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Board of Regents Selects Richard "Biff" Williams as Dixie State University's New President

Dr. Stephen Nadauld Retiring After Long, Successful Career in Higher Ed



ABOVE: DSU Alumni singing an old Dixie State anthem to Pres. and Mrs. Williams
RIGHT: Pres. Williams, left, and wife Kristin, center, being interviewed by DJ Bolerjack of KUTV News



On Thursday, July 17, 2014, Dixie State University received a new president: Dr. Richard "Biff" Williams, former Provost and VP of Academic Affairs of Indiana State University. President Williams succeeds the retiring Dr. Stephen Nadauld, who has served the University as president for six years, including two as interim president. The applicant pool was narrowed down from over 40 to three finalists, who then went through an in-depth screening process and two days of interviews with representatives from DSU's faculty, staff, students and trustees, as well as interviews with the Board of Regents. "I am honored to take the helm at Dixie State University, and look forward to guiding the institution through this next phase of development and growth," said President Williams. "I am eager to get to know DSU's talented faculty, administration, trustees, staff and students, and work closely with them to ensure we stay on the positive trajectory set by President Nadauld's sure hand."

DID YOU KNOW...

...that many professionals work in an industry different from the subject area in which they earned their degree or certificate? Learn about the various ways you can use your degree by exploring our interactive infographic: higheredutah.org/datalinks/where-graduates-employed. You can sort by degree subject area, institution, and/or year graduated to tailor the results to your interests.

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UTAH SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

The Utah Scholars Initiative connects schools with local community and business leaders in an effort to increase the number of Utah students attending and graduating college. Volunteers use the interactive and engaging Utah Scholars presentation to encourage students in our partner schools to take a college-preparatory curriculum throughout all four years of high school. These courses are within everyone's reach and will prepare students for what comes next, in addition to helping them meet the requirements for the Regents' Scholarship. Volunteers come from various local businesses and organizations that believe in the importance of higher education, such as the Utah Technology Council, Cyprus Credit Union, EnergySolutions and our own USHE institutions.

BY THE NUMBERS

1 school year (2013–2014)	29,404 students reached
119 Utah Scholars volunteers gave	754 presentations
38% of volunteers gave five or more presentations	
Alpine • Cache • Canyons • Davis • Granite Iron • Jordan • Kane • Ogden • Park City • Provo Salt Lake • Tooele • Washington	14 partner school districts

NEW! UTAH SCHOLARS COACHES

Utah Scholars Coaches—college students enrolled at a USHE institution—run the Utah Scholars Sophomore program, giving weekly 30-minute college-focused lessons to a group of 10th grade students. This vital follow-up to the eighth grade presentation helps students stay on track to complete the Utah Scholars curriculum and apply for the Regents' Scholarship. The Utah Scholars Coaches program was a success at Hunter, Granger and Kearns High Schools in Granite School District, and next year will include Ogden High School in Ogden School District as well.



UTAH SCHOLARS VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: **TOM LOVE,** **LOVE COMMUNICATIONS**

Tom Love, President of Love Communications, on why he volunteers with Utah Scholars:

"Now is the time to reach these kids, when they are in eighth grade and just starting to think about their future. You can see the excitement on their faces when we talk about how college really is for everyone, and how continuing their education after high school benefits them in the long-run."

"It's also incredibly important that they understand the significance of taking the right courses when they get to high school. They will be better prepared to advance their education if they follow the Utah Scholars curriculum."

"Plus, I simply enjoy interacting with these kids. They are eager to learn about their options for the future, and I am more than happy to have that conversation with them."

To learn how you can volunteer with Utah Scholars, check out utahscholars.org.