Thank you to everyone who attended our counselor conference this year. We had a great turnout with 216 participants. Several of the attendees asked if they could receive the slides for some of the presentations. Our presenters have been kind enough to provide those to us and you can find them on our counselor conference website.

If you registered for the continuing education credit, your credit will show up on your U transcripts on December 29, 2015 when all grades are released. You can request a copy of your transcripts after that date by visiting the Office of the Registrar’s website.

The date for next year’s conference has not been solidified, but we will send out a save-the-date announcement as soon as it is.

Admissions leadership had a great time connecting with so many wonderful people at the NACAC National Conference and the Pac-12 Counselor Reception in San Diego last month. We are excited to announce the winner of our Counselor Fly-in Raffle is Episcopal High School in Houston, Texas. We look forward to doing this again next year at the Pac-12 Counselor Reception during the NACAC Conference in Columbus. Be sure to stop by and see us then.
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**2016 APPLICATION PRIORITY DATE & ADMISSIONS DECISIONS**

The priority deadline for admissions application at the University of Utah is fast approaching. Students who apply by the **December 1 Admissions Priority Deadline** will automatically be considered for merit and diversity scholarships. In addition, decisions will be mailed on **January 15** for those who apply by the priority deadline. Visit the [undergraduate admissions page](http://www.admissions.utah.edu) for details on how to apply.

Admissions decisions for students who apply by the Dec 1 Priority Deadline will be released on January 15 via USPS. Decisions on merit and diversity scholarships will be released beginning in February.

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### HONORS COLLEGE

The Priority Deadline to apply to the Honors College has passed. Students who met the Nov 1 deadline will receive their general University of Utah admissions decision mid-January, and will hear from the Honors College separately around the beginning of February 2016. Students who did not meet the Nov 1 Priority Deadline but are still interested in the Honors College may apply up until March 1, 2016—the final deadline.

Learn more by visiting [honors.utah.edu/admissions/admission-process/](http://honors.utah.edu/admissions/admission-process/).

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### HIGH SCHOOL UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Do you have students interested in completing college courses now? High school sophomores through seniors are invited to get a head start by earning credit at the U. The deadline to apply for Spring Semester 2016 is **December 1**. Learn more about the application requirements and process by visiting [admissions.utah.edu/academics/hsup.php](http://admissions.utah.edu/academics/hsup.php).

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### UTAH COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

Contact your [admissions counselor](mailto:admissions@utah.edu) if you would like information or resources for application week. We encourage students to apply by the December 1 Priority Application Date so they can be automatically considered for the best merit and diversity scholarships.
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LASSONDE STUDIOS HS UTAH ENTREPRENEUR CHALLENGE

We’re calling all high school students to submit great ideas and win $22,000 in prizes. The High School Utah Entrepreneur Challenge (HS UEC) is a statewide competition to encourage high school students to explore innovation and entrepreneurship that awards $22,000 in prizes and scholarships. Students submit their ideas online starting in January 2016 and can register now to stay updated with the competition. Participation is easy, and students can be as creative as they’d like! Follow these steps to submit an idea:

- Identify a problem
- Create and prototype a solution
- Define your customer
- Create a presentation

Think about what you wish a product offered you, or think of a solution to a real-world problem, then submit at lassonde.utah.edu/hsuec. Finalists will have scholarship opportunities at the University of Utah to live in the brand-new Lassonde Studios building.

ENGINEERING DAY

Engineering Day is a half-day event open to high school students (9-12), undecided majors, and transfer students interested in engineering. The event is FREE and is designed to introduce students to a variety of engineering disciplines. Tell students to register now!

Date: Saturday, November 14
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Warnock Engineering Bldg Lobby
Contact: Morgan Boyack at morgan.boyack@utah.edu or call (801) 581-4252

CAMPUS VISITS

Campus visits are one of the best ways a student can determine the fit of any school, and we encourage all interested students to take the time to tour our campus. Each visit includes a campus tour, an info session with an Admissions Counselor, and a visit to Housing. Have students sign up online today!

Weekly Tours: Monday-Friday
Time: 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day
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CREATE A MY U PAGE

Encourage your students to create a My U Page. The My U Page is a great way for a students to get more personalized information about the programs and majors they find the most interesting. In addition, it offers helpful functions like the application checklist, financial aid and housing checklists, and contact information for each student’s personal admissions counselor.

FINANCIAL AID, WORK STUDY, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Students applying for the U may need financial assistance paying for tuition, fees, and housing. Students may apply for financial aid using the FAFSA starting in January, 2016. There are also a number of scholarships available for freshmen that can be found on our website. Students may also qualify for work study, get a job working at the U, or work with our career services for internships or a job related to their field of study. There are many resources to help students succeed at the U. For more information visit the Financial Aid and Scholarships page.

PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT CONFERENCE

The University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College's Pacific Islander student clubs, (PISA) and (PUA), are collaborating to host in partnership the annual Pacific Islander student’s high school conference. Our theme this year “Oceanians Navigating Higher Education” hopes to inform Pacific Islander high school students of the necessary tools to navigate higher education. We have invited scholars, community workers, and change agents of the Pacific Islander community to host workshops and information sessions. Your schools will receive updates as they are available. If you have any further questions please contact your advisor.

Date: Wednesday, January 27
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: University of Utah's Union Building
Contact: Ti Kinikini at 801-587-9570 or email at d.kinikini@utah.edu

U OF U FUN FACTS

- The University’s transit shuttle system is the second largest transit system in the state, UTA being #1.
- Since 2010 the University has added nearly 20 new structures and added over 1.3 million usable square footage space for students and faculty.
- The campus is a designated state arboretum with more than 9,000 trees on more than 1,500 acres.
- Work is underway for an expanded sidewalk for a new electric shuttle that will run through campus connecting the south campus trax stop and the engineering buildings -- to be completed fall 2016.
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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month or Indigenous People's Month. This month is a time to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions and histories.

This month we celebrate being “Ute Proud”. We celebrate the rich human history of our state and recognize the many ways Native American tribes in Utah continue to strengthen our communities. When we say “Go Utes!” it is with a deeper understanding of the tribal Utes – it is more than just a shorthand for Utah. It carries a proud reflection of the Ute culture and heritage, including all five Native American nations - Ute, Goshure, Navajo, Paiute and Shoshone - that are an elemental part of our region's history.

Click these links to learn more about being “Ute Proud”, the Ute Indian Tribe, and Utah's Indigenous Day on November 12.

U STUDENTS CREATE BOOK CLUB FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

If it’s Tuesday at 4 p.m., Julie Chasse and Taylor Stratford will be at Palmer Court. The University of Utah students are holding book club there, but this isn’t just any book club. Palmer Court serves chronically homeless families. And Chasse and Stratford decided the Bennion Center for Community Service at the U could help out.

The students are organizing other volunteers to help them staff the book club. For one hour each week, they read to children ranging in age from 5-12. Then they listen to children read to them. A game, a healthy snack, and the hour has flown by before children or volunteers realize it.

“We’re trying to increase literacy skills in homeless youth,” Chasse explains. She adds, “Education is what you can use to climb that ladder and get out of what you’re in. This is a really cool way to be involved and hopefully inspire someone.”

Stratford says at first she was a little nervous about working with the homeless population. Not anymore. “I think it’s different working with the kids. It’s just like working with any other kids. It’s cool because you gain a strong relationship with them, but a lot of times the parents are interested in reading too.”

Back and the U, Chasse and Stratford are studying nursing and health promotion. Academics and social activities keep them both busy. But not too busy to miss making a difference every Tuesday at the Palmer Court book club.
### HAPPY VETERANS DAY

The University of Utah wants to thank all the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country. We will be honoring our veterans on Veterans Day (November 11) at events on and off campus. If you or your students are interested in attending the events, they are free to the public. For more event information visit the website.

### CALENDAR

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### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY? Please don’t hesitate to contact Katie Matisohn with feedback or questions at kmatisohn@sa.utah.edu or (801) 585-6720.

If you want to opt out of the monthly Counsel With U Newsletter, please email Katie.

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