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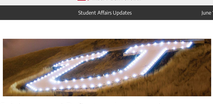

Celebrate and Reflect on Juneteenth

Dear students, faculty, and staff,

On the eve of this year's Juneteenth, we reflect on the significance of June 19, 1865—a day now commemorated as a federal holiday to mark the end of slavery in the United States. As leaders of the University of Utah, we echo the call to use this new national holiday as a day of reflection and action.

While we recognize this important national legislation as a critical step in our country's work to come to terms with our history of racism, we acknowledge there is still significant work to be done. Our efforts to dismantle systemic racism require ongoing attention and a firm commitment to fostering this work on our campus.

Toward that end, the university fully endorses the Utah System of Higher Education's Juneteenth resolution that calls for higher education to continue in its commitments and actions to advance equity, justice and accountability. You can read the full USHE resolution here.

As we reflect on Juneteenth, we ask you to take the time to learn about the ongoing work of our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion team, as well as what Juneteenth means to members of our campus community. Both of those resources are available here:

- A Call to Action
- Honoring Juneteenth 2021

We look forward to celebrating and commemorating this important day in the years ahead with programming and events that mark the significance of this event. We encourage everyone at all levels of the university to do the same.

Sincerely,
Michael Good | Interim President
Dan Reed | Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mary Ann Villarreal | Vice President for Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion
Lori McDonald | Vice President for Student Affairs
Jeff Herring | Chief Human Resources Officer

View Statement

Campus Recreation Director Announcement

John MacDonald has accepted the role of Director of Campus Recreation Services at the University of Utah. John brings with him over sixteen years of campus recreation experience and an additional ten years of outdoor recreation and business experience.

John has taken on additional roles during his time in higher education, including serving as chair of the campus health planning group around COVID 19 at Akron University the past year. John and his wife, Marsita, will be moving here from Akron, Ohio the middle of August.

All Staff Meeting Schedule

The Student Affairs All Staff Meeting is scheduled for **July 1, 2021, at 11 am**. Please make sure to register below. We look forward to seeing you!

Save the date for our August staff meeting: **August 5th, 11 am**

Register for July here

Returning to the Office - IT Tips

Transitioning from home to office or having a hybrid environment requires preparation to ensure the process goes smoothly. Network Support has compiled a checklist that can help prepare you for the return to office work.

1. **Updates** - The desktop you are using may have been turned off for some time and will run through several updates once turned back on. Be patient and expect a few restarts to allow for the system to come up to code with security standards. It may even help to start updates a day before you plan to work in office.
2. **Laptop as a desktop** - Your docking station is already set up; you just need to plug the laptop in to access the local network. Do not use the VPN when plugged into your docking station; you will get a local network by being connected to the dock.
3. **Laptop updates before docking** - For laptops that you log on to with your domain (SA) account, you will want to ensure that you connect to the SA VPN to get all needed updates.
4. **Passwords** - To best accommodate the remote use, the password expiration policy was suspended. Beginning in July, this policy will be reinstated. The best option for all would be to reset your (SA) password after you log into your computer.
5. **Storage** - Many have used different means to store data over the past year. Work as a department to define where data is stored and clean up unused items that might be floating around in different areas or are duplicates.
6. **Clean up off domain machines** - If you have been using a departmental laptop that is not joined to the (SA) domain, it would be best to contact helpdesk@sa.utah.edu to schedule a time that the machines can be cleaned and updated to the latest standard.

Download the list with additional details here.

Change Navigator Award

Is there someone on your team, whom you think of as a change navigator? Maybe you've been on campus during the entire pandemic or are just preparing to return. As all of us figure out the new normal, is there someone you turn to who helps you navigate these changes? Is there a person who is always the first to figure out how to get the work done? To help others feel brave in making change? Let's celebrate these change navigators in our midst. Submit a nomination for an exceptional Student Affairs Change Navigator here. Four will be selected, celebrated in Student Affairs updates and given $500.00.

Nominations are due July 2nd!

Submit Nomination

Update on Presidential Search

The presidential search committee has met to review applications. The committee was able to narrow down the pool of impressive candidates to 11 applicants who will be interviewed in the coming weeks. The @theU article details the steps that follow the interview portion.

Construction Near Campus

If you have mainly been telecommuting, give yourself time to get back into the habit of commuting to work. To add a little more challenge, the season of road construction has begun. As you plan your commute to the office, keep in mind the following areas may impact getting to and leaving from campus:

- 900 East to University Street will be reconstructed beginning June 14, 2021, through October 2021
- The intersection of University Street and 100 South will be under construction beginning June 21, 2021
- The North Medical Drive project will create several improvements to the roads and nearby parking options.

Campus Rec Updates

FREE Summer Group Fitness Classes
Campus Recreation Services will now offer all members a free group fitness in-person and live-virtual classes, for the remainder of the summer. If you've already purchased a pass, you will be receiving an email regarding refunds. If you're still interested in our on-demand classes, we will be offering access for only $20. A Non-Member Virtual Pass will also still be offered to all U-affiliates for only $40. Check website for more information and the summer class schedule!

Designed for U Program
Our personal trainers are ready to work with you! Create a personalized fitness regimen that suits your needs. We will help you design a 4-week routine based on your needs, available equipment, and preferred workout frequency. Also, you may purchase as many programs as you like! Learn more.

Upcoming Events
6/26 - Stand Up Paddleboard Yoga, 8:30am

Anti-Blackness and Racial Intergroup Dialogue

Intergroup dialogue provides a unique learning opportunity to engage on various identity topics, including race, ethnicity, gender, nationality, class, sexuality, and faith. Selected individuals will participate in a virtually facilitated learning experience led by Dr. Shametrice Davis for two hours a week spanning four months. The program will emphasize anti-black racism and how it is connected to larger understandings of racism and the role each of us plays in a system like higher education. Dialoguing across these differences allows participants to explore ways to build coalitions and alliances, increase empathy for others' experiences, and explore communalities in goals for equity.

Application: https://utahsa.azf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvfhvNhmhOPfTNs

Deadline to apply is June 23, 2021.

More Details Here

Vaccine Opportunities

Through a campus-wide collaboration spearheaded by Public Health, there are two upcoming vaccine opportunities:

June 29, 10 AM - 2 PM, football practice facility
July 27, 10 AM - 2 PM, football practice facility
Anyone 18 years or older can come; no UNIDs are required. The vaccine is free. If a person/student has insurance, they can bring the information to help nurses, but insurance is not required. There will be ice cream at these events so that people can enjoy it during their 15-minute observation period.

Box Changes

This week, LIT has enabled a new feature on Box for all U of U accounts. The new feature is called Box Collection, which allows users to create and name private collections of content and manage and organize files and folders in a customized and meaningful way.

If you would like to enable this new function, you may request your account be moved to the new UI before the university-wide rollout by opening a ticket with the LIT Help Desk at 801-581-4000, option 1, or helpdesk@utah.edu.

Learn More

Something on Your Mind?

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COVID-19 Resources

Coronavirus.utah.edu
General Campus Questions Hotline
801-213-2874
Health and Testing Hotline
801-587-0712

Vice President for Student Affairs
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