



Student Affairs 2021 in Review

This year has been filled with great accomplishments, exciting change and fun events. Below are a few notable happenings from Student Affairs.

- [Art heals: The Jingle Dress Project](#) - The Jingle Dress Project originated from artist Eugene Tapahe's dream to unite the beauty of the land and the healing power of the jingle dance.
- [Balanced scorecard](#) - The BSC is SA's strategic planning process that will help us clearly communicate and track our vision, mission and strategy for supporting students. Work has been happening across SA to implement it in a meaningful way. This work will continue in 2022.
- [Community Engaged Learning Benefits](#) - The Bennion Center, located in the heart of campus, offers multiple ways for students to engage in direct community service, experiential learning and leadership opportunities. This innovative form of learning-by-doing is called Community Engaged Learning (CEL).
- [Extended hours for student support](#) - Student support offices in Student Affairs have expanded office hours and continue to offer remote services to meet students' needs.
- [Queer at the intersections \(Pride Week\)](#) - The U celebrated and honored LGBTQIA+ histories, cultures and lives with daily events during Pride Week in March. The event allowed us all to examine how LGBTQIA+ people lead in many industries and cultural arenas, as well as learn about important issues impacting our communities.
- [Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2021](#) - Awareness initiatives took place in April to give the campus community an opportunity to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.



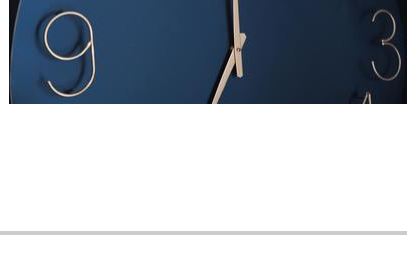
Congratulations to our graduates!

- **Des Sandoval**, Assistant Director of Communication, Housing & Residential Education, Masters, Professional Communication, Southern Utah University
- **Kelly Mai**, Lead Building Manager, Union, Bachelors, Kinesiology, University of Utah
- **Oswaldo Rios-Cano**, Office Assistant, TRIO, Bachelors, University of Utah
- **Urna Enkhbaatar**, Bennion Center, Masters, Finance, University of Utah



Winter Celebration Drop-ins

Join us on **Jan. 6 from 2-4 p.m.** for the Winter Celebration Drop-in to receive a gift, talk with the leadership team and colleagues and enjoy some refreshments. The event will be at the Union, East Ballroom.



All-staff Meeting

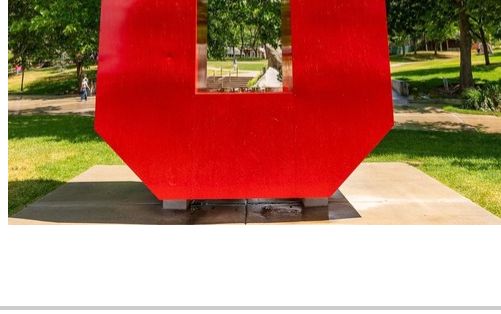
The Student Affairs All-Staff Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6, 2022, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Please make sure to register below. We look forward to seeing you!

[Register for January Here](#)

Winter break days added for employees

The U has added two days of paid leave to support staff during December 2021. Dec. 28 and 29 have been named as Winter Break leave days.

[More Information Here](#)



Kronos service outage and impacts

For more information on impacts related to the Kronos service outage, click [here](#).

Farewell Jason Sills

Jason Sills, Director of Assessment and Analytics, has accepted an offer at Shutterfly to lead its BorrowLenses.com business unit. While we are excited for him, we are sad to lose such an important leader. Jason shows passion for improving student lives by better understanding the barriers that stand in their way. Jason has worked closely with those throughout Student Affairs on a variety of projects—most notably he has guided the Balanced Scorecard process.

This project is critical to the future of Student Affairs and forms the foundation for our path forward. We are incredibly grateful for his commitment to the process and ensuring it reflects the vision of Student Affairs leadership and is truly owned by all of us.

Please join us in wishing him well at a reception on Dec. 21 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., in the Union Den.

HAPPY TRAILS!

join us for Jason's farewell party

DECEMBER 21, AT 11:00AM

Union Den



New Interim Director, Jake Lemon

Jake Lemon has been serving in the Associate Director role with the Office of Assessment and Analytics since August 2021. Starting on Dec. 23, he will serve as the interim director of Assessment and Analytics.

Jake is a recent graduate of the Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education (HALE) Ph.D. program at Michigan State University. He also received his master's

degree in Student Affairs Administration from Michigan State University in 2012 and worked in the field of student affairs in several areas prior to attending his doctoral program. While a doctoral student, Jake served as the project manager for the National Peer Educator Study, which is a large-scale quantitative research project

focused on assessing the learning and development of college peer educators. Jake grew up in Northwest Ohio but lived in Michigan for 10 years prior to arriving in Salt Lake City. In his spare time, Jake enjoys traveling and hiking with his partner Lida, running, reading, and listening to NPR podcasts.

GOING TO THE ROSE BOWL?

If yes, help support the host community by volunteering at the Los Angeles Food Bank!

Friday, December 31st
9:00 to 11:00 am (PST)

Bennioncenter
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Going to the Rose Bowl?

If yes, help support the host community by volunteering at the Los Angeles Food Bank! Spots are limited to 40 volunteers from the U. Our mascot "Swoop," members from the marching bands and our spirit squad will all be there.

The volunteering event will take place on Dec. 31 from 9-11 a.m. PST.

You or anyone you know going to the game can register [here](#).



We will see you next year!
Here's to a wonderful 2022!

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