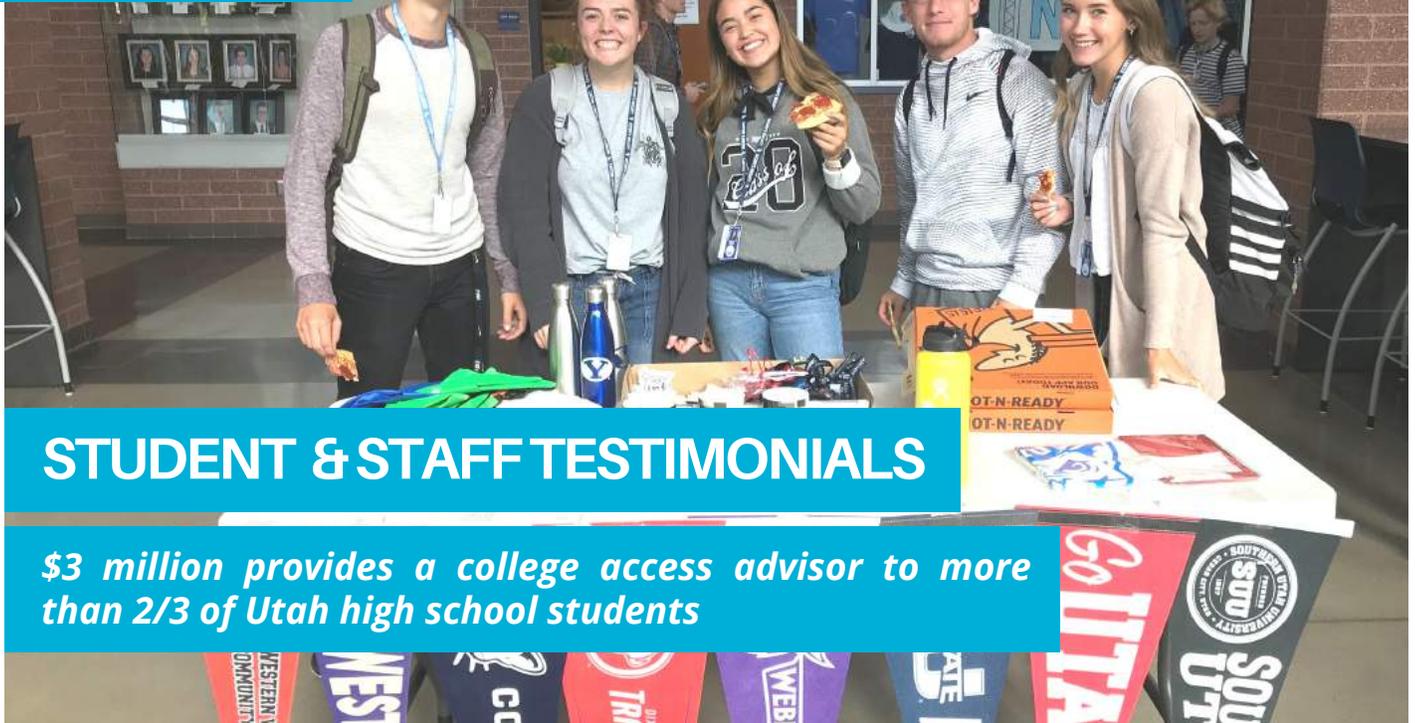


UTAH COLLEGE ACCESS ADVISING PROGRAM

Layton High School students during
College Application Week, October 2019



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LAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

[The college advising] program has been a great resource for all of our students, but it has especially helped our underrepresented and underserved populations create and achieve educational goals. Kaitlin has helped students and families better understand the outcomes of higher education, identify the many college opportunities, and navigate the application process for colleges and financial aid. **The UCAC program has helped us serve more students, especially those who need extra support,** in attaining higher education.

- Twila Bisk, counselor

BONNEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Tams helped me find new resources to make researching for college and finding scholarships easier!

- Jerzee, student

Katie Tams, UCAC Advisor for Bonneville High School, has been a significant addition to the Bonneville staff. With her support and assistance many **students have had the opportunity to move one step closer to realizing their dreams** of a post high school education, and for some, they may have not have felt was even attainable. She's always willing to partner with us for the benefit of the students, which in turn allows for many students to have access to information they may not have been aware of.

- Cynthia Fonseca, Counselor

BEN LOMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Ben has been really helpful with my college readiness. He helped me find a lot of scholarships and also he helped me apply to some colleges. Ben has also helped push me and some of my friends to apply for FAFSA. Overall, he's been a huge help.

- Maria, student



Students at Roy High School applying for college

OGDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Devon, our UCAC advisor, ... [has] been tremendous in advocating and assisting students to achieve their college goals, often **going above and beyond for every student that walks in needing help.**

- Heather Gerrard, assistant principal

Devon, my UCAC advisor, has helped me with every step of the college process. **Without him and the Career Center, I would have no idea on how to apply for college, FAFSA, and scholarships.** They saved me!

- Lindsey, student

WEBER HIGH SCHOOL

Our college access advisor, Libbey Hanson, has been such a great asset for the Weber High Counseling Department. She is a wonderful resource for college admissions/scholarships/FAFSA for our students, parents, and our faculty. I have been impressed with how many seniors Libbey has met with on a one-on-one basis to have a further conversation about their goals after high school—**this is invaluable!**

- Jen Paige, counselor

ROY HIGH SCHOOL

I'm pretty **grateful that Ms. Taylor is here to help me because I really don't know how the college thing works,** especially since I am going to a tech school. I didn't know what the FAFSA even was, but she helped me fill it out to get money for school and even helped me find a scholarship.

- Felicity, student

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Having a college advisor is very beneficial and a great resource for students, parents, and other staff members. Our seniors and their parents have commented on how grateful they are to have a knowledgeable contact here at the school that they can go to for questions and for guidance.

- Staff at Fremont High School

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PAYSON HIGH SCHOOL

Having a college access advisor on our campus is such a valuable resource for our students as they try to figure out their next steps beyond high school. Our advisor is constantly meeting with students on an individual basis helping them with college admissions, FAFSA, scholarship applications, and ACT registration. **As school counselors, we are spending an increasing amount of time with students who struggle with mental health challenges.**

- Sheila Lotz, counselor

MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Blanchard is the only reason I won't be up to my ears in debt for college.

- Makena, student

Our UCAC advisor Mary Blanchard has been a tremendous help this year! It's great to have a person in our building who is knowledgeable about the college application process and can advise students on how to receive financial aid. I feel that by having Mary, a lot of our **students' needs are being met, especially those that have very little options to pay for school.**

- Josephine Clark, Counselor

SPRINGVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

We have been very pleased to have a college advisor this year, who has **helped take a few things off our plates.** Eleanor has done a great job meeting with students and helping them with all things college related.

- NataLei Terry, counselor



Students at Mountain View High School work on college applications, October 2019

PROVO HIGH SCHOOL

Laura Castillo has been an enormous asset to Provo High.... [H]er ability to connect with all students, but especially the under-privileged and first-generation college students, has been deeply obvious. Her presence as a Latina who has gone to college and been through what many of them are facing is priceless. She has planned events that directly cater to Spanish-speaking parents which is something Provo High has desperately needed. She also has shown how willing she is to fight for kids and walk them through a process that would get them financial help for school. She doesn't take any excuses the students offer—**she empowers them to achieve the future they want** for themselves.

- Jessica Theurer, English teacher/Latinos in Action advisor

Our UCAC advisor, Laura Castillo, has been so helpful calling seniors down to talk with them about college applications, FAFSA, and scholarships. **Some students need that extra one-on-one attention that she happily provides.** She has been a tremendous help to our counseling team as we strive to reach every student.

- Staff at Provo High School

TIMPVIEV HIGH SCHOOL

Kelly has helped me get ready for college by helping inform me about my college process as well as other scholarships that I can apply for. She is a good listener, and **I know I can trust her and what she says.**

- Taraz, student

OREM HIGH SCHOOL

The college advisor really got me on the ball to take action and apply for college and scholarships!

- Paige, student

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT

It is great to have **someone who has time to go over all my college options with me** and explain every step to me.

- Emma, student



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COTTONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

The work our college access advisor, Ban Naes, does is invaluable. Her rapport with kids, her unrelenting commitment to students—especially the underserved—coupled with her strong knowledge base, make her a force in our high school. **She removes barriers to higher education for students, one meeting at a time.**

- Amanda Calton, counselor

KEARNS HIGH SCHOOL

Our students, in my opinion, would not have the connections to a higher level college experience if it wasn't for our college access advisors. **They play a key role in connecting our students to college/career readiness.**

- Ms. Loo, principal

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Cordova helped me submit my scholarship applications and also helped me find my way through college applications.

- Raghad, student

Whenever my students have FAFSA questions, I turn to Olivia for help. She is the ultimate FAFSA expert in our building! I also appreciate the way she helps first-generation college students apply for admission and scholarships. I know that Olivia has provided crucial support to many Hillcrest students as they pursue their college dreams.

- Eric Murdock, counselor



Hunter High School students with their college access advisor

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Over the years, college access advisors have provided our students with invaluable assistance in navigating the college admissions process. **First-generation students in particular have been given personal assistance** in finding the best post-high school path to work toward their goals. The connection advisors make with our students and the impacts they have in students' lives are truly remarkable.

- Greg Forbush, counselor

HUNTER HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Kim is the best!! He gives great advice and gives me so many opportunities for scholarships! Along with that, he gives me advice for high school and for the future.

- Krystal, student

The UCAC advisor has been invaluable to Hunter High School. The UCAC advisor has helped our students see that college is an option. We are grateful for the perseverance of our UCAC advisor and value the quality of help that we have received.

- Leasa Foust, registrar

Our UCAC advisor, Sambat Kim, is an integral part of our goals at Hunter High School in supporting our students to seek post-high educational opportunities. Sambat meets daily with students to help them complete scholarship and financial aid applications, look at options for colleges and universities, and is an example to our students of achieving their goal of post-high school education.

- Eric Bailey, assistant principal

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College access advisor helps students at Crimson Cliffs High School with FAFSA applications

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PINE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

If Mr. Weakley wasn't here, I wouldn't be applying to colleges and filling out the FAFSA application.

- Derek, student

The Utah college access program is one of the most beneficial programs for our students at this time. Our advisor has built a great rapport with our students and is able to help them feel secure in the processing of applying for all college things. **I don't know what we would do if we did not have an advisor at our school.**

- Teresa Peterson, head counselor

DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Elliott is so **personally involved with every student I know**. She knows what our plans and goals are, and helps us reach them.

- Cooper, student

UCAC has been instrumental in reaching all of our students and providing equal opportunities for them to pursue their dreams of higher education. I believe **this program is exceptional in bridging the gap for first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented students.**

- Ashlie McDonald, counselor

HURRICANE HIGH SCHOOL

Evelyn made me feel comfortable around her from day one. Thanks to her guidance and motivation, I have never felt so reassured that I'm doing things right for my future. I really appreciate how she goes out of her way to make sure everyone is on a path to success.

- Monica, student



WATER CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Button has been a wonderful UCAC advisor for our Water Canyon High School students. She has **given our students the individual attention they need to help them navigate towards their educational and/or career goals.** We are lucky to have her!

- Wendee Wilkinson, counselor

Having Ms. Button around has **helped me understand the importance of getting an education.** She helped me understand why college is the right path for me and encouraged me to pursue my dreams. She is always there to help with things like scholarships and/or FAFSA. **She is someone that I can talk to when I feel confused or overwhelmed.** Ms. Button is one of the many reasons I get excited about graduating high school and continuing my education studying criminal justice.

- Velvet, student

DESERT HIGH SCHOOL

Miss H. helps me find tons of scholarships and has already **helped me get thousands of dollars in scholarships** so far. I love working with her, and I'm excited to continue to work with her in the future.

- Lincoln, student

It's so nice having someone who can take care of things like scholarships and college things full time. **It feels like someone has my back.**

- Esther Pugmire, counselor

CRIMSON CLIFFS HIGH SCHOOL

I knew almost nothing about applying to college at the beginning of the school year, but thanks to Mr. Cafferty, I was **able to apply to multiple colleges, receive scholarships, and have a much better understanding** of what I'm going to do after high school.

- Laine, student