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Student Affairs Updates

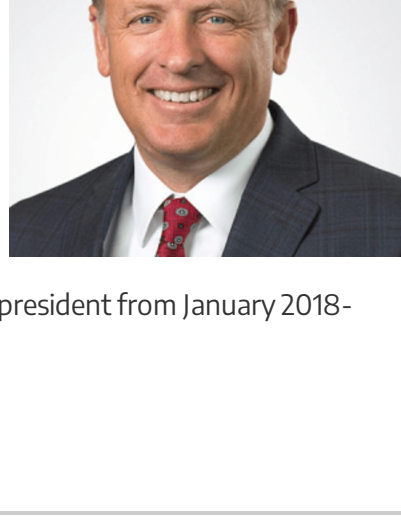
August 06, 2021

## Taylor R. Randall named as 17th University of Utah president

The Utah Board of Higher Education selected Taylor R. Randall, Ph.D., as the 17th president of the University of Utah today, following an extensive national search.

Randall will assume the role on Monday, Aug. 9, 2021. He succeeds Ruth V. Watkins, who served as president from January 2018-January 2021.

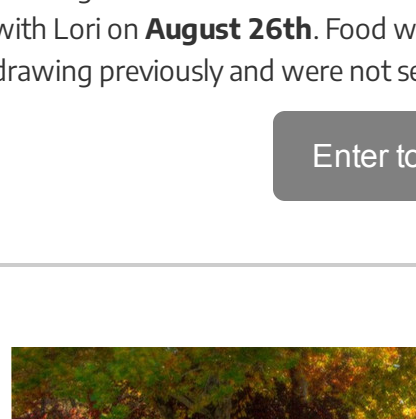
Read the full announcement in [@TheU here](#).



## August All-Staff Meeting

If you couldn't join VP McDonald for the all-staff meeting, she shared about upcoming events and welcomed Dr. Mark Pfitzer and Stuart Moffatt, where they shared about COVID-19 updates and measures to implement for campus safety.

[Watch the August All-Staff Meeting](#)



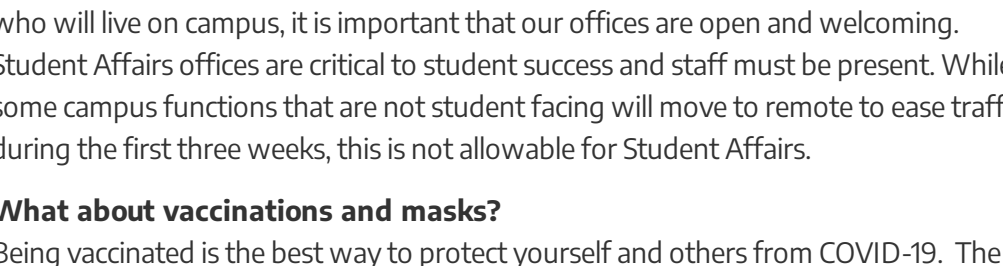
## WIN LUNCH WITH VP LORI McDONALD

Enter the drawing below

### Lunch with Lori

Want to meet with the Vice President to share your perspective and learn more about her insights? Five staff members will be randomly selected for an **in-person** lunch with Lori on **August 26th**. Food will be provided by Chartwells. If you entered the drawing previously and were not selected, we hope you'll enter again!

[Enter to Win Lunch with Lori](#)



## Getting ready for fall. . .what are the expectations?

### We are here for students!

Student Affairs is here for students. As we welcome a record number of students to our campus this fall, (and in many ways have two entering classes--first year students and students who were fully remote during their first year), as well as more students who will live on campus, it is important that our offices are open and welcoming. Student Affairs offices are critical to student success and staff must be present. While some campus functions that are not student facing will move to remote to ease traffic during the first three weeks, this is not allowable for Student Affairs.

### What about vaccinations and masks?

Being vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. The CDC has recommended that masks be worn indoors and as affirmed by our senior leaders, the University of Utah is a mask friendly campus ([Message from Interim President Good](#)). Legislation has been passed that we cannot require masking nor can we "provide a different educational experience or service based on vaccination status." (See [Utah Code 53B-2-112](#)) While we can encourage and answer questions about where and how to get vaccinated, asking questions about vaccination for how we deliver services is not allowed.

### What about testing?

Asymptomatic testing at no cost to employees and their dependents and is available in both the Union and Officers' Club. You may [learn more and sign up here](#).

Remember, the most up to date place to find information about COVID-19 for our campus is at [coronavirus.utah.edu](#).

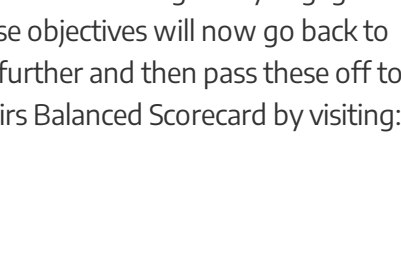
This is a different year for all of us...including our students. As we learn how to live with COVID-19 in our midst, let's not lose focus on why we are here. Our students are starting or continuing a very important chapter in their lives and our vision is to "help students find their passion, people and purpose."

## Back-to-school Town Hall

Tune in on Tuesday, **August 10, 2021**, from **1:30 - 2:15 pm** for a back-to-school. During the town hall campus leaders will address COVID-19 updates, leadership asks to help stop the spread of the virus, and answers to commonly asked questions from students, faculty, and staff regarding the in-person campus experience we expect this fall.

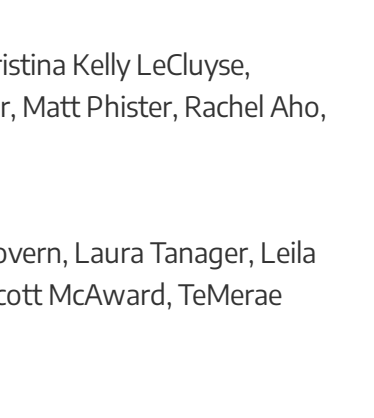
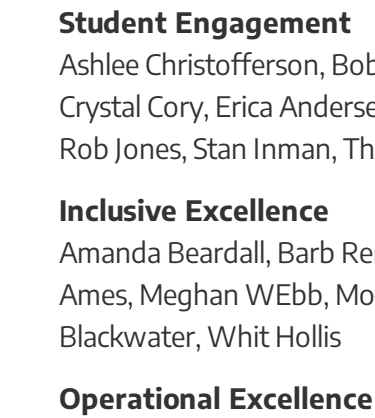
Watch at [utah.edu/live](#).

[More Information Here](#)



## Student Affairs Balanced Scorecard Update

Over the past week, four different strategic theme teams met to develop objectives for (1) Student support and advocacy, (2) Student engagement, (3) Inclusive excellence and (4) Operational excellence. The colleagues who participated in each of these theme teams spent eight hours of their day, discussing, debating and synthesizing perspectives. Thank you to these staff members who were thoughtfully engaged to represent Student Affairs. What comes next? These objectives will now go back to the strategy team, who will synthesize these ideas further and then pass these off to the next team. Learn more about the Student Affairs Balanced Scorecard by visiting: [studentaffairs.utah.edu/scorecard](#).



## Big thank you to those on the theme teams:

### Student Support and Advocacy

Brian Burton, Brooke Shell, Holli Anderson, Kiki Levine, Kristy Bartley, Lauren Weitzman, Luis Lopez, Mahalia Lotz, Paul Morgan, Penina McMoore, Shauna Lower, Todd Justesen, Whitney Hills

### Student Engagement

Ashlee Christofferson, Bobbijo Kanter, Brittany Badger, Christina Kelly LeCluyse, Crystal Cory, Erica Andersen, Greg Reinhardt, Jenni Schreiner, Matt Phister, Rachel Aho, Rob Jones, Stan Inman, Thea Evans, Ulysses Tonga'onevai

### Inclusive Excellence

Amanda Beardall, Barb Rensburg, Clare Lemke, Dean McGovern, Laura Tanager, Leila Ames, Meghan Webb, Montelleo Hobley, Natalie Wilson, Scott McAward, TeMerae Blackwater, Whit Hollis

### Operational Excellence

Branden Dalley, Charisse Hales, Cheri Jenkins, Chris Green, Chuck Weaver, Duane Padilla, Jeanne Huelskamp, Jess Turuc, Jessica Ashcraft, Kara Hinson, Mark Pfitzner, Michelle Chan, Mike Marcovecchio, Perry Hacker



## Farewell to Barb Remsburg

It is with sadness and excitement that we announce that Barb Rensburg, Executive Director of Housing & Residential Education, will be leaving the University of Utah. Barb will assume the Director of Community Learning Programs at Ohio University.

Barb has been instrumental in growing HRE from under 2,000 students living on campus to over 4,000. Thanks to her vision the University of Utah's Housing program is nationally recognized for both the programs offered and the leadership team Barb has put together year after year. Barb's leadership at the U as well as in her national organizations has helped mold the face of Housing communities across the nation.

Barb has transformed the University community by leading the way to create a residential university. Her commitment to students of all backgrounds and abilities has helped students find their place at the U. The U is a stronger, better place because she and Mateo made it their home. She leaves an amazing legacy and will be greatly missed.

Please congratulate Barb on her new adventure! Her last day with the U will be August 13, 2021.

# Student Affairs Committee Updates

**Student Affairs Diversity Committee**  
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*Join us!*

**Positively impact equity, diversity,  
and inclusion in Student Affairs.**

*If you are interested in joining the  
Student Affairs Diversity Committee contact*  
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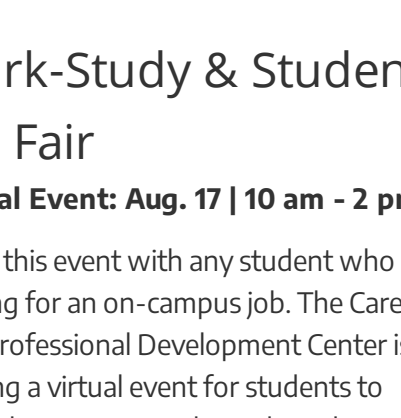
## Join the Student Affairs Diversity Committee

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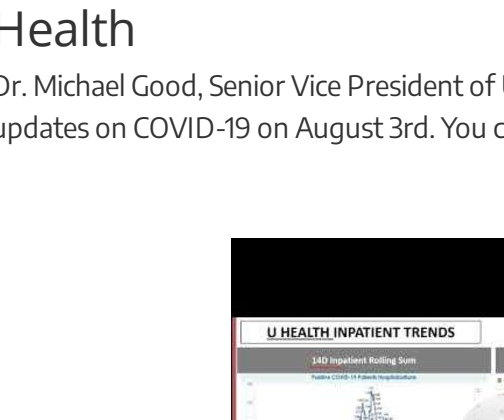
If you are interested in joining the Student Affairs Diversity Committee contact [Bryan Hubain](#) or [Branden Dalley](#).

## Alternative Breaks Staff/Faculty Partners Needed

The Bennion Center's Alternative Breaks program seeks staff/faculty to support student leadership by facilitating a week-long justice- and travel-based community engagement experience during fall or spring break. Read more about the details [here](#).



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## Work-Study & Student Job Fair

**Virtual Event: Aug. 17 | 10 am - 2 pm**

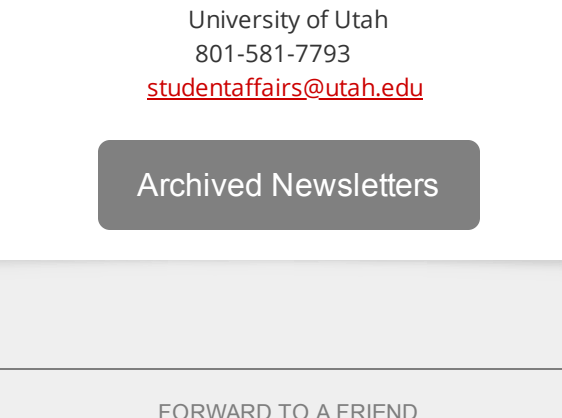
Share this event with any student who is looking for an on-campus job. The Career and Professional Development Center is hosting a virtual event for students to learn about great work-study and

student jobs.

[More Information Here](#)

## COVID-19 Updates from University of Utah Health

Dr. Michael Good, Senior Vice President of University of Utah Health, shares his updates on COVID-19 on August 3rd. You can watch it here:



## 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**

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