

# HIGHER ED MATTERS

Utah System of Higher Education, May 2013

## It's Graduation Day!

Utah's Colleges & Universities Award Record Number of Credentials



University of Utah

Utah's institutions of higher education have been holding their commencement ceremonies over the last few weeks and have graduated a record number of students. Continued growth in the number of Utahns receiving a degree or certificate is essential for the state to achieve its 66% Goal. Surveys of recent grads by USHE institutions indicate that 65% to 75% of bachelor's degree recipients have already secured employment, with earnings averaging \$42,000.

### 2013 USHE Graduates\*

U of U	8,007	Snow	879
USU	4,552	DSU	1,714
WSU	2,889	UVU	4,859
SUU	1,756	SLCC	4,053

**USHE Total: 28,709**

\*Unofficial totals for May graduations only



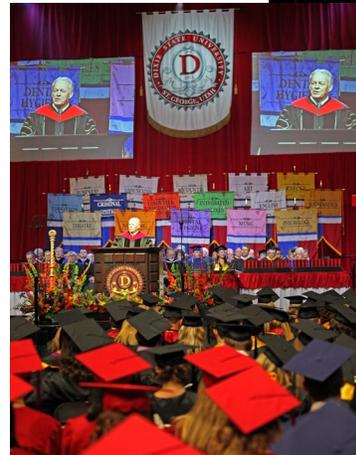
Snow College



Salt Lake Community College



Utah Valley University



Dixie State University



Utah State University

Southern Utah University



Weber State University

## Utah Student Leaders Honored by the Governor

Members of the 2012-13 Utah Student Association (USA) met with Governor Gary Herbert at the Governor's Mansion on May 2nd. The outgoing student body presidents were honored for their efforts to engage their peers in the electoral process through voter registration and a pledge drive in the fall. The USA also conducted a spring campaign this year to raise awareness of Utah's 66% by 2020 goal.

The overall mission of the USA is to represent the interests of students within Utah's institutions of higher education. The USA works with the State Board of Regents, the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Utah State Legislature, and the institutional presidents of the Utah System of Higher Education to be a voice for college students in Utah. The USA aims to promote citizenship and civic responsibility among students and foster the educational goals of the students of Utah.



Members of the Utah Student Association with Governor Gary Herbert & Education Advisor Christine Kearl



## UESP Celebrates 5•29 College Savings Day

To celebrate national 5•29 College Savings Day and encourage Utahns to save for college, UESP will offer a promotion on May 29. For complete promotion details and official rules, visit [uesp.org/529Day](http://uesp.org/529Day).

On national 5•29 Day (May 29), Utah residents who open a Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) 529 account and contribute at least \$25 can receive a \$25 matching contribution from UESP. To qualify, the account owner and beneficiary must both be Utah residents and new to UESP, and the account owner must complete the following steps:

1. Open a new UESP account on Wednesday, May 29, in one of the following ways:
  - Go to [uesp.org](http://uesp.org), click Open an Account, and follow the prompts.
  - Complete and submit an Account Agreement, available for download at [uesp.org](http://uesp.org) or by requesting one at 800.418.2551.
2. Enter **1305MAY29** in the Promotional Code field during the account setup process.
3. Contribute at least \$25 to the new UESP account.

New Account Agreements and contributions submitted by mail, fax, or overnight carrier or in person must be received by UESP on May 29, 2013, by 5:00 p.m. (MT). Accounts opened and contributions made online at [uesp.org](http://uesp.org) must be received on May 29, 2013, by 11:59 p.m. (MT).



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