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Student Affairs Updates

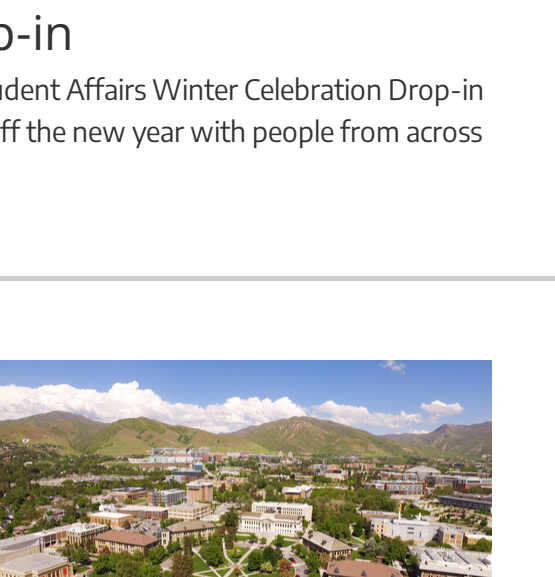
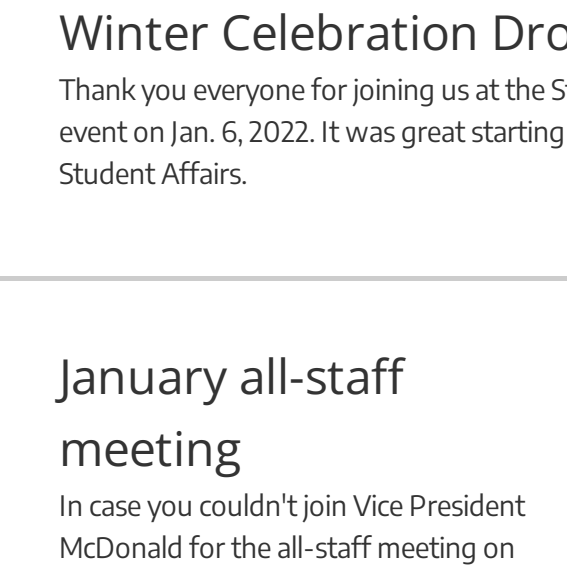
January 7, 2022



Celebrating 2021

Vice President Lori McDonald hosted the Student Affairs Winter Celebration event virtually this year, which featured keynote speaker Alexander Becraft, award presentations, and a thank-you video from students. If you were not able to join, watch the video below.

[Winter Celebration Video](#)



Winter Celebration Drop-in

Thank you everyone for joining us at the Student Affairs Winter Celebration Drop-in event on Jan. 6, 2022. It was great starting off the new year with people from across Student Affairs:

January all-staff meeting

In case you couldn't join Vice President McDonald for the all-staff meeting on Jan. 6, 2022, you can watch the recording below. The agenda included updates on leadership changes, COVID-19

information, MLK Week events, the benefits of having an institutional membership with the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), a review of the university's racism and biased incident response process, and more. Find all of this and more updates and announcements by watching the recording below.

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



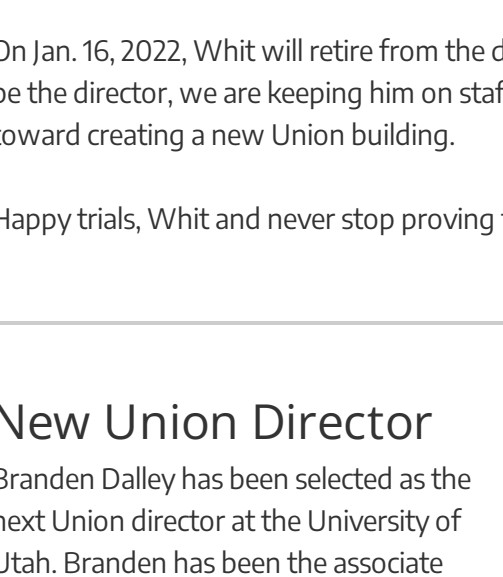
New COVID-19 protocols on campus

COVID-19 is still a threat on campus. The new Omicron variant, while potentially less deadly, is more highly transmissible.

To keep cases manageable and campus operational, we all need to do our part. There are three rules to follow:

- Test weekly for COVID-19, even if asymptomatic
- Get vaccinated against COVID-19 and get a booster when eligible.
- If you test positive, or are unvaccinated and exposed to COVID-19, follow the 5-5-5 rule.

[Read the @theU Article](#)



Farewell Whit Hollis

They said you can't get students on a commuter campus to come back to campus on a Friday night... He proved them wrong.

They said nobody wants a big red U in the middle of campus.... He proved them wrong.

They said you can't shoot off fireworks without getting approval from your supervisor.... He proved them wrong.

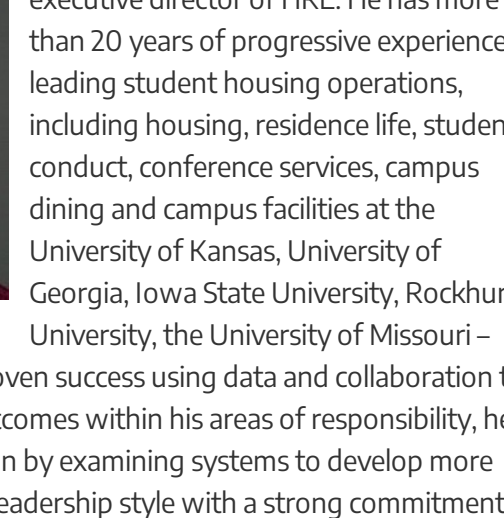
For over 20 years, Whit Hollis has been the director of the Union at the University of Utah. He has ignited the flame of community programming through such exciting events as Crimson Nights; re-created the look, feel and function of the Union building; has created over \$1 million in student scholarships; has helped many students get back on their feet through the Feed U Pantry; and has been a mentor to countless students and staff members at the U. His presence has been felt both on and off campus thanks to his willingness to serve on national, regional and local boards and his contagious personality. He has truly made the Union and the University of Utah a more welcoming place by being a part of this community.

On Jan. 16, 2022, Whit will retire from the director position. Although he will no longer be the director, we are keeping him on staff part-time to consult us as we work toward creating a new Union building.

Happy trials, Whit and never stop proving them wrong!!

New Union Director

Branden Dalley has been selected as the next Union Director at the University of Utah. Branden has been the associate director of the Union since 2006 and has been responsible for managing the retail outlets, overseeing the service desk, recreation center, custodial and setup crews and building managers, as well as leading the fundraising efforts for the Union Scholarship fund. Branden brings with him an incredible amount of knowledge concerning the Union's day-to-day operations as well as a creative spirit of what can be done to continue the importance of the Union on campus and make it and even livelier and accepting place for students.



Branden has a three degrees from the University of Utah: a Ph.D. in education leadership and policy with an emphasis in college finance, a Master's degree in education leadership and policy with a student affairs emphasis and a Bachelor of Arts degree in literature with a minor in psychology.



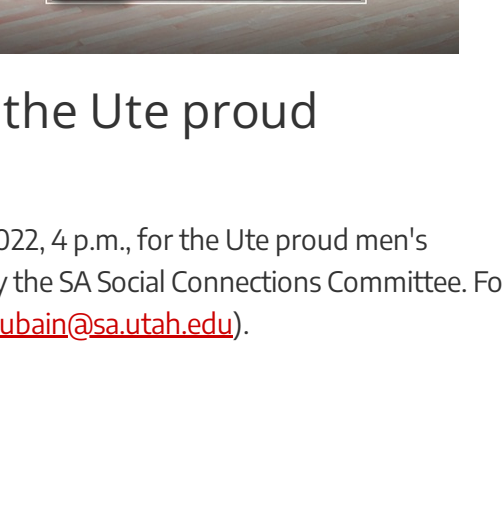
Welcome Sean Grube

Sean Grube is the current director of Housing and Residence Life at Virginia Tech and will join the U in March as the executive director of HRE. He has more than 20 years of progressive experience leading student housing operations, including housing, residence life, student conduct, conference services, campus dining and campus facilities at the University of Kansas, University of Georgia, Iowa State University, Rockhurst University, the University of Missouri – Kansas City and Virginia Tech. Sean has proven success using data and collaboration to encourage change and attain intended outcomes within his areas of responsibility, he has a commitment to diversity and inclusion by examining systems to develop more equitable communities and has an ethical leadership style with a strong commitment to helping students achieve individual success.

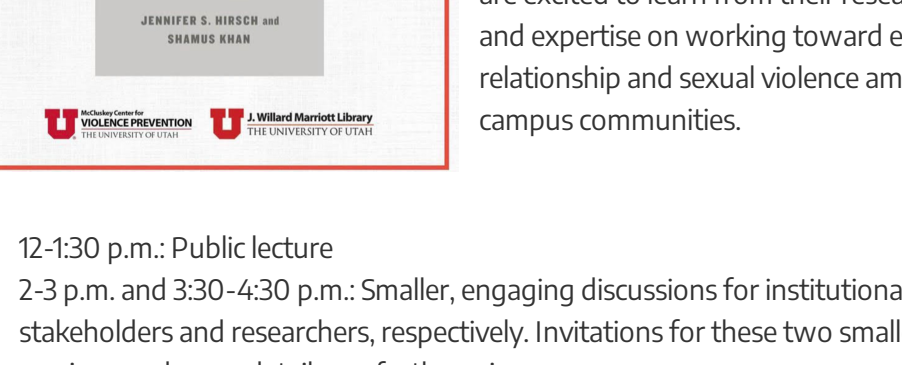
Sean holds a Bachelor of Arts in english from the University of Kansas, a Master of Education in college student affairs administration from the University of Georgia and a Master of Business Administration in management from Rockhurst University. Sean will begin serving the U as the executive director of HRE on March 7, 2022. He looks forward to working with students and staff at the U in the coming months. You can reach him at sagrube@gmail.com.

Welcome Ken Stonebrook

Ken Stonebrook will be joining the Office of the Dean of Students this spring as the associate dean of students. Ken is joining the University of Utah from Salt Lake Community College (SLCC). During his time at SLCC, Ken served in the Title IX coordinator and dean of students and AVP roles. Ken earned his associate's degree from SLCC and continued his studies at the University of Utah, where



he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology and a Juris Doctorate (JD) from the S.J. Quinney College of Law. Prior to entering the higher education field, Ken spent his early professional career as a probation officer working with juveniles/adults involved in the Utah criminal justice system. Ken also worked as a victim advocate for Salt Lake City Police Department, assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for over eight years. When not working with students, Ken loves mountain/road biking, volunteering in the community, and spending time with his wife, two boys and dog exploring the great outdoors.



Join Student Affairs for the Ute proud basketball game

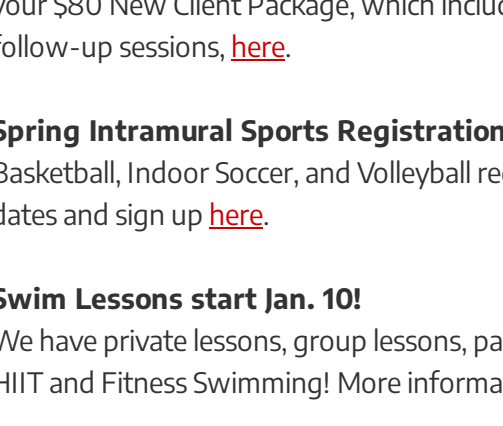
Join Student Affairs this Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, 4 p.m., for the Ute proud men's basketball game. This event is organized by the SA Social Connections Committee. For questions, please contact Bryan Hubain (Hubain@sa.utah.edu).

Utah vs. Washington State
Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at 4 p.m.

Jon M. Huntsman Center

Employees can request up to two tickets

[Sign-up Here](#)



"Sexual Citizens" authors visit

The authors of "Sexual Citizens: A Landmark Study of Sex, Power, and Assault on Campus," Jennifer Hirsch and Shamus Khan, are speaking at the U. We are excited to learn from their research and expertise on working toward ending relationship and sexual violence among campus communities.

- 12-130 p.m.: Public lecture
- 2-3 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Smaller, engaging discussions for institutional stakeholders and researchers, respectively. Invitations for these two smaller sessions and more details are forthcoming.

Find more information [here](#).

Campus Rec Happenings

Join Campus Recreation Services!

We have a special incentive to help you on your way to a NEW U in 22! Join the gym and receive the current month free and a free "Why U Rec" T-Shirt! More information [here](#).

Group Fitness Free Week

Join us for [free fitness classes](#) for all CRS members Monday, Jan. 10 – Sunday, Jan. 16. We have virtual and in-person options to fit your comfort level!

Personal Training Open for New Clients

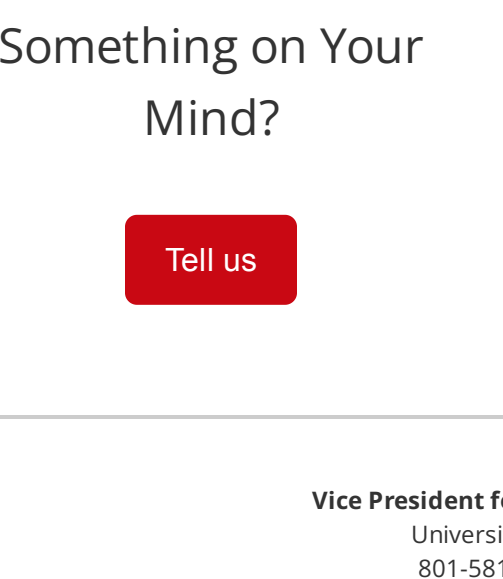
We're now open for new personal training clients! Get a headstart on your New Year's goals with personalized programming from a nationally certified personal trainer. Get your \$80 New Client Package, which includes a full fitness assessment and two follow-up sessions. [here](#).

Spring Intramural Sports Registration

Basketball, Indoor Soccer, and Volleyball registration is now live! Check out league dates and sign up [here](#).

Swim Lessons start Jan. 10!

We have private lessons, group lessons, parent and child, preschool, and even Aqua HIIT and Fitness Swimming! More information [here](#).



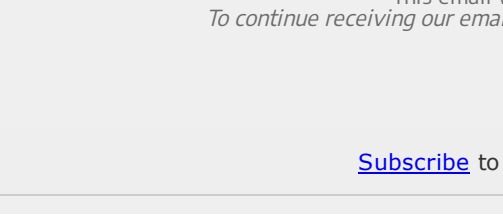
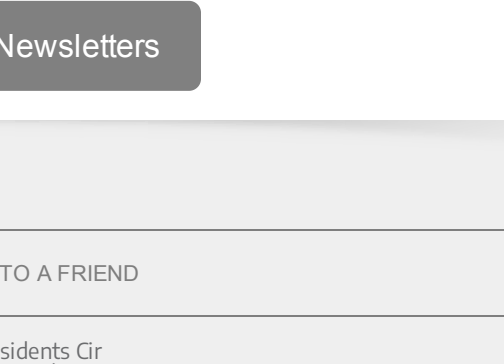
MLK Saturday Service Project

Come together to meet a variety of community needs through a single day of engagement on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are over 500 volunteer spots. Act fast, availability is limited!

[Register now](#)

MLK Week

MLK Week is planned by a volunteer committee of students, faculty, trainees and staff collaborating across the university. Find a list of events happening from Jan. 15-21, 2022, [here](#).



Sexual assault campus climate survey to open January 10, 2022

U students will have the opportunity to voice their experiences about the sexual assault and sexual harassment climate of the University of Utah campus as they

begin the Spring 2022 semester. Surveys will be sent out on Jan. 10. Find more information by reading this [@theU article](#).

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