



From the Dean

Dear colleagues,

We are just under a month away from fall semester. There is much to look forward to this upcoming academic year, like our August 21 fall assembly, the launch of our strategic plan in September, and the first installment of my new Dean's Distinguished Speaker Series taking place in October, just to name a few.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and I look forward to seeing you back on campus very soon.

Warmly,
Frankie Santos Laanan
Dean

The Short of It

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Governor Cox appointed [Aaron J. Fischer](#) to the newly formed Behavioral Health Board Qualifications and Professional Development Advisory Committee. Professor Fischer was appointed as of May 24, 2024. He serves on a monthly advisory committee that will help to shape qualifications and professional learning requirements for mental health providers across the state.



The [Native Excellence Gala](#) was held on June 28th and awarded some of our own professors here in the CoE. With prestigious awards bestowed upon nominated individuals, the evening included a VIP reception, dinner and entertainment to honor and celebrate award recipients. [Cynthia Benally](#) and [Connor Warner](#) were recipients of some of these awards.

Please submit your feature ideas for the e-newsletter.

The Long of It

[Urban Institute for Teacher Education \(UITE\) Announces New Director](#)



The Urban Institute for Teacher Education in the University of Utah College of Education is pleased to announce [Connor Warner](#) as its new director, as of July 1, 2024. Warner follows inaugural director [Mary D. Burbank](#), who has served in the role for over a decade.

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[Lauren Aimonette Liang Appointed as Director of QUEST Program](#)

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[Lauren Aimonette Liang](#) has joined the [Office of Undergraduate Studies](#) (US) as the director of the new QUEST program.

Her research and teaching focus on the selection and educational use of children’s and adolescent literature, and she has made significant contributions to the field through her numerous publications.

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[Kirsten Butcher Appointed Interim Associate Dean for Research](#)



The College of Education announces the appointment of [Kirsten Butcher](#) as Interim Associate Dean for Research, effective July 1, 2024. Butcher has served as Associate Dean for Faculty and Student Affairs since July 1, 2023 and will continue on in this role through June, 2026.

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[Andrea Rorrer Named Chair of the WestEd Board of Directors](#)



Andrea Rorrer, Director of the Utah Education Policy Center and Professor of Educational Leadership & Policy, will serve as the new chair of WestEd's Board of Directors. She has served on WestEd's board since 2019 and began her new role as chair this July.

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Student Success

[NHMU Hiring Part-time Youth Teaching Youth Program Specialist](#)

The Natural History Museum of Utah is hiring for a part-time position and has asked professors to please share this message with students:

“We welcome applicants with non-traditional backgrounds and alternative paths to achieving the required qualifications for this role. If you feel that your experience is equivalent to the required qualifications, you are encouraged to apply. Be sure to mark 'yes' on the appropriate posting specific question below to ensure your application is accepted. ALL accepted applications will be reviewed by our hiring committee.” [Application](#)



Faculty Voices



Wiley and Science Education would like to announce that [David Stroupe](#) will become a co-editor for the "Science Education" journal beginning January 2025. He will be an editor alongside Ron Gray and Scott McDonald.

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[Cynthia Benally](#) and her colleagues Christine Rogers Stanton and Brad Hall have published [Relational Scholarship with Indigenous Communities](#) (Information Age Publishing, 2024). This book “brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars, practitioners, and community partners from across the U.S. to share experiences of, stories about, and hopes for anti-colonial social studies.”

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CoE in the News

[University of Utah Prison Education Project Admits First Cohort](#)

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UPEP was featured in an article from [Diverse Education](#) highlighting the start of their first cohort in the Bachelor program.

"The [Utah Prison Education Project \(UPEP\)](#) here at the University of Utah is admitting its first cohort of fifteen degree-seeking students incarcerated at the Utah State Correctional Facility.

UPEP's inaugural cohort represents 'a bold expression of University of Utah President Taylor Randall's commitment to unsurpassed social impact in our state and region,' said [Erin Castro](#), the associate dean and associate professor who co-founded the initiative with 12 undergraduate honors students in 2016."

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[The State of Higher Ed in Prisons a Year After Pell Restoration](#)

The [Utah Prison Education Project \(UPEP\)](#) was featured in an article on the [Inside Higher Ed](#) website, informing readers about the impact of the [restoration of Pell Grants](#).

"[Erin L. Castro](#), associate dean for prison education pathways for undergraduate education and director of the Research Collaborative on Higher Education in Prison at the University of Utah, said she expects to see 'sharp rises in both the numbers of colleges and universities deciding to serve incarcerated students and the numbers of incarcerated students who enroll.' At the same time, she said, 'there are a lot of questions that remain unanswered' regarding how best to serve them."

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[Title IX Regs Treat Students as Political Pawns \(Opinion\)](#)

Chis Linder, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership & Policy and Director of the McCluskey Center for Violence Prevention, wrote an opinionated article on the new Title IX regulations and how they've affected different states, as well as their effect on students and faculty around the world.

"Title IX regulations are political. They [change](#) depending on who holds the office of president of the United States. This is ridiculous. Adding to the confusing picture, the [newest regulations](#)—set to take effect Aug. 1—have been [temporarily blocked in 14 states](#), and a recent Supreme Court ruling calls the future of Title IX rules, any Title IX rules, into [serious question](#)."

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Happenings

Honors in Education Gala at the Grand America

On July 8, College of Education alumni, faculty, and staff came together for the Honors in Education Gala at the Grand America. The following day, College of Education staff Lindsay Taylor, Jason Newnum, and Kaitlin Lindsey represented our departments at the annual [Show Up For Teachers Conference](#), hosted by Utah First Lady Abby Cox.



Pictured Above: Amelia Landay, 4th grade teacher at Rose Park Elementary; Development Director Safia Keller; UTTEC Lab Director and Dee Endowed Professor of School Psychology Aaron Fischer; Development Specialist Kate Rockefeller; and Lindsey Bedrosian, middle school science teacher at Granite Junior High School.



Pictured Above: Conner Johnson, alum and West High Teacher; UITE faculty and UITE-Connect Director Udit Gupta; and Ana Zamora Magdaleno, alum and teacher and Parkview Elementary.

Upcoming Events

Fall Assembly

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Join us for the second annual
**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
FACULTY & STAFF
FALL ASSEMBLY**

AUG · 21 · 2024
WEDNESDAY

8:30AM - 9AM
Breakfast

9AM - 2PM
Meeting, including lunch

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155 Central Campus Drive
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It's almost time for our annual Fall Assembly! August 21 will be an exciting meeting of updates and information.

Please watch your email for more details and information to come.



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