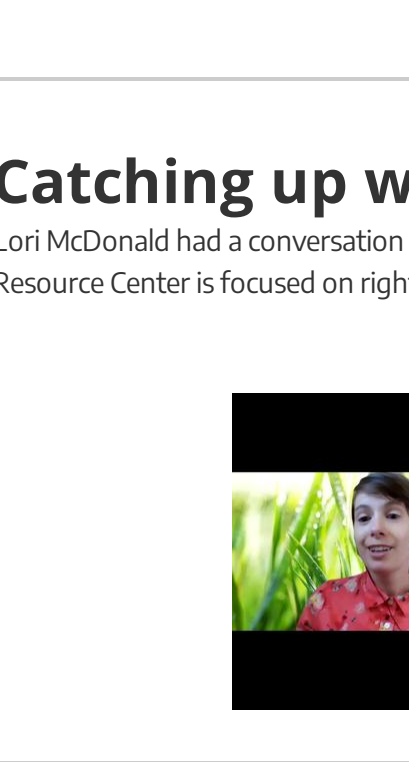


### Allison Musser, Associate Director

#### Career & Professional Development Center

In March when COVID-19 hit, and many SA offices were struggling to find solutions for their teams to meet virtually, she offered her expertise in setting our MS Teams to other offices and SA. She had anticipated that we would need to have a virtual solution and our CPDC Team was well prepared for the virtual interactions. Our return to campus plan was put in place with Allison's leadership and we have safely returned to our workspace with the precautions that were necessary to have a continuing presence on campus for students. Her positive attitude has made her one of the most impactful SA professionals I have worked with over the years.

Read Allison's full nomination [here](#).



### Hannah Krcmar, Early Childhood Lead Teacher

#### Child Care & Family Resources

When Covid-19 shut down our state in March, Hannah worked diligently to ensure our children still had the best care possible. She transitioned through many classrooms while our enrollment had shrunk and we had to change our set-up. She remained flexible and consistent for her class. Hannah has worked with our frontline workers' and their children through the entire pandemic. She always shows up with the best attitude and

works hard to keep her class fun and safe. Her patience is unending for the children in her class. I have never met someone who cares so deeply for the children in her class.

Read Hannah's full nomination [here](#).



### Valery Pozo, Assistant Director

#### Housing & Residential Education

If HRE are pivot-pros, then Valery is our fearless leader. Planning Move-in Day is no small task. Throw in opening our largest residence hall to date along with a global pandemic and mandatory COVID-19 testing and we have hit a

new level of challenge. Valery met each new challenge with expertise and care. She centers the needs of her own student desk team as well as the needs of our residents and their families. She is a true SA hero today amongst COVID-19, move-in, and every day!

Read Valery's full nomination [here](#).

Congratulations to all who were nominated: Abby Feenstra, (SLI), Allison Hughes (CRS), Asma Hassan (BCC), Austin Ulugalu (HRE), Biko Fisher, (HRE), Claudia Reyes (UCC), Elizabeth Duszak (AER), Esther Okang (SLI), Heidi Wilson (HRE), Marissa Questerit (SLI), Mary Arola (CCPDC), Michelle Chan (SLI), Roberto Martinez, (UCC), Sarah Kovalesky (CPDC) and Shelby Hearn (LGBT RC).

## Catching up with Clare Lemke

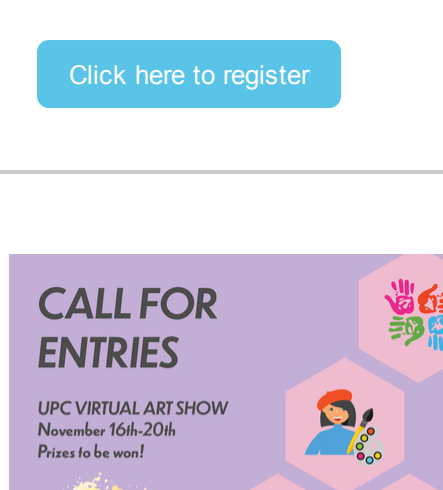
Lori McDonald had a conversation with Clare to find out more about what our LGBT Resource Center is focused on right now.



## 8 mental health tips to cope with the election

Election Day is Nov. 3 and is sure to be an emotional day for many. No matter if your candidates win or lose, there are a few things to remember to maintain good mental health. We sat down (virtually) with staff clinical social worker Christina Kelly LeClyuse at the University Counseling Center for her advice on coping after the election.

Read the full @theU article [here](#).



## #CheckOnYourUCrew: Post-Election Support

Don't forget to #CheckOnYourUCrew this election season. Many departments across campus will be hosting events offering support, encouraging civility and providing tips for stress management and coping skills in the days and weeks following the Nov. 3, 2020 election.

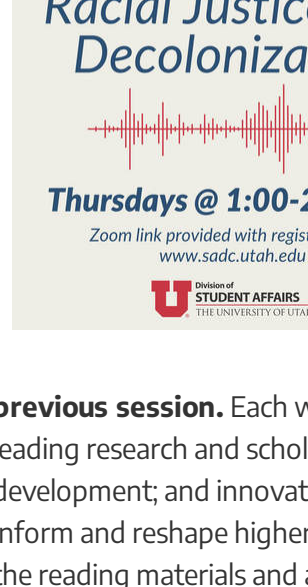
For the full article and more information on events and programming related to the election visit [@theU](#).

## Stay Safe this Halloween

Halloween is right around the corner and is another opportunity for the U community to lead when it comes to COVID-19 protections. Cases have continued to rise since Labor Day and we all need to do our part.



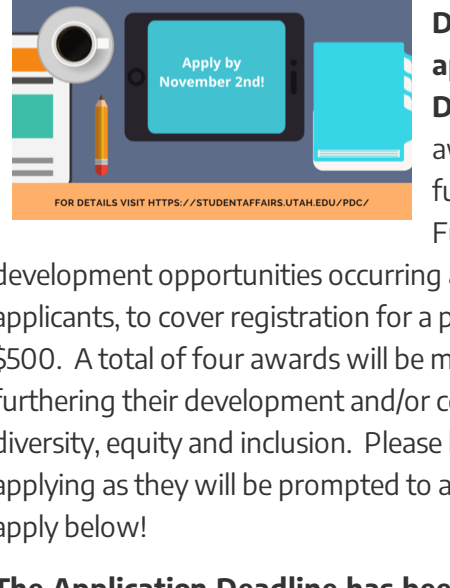
Read the full article with all the tips and tricks to stay safe this Halloween in [@theU](#).



## 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.](#)



## Community Conversation: Post-Election Exhale

Wednesday, Nov 4th, 12-1:30 pm

The purpose of this community conversation is to listen, be heard, and take time for reflection. Registration is required.

Sponsored by the American Indian Resource Center, Bennion Center, Black Cultural Center and Peace & Conflict Studies and facilitated by

Franci Taylor, Dean McGovern, David Parker, David Derezotes, ad Holly Johnson

[Click here to register](#)

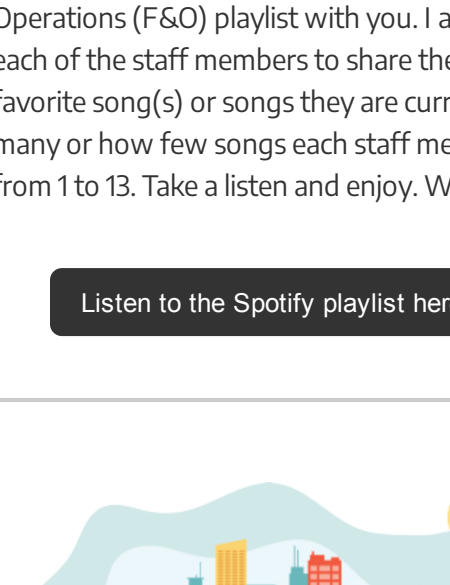
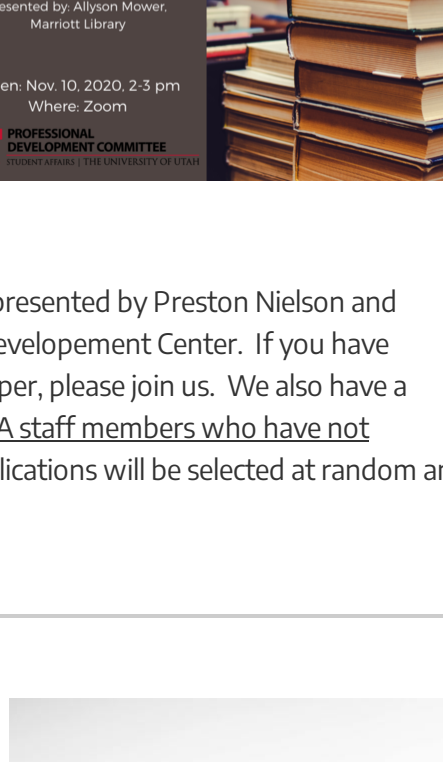
## UPC Virtual Art Show

### Call for Entries

The Arts & Special Events board of the Union Programming Council wants to give students, staff and faculty the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents in a virtual art show.

**Submission are due November 8th.**

Learn more and submit your art [here](#).



## Center for Student Wellness

### hosts Wellness Fair 2020 Virtually

The year 2020 unleashed a pandemic, unfurled natural disasters, and reignited the movement for racial and social justice. Each of these events has highlighted the importance

of health, wellness, safety, and equity for all and asks us to reconsider how we take care of ourselves in order to take care of one another. To do this, it is important to consider what wellness means beyond the bounds of whiteness.

Join us online and tune into our faculty/staff dialogue about the Fair's theme, Wellness Beyond Whiteness with panelists Kyle Ethelbah (TRIO), Franci Taylor (AIRC), Roberto Martinez (UCC), Meligha Garfield (BCC), and Dr. Annie Fukushima (Ethnic Studies). You can register to join us on **Thursday, November 12 at 12:00-1:30 pm** [here](#).

## Student Affairs Committee Updates



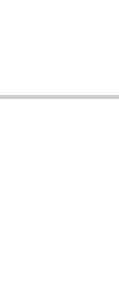
### Social Connections Committee

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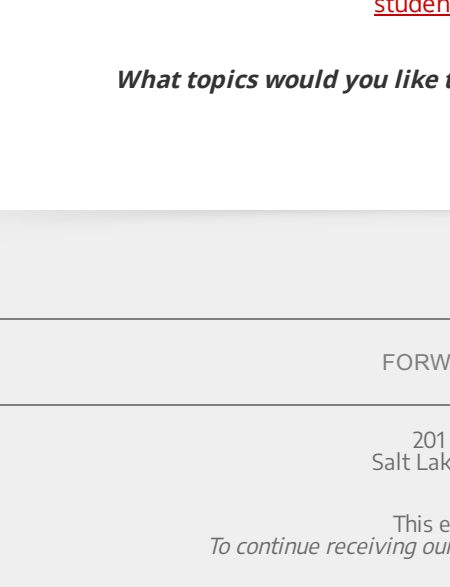
If you would like to lead a social connection activity for staff in the Division of Student Affairs, please fill out the form below and we'll reach out for more info! Examples could include a paint-along night, virtual trivia nights, crafts, how-to groups, book clubs, hikes, and more! The Social Connections Committee will do all the logistical work, we just need your talents to share! Please contact [Apri Pavelka](#) with any questions or for more information. Thank you!

[Volunteer to host!](#)



### Student Affairs Diversity Committee

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## 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: November 5th at 1 pm**

[Racial Justice & Decolonization Dialogue Registration](#)



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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## Apply for the PDC 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. A total of four awards will be made. 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!

**The Application Deadline has been extended to November 9, 2020**

[Scholarship Application](#)

## Upcoming Training Tuesdays

**November 10, 2-3 pm**

*Books to Socially Distance With* presented by Allyson Mower, Marriott Library. Come talk with a librarian about good books and ideas on community-building, leadership in times of change, and renewing one's self in the midst of uncertainty. [Register here](#).

**November 24** - CliftonStrengths assessment presented by Preston Nielson and Megan Randall from Career and Professional Development Center. If you have completed the assessment and want to dig deeper, please join us. We also have a scholarship for 10 Student Affairs full-time or GA staff members who have not completed the assessment. Apply [here](#). Ten applications will be selected at random and must be submitted by November 10, 2020.



## Finance & Operations Spotify Playlist

We are happy to share the Finance and Operations (F&O) playlist with you. I asked each of the staff members to share their favorite song(s) or songs they are currently listening to. There were no limits on how many or how few songs each staff member could submit so the submitted songs vary from 1 to 13. Take a listen and enjoy. We hope you find a new songs among this list.

[Listen to the Spotify playlist here](#)



## NASPA Western Regional Conference

Scheduled for November 10-13

The registration fee for this virtual event has been reduced to \$50. Visit the [NASPA website](#) for more information and to

register.

## 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 October 27th. You can watch it [here](#):



## 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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