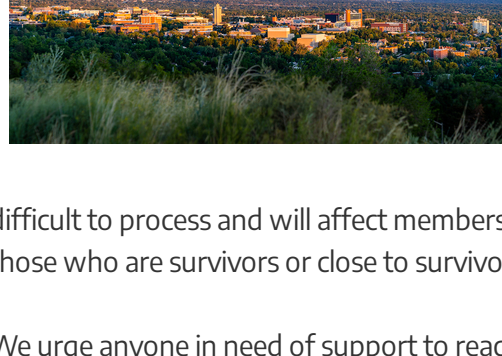


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Student Affairs Updates

February 18, 2022



A loss to our campus community

Last Friday, we received news of the tragic death of one of our own, Zhifan Dong. Zhifan was a first-year undergraduate student from Anyang, Henan, China. We know this news is

difficult to process and will affect members of our campus community—especially those who are survivors or close to survivors of domestic violence.

We urge anyone in need of support to reach out to those around them and university resources for help. The [university's Counseling Center](#) is open to students, and the [Employee Assistance Program](#) provides counseling to employees. The [Utah Domestic Violence Coalition](#) is also a resource—call 1-800-897-LINK (5465). Additional campus resources and information are available at [SafeU.utah.edu](#).

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Founders Day 2022

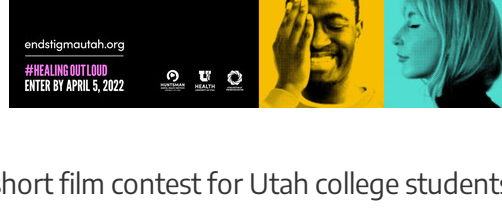
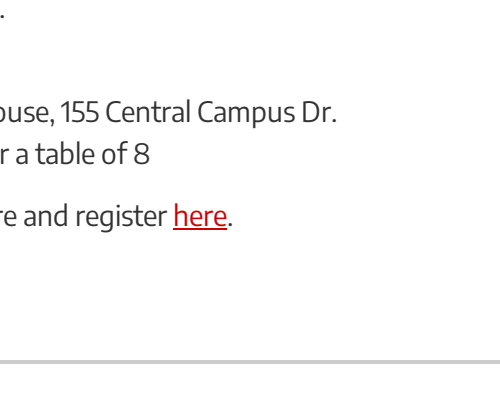
The University of Utah Office of Alumni Relations annually presents its Founders Day Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Awards to alumni for their outstanding professional achievements, public service and/or commitment to the U. Read this [@theU article](#) to learn about the recipients.

When: Wednesday, March 30, at 6 p.m.

Where: Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, 155 Central Campus Dr.

Registration: \$200 per person; \$1,600 for a table of 8

Space is limited—so RSVP now! Learn more and register [here](#).



Help start the mental health conversation

The [Huntsman Mental Health Institute \(HMHI\)](#) and University of Utah Health are joining the [Utah System of Higher Education](#) and the [Utah Film Center](#) to kick off “[Healing Out Loud](#),” a

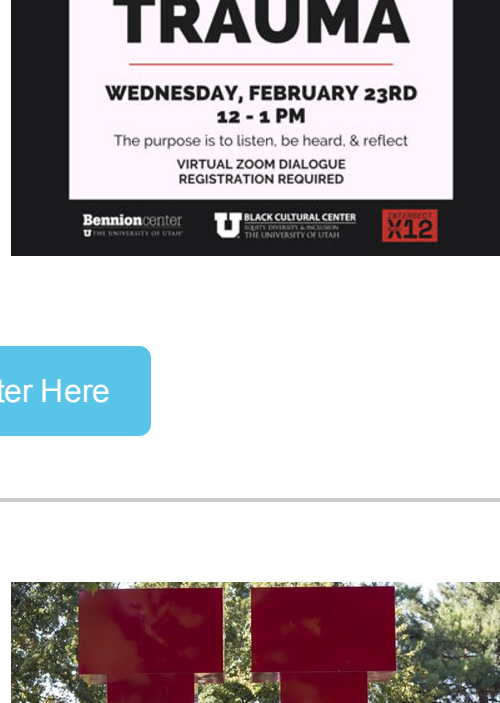
short film contest for Utah college students to encourage open and inclusive conversations about mental health. All Utahns aged 18-24 are eligible to enter the contest by sharing their vision of Healing Out Loud in a video 30 seconds or shorter.

Find more information in this [@theU article](#).

Community Conversation: Reparations, ending intergenerational trauma

Join the Bennion Center's Community Conversation, "Decolonizing the College Campus." Registration is required to attend.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 12-1 p.m.

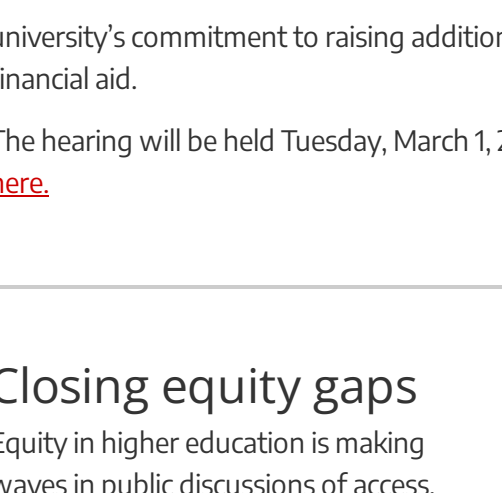
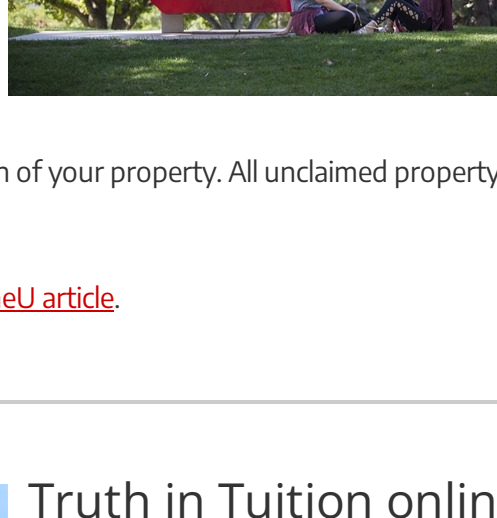


[Register Here](#)

Found property notice

The University of Utah Police Department is advertising a list of found property that is currently being stored at the University of Utah Public Safety building. If you have lost property within the last 90 days, and it matches the description in the link below, please call 801-585-2677 to identify and claim your property. You must show proof of ownership or provide a detailed description of your property. All unclaimed property will be disposed of Monday, Feb. 28, 2022.

More information can be found in this [@theU article](#).



Truth in Tuition online hearing

The University of Utah is proposing increasing tuition by up to 6% for the 2022-23 school year. This increase in tuition will help address lagging staff and faculty salaries which have not kept pace with inflation. The hearing also will include information about the

university's commitment to raising additional funding for scholarships and boosting financial aid.

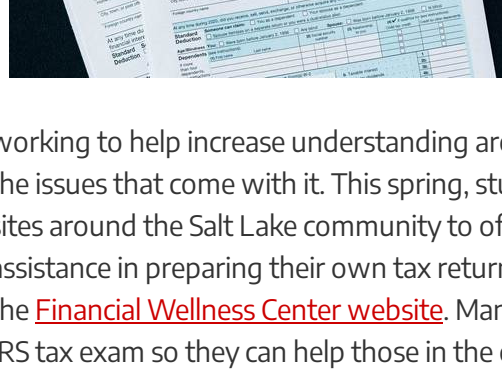
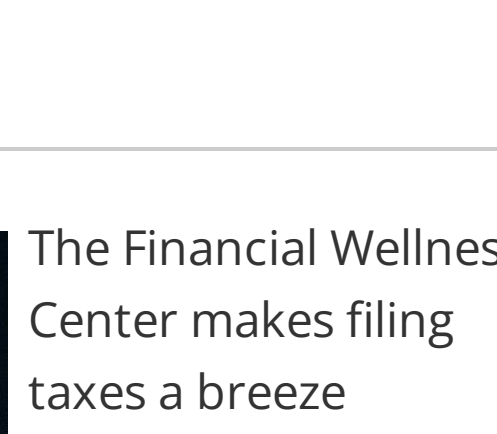
The hearing will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 11 a.m., [register for the webinar here](#).

Closing equity gaps

Equity in higher education is making waves in public discussions of access, achievement and student success. Closing equity gaps will require moving the philosophy of higher education away from elite practices toward equitable practices by examining our institutions beyond diversity and inclusion alone. Closing equity gaps will require us to “critically examine institutional policies, practices and structures through a lens that questions why inequities exist to change the educational environment to support the success of students – especially students who have been historically and continuously marginalized in our educational systems” (McNair, et al., 2020, p. 2). Learn more in this [@theU article](#).

Join EDI on Feb. 25, from 1-3 p.m., to learn more about how to close equity gaps.

Register [here](#) by Feb. 24.



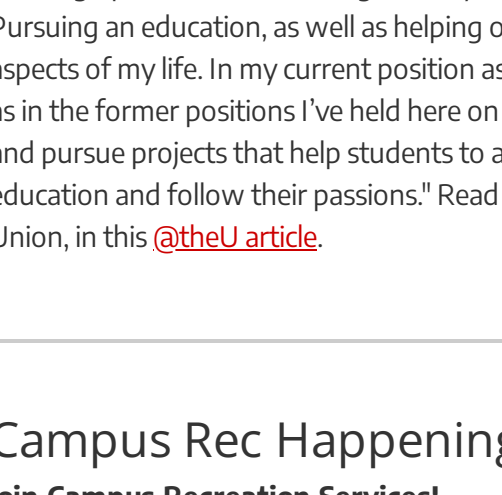
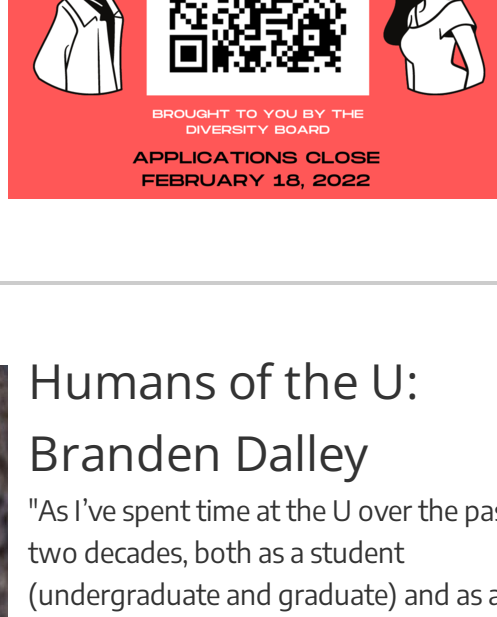
The Financial Wellness Center makes filing taxes a breeze

Tax season is upon us, which can be an intimidating time for many. The university Financial Wellness Center is

working to help increase understanding around tax filing and wants to help you tackle the issues that come with it. This spring, students from the U will be volunteering at sites around the Salt Lake community to offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. There is a link to this program on the [Financial Wellness Center website](#). Many students at the U are studying to take the IRS tax exam so they can help those in the community, including other students at the U, get their taxes done! Find more information on how to prepare for tax season in this [@theU article](#).

CODE workshop applications

The annual Conference on Diverse Excellence (C.O.D.E) is coming up on March 4. It will take place at the Alumni House from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This will be a hybrid event with some in-person and virtual presence. If you have an idea for a workshop and want to present, please fill out the workshop application [here](#).



Humans of the U: Branden Dalley

"As I've spent time at the U over the past two decades, both as a student (undergraduate and graduate) and as an administrator, I have come to realize that higher education is all about a mindset. It completely changes how individuals perceive and interact with the world.

Everything about my own mindset I owe to the pursuit of education and the process of being open-minded, thinking critically and pursuing new ideas and perspectives. Pursuing an education, as well as helping others to do the same, is one of the defining aspects of my life. In my current position as the director of the Student Union, as well as in the former positions I've held here on campus, I've been able to start initiatives and pursue projects that help students to accomplish their goals, overcome barriers to education and follow their passions." Read more about Branden Dalley, director of the Union, in this [@theU article](#).

Campus Rec Happenings

Join Campus Recreation Services!

We have a special incentive to help faculty/staff 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!

Outdoor Intramural Sports

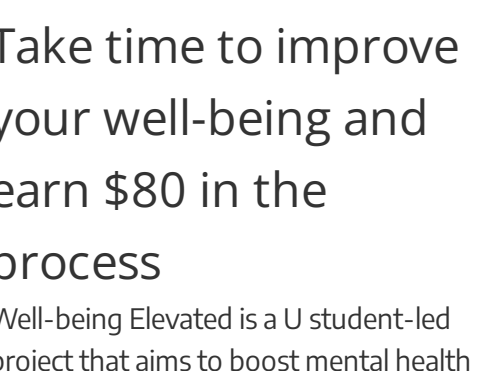
Registration is now open for [IM leagues and tournaments](#) for the second half of the semester! Choose from tennis, flag football, 9v9 soccer, sand volleyball, and ultimate frisbee! Join as a team or a free agent, with lots of different game nights to fit your schedule!

Wasatch Backcountry Touring

Join Outdoor Adventures for its last two backcountry touring trips of the semester! Join on either Feb. 19 or 20 for a day of skiing through the pristine backcountry of the Wasatch! The \$45 registration fee includes transportation, registration, equipment, instruction and meals. Call 801-581-8516 to register.

Bob Ross Paint-Along

The next Bob Ross Paint-Along Night is Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the HUB of the Student Life Center. The \$10 fee includes all the supplies needed to paint your own happy little trees! No Campus Rec membership is required to register for and participate in [Bob Ross Paint-Along Nights](#).



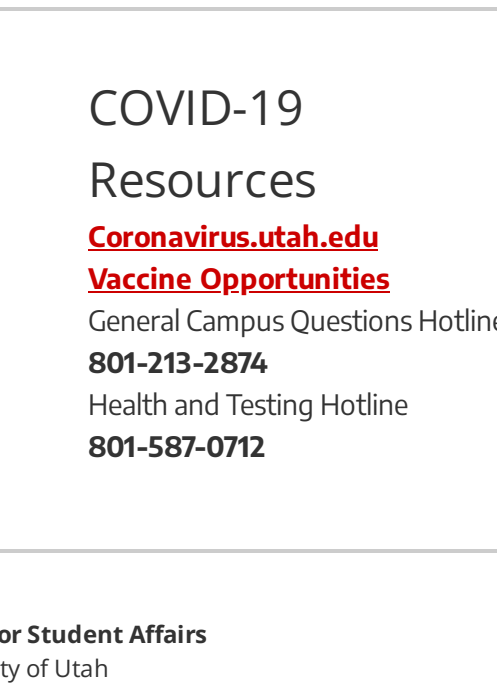
Authentically U

This year's Black History Month theme at the U is "Authentically U." What does it mean to be authentic and undisputed? How do you come present as your most authentic self? You can find a list of all the events happening during Black History

Month [here](#).

Take time to improve your well-being and earn \$80 in the process

Well-being Elevated is a U student-led project that aims to boost mental health and well-being for college students. The team is currently recruiting several hundred U students to participate in six peer support sessions, and students can earn \$80 for their time and participation. Find additional details in this [@theU article](#).



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