

# HIGHER ED MATTERS

Utah System of Higher Education, April 2011

## Higher Ed bills signed by Governor Herbert



Applause from bill sponsors, leaders, after Governor Herbert signs two bills at Weber State University. Shortly thereafter, the Governor signed two more Higher Ed bills at Utah State University. (March 30, 2011)

## Campus buildings, programs signed by Governor

### Governor Herbert travels to WSU and USU to celebrate the signing of four new bills

On March 30, 2011, Governor Herbert headed to Davis and Cache Counties to sign bills passed by the 2011 Legislature which will have a positive impact on both Weber State and Utah State Universities.

The day began in a Weber State University Davis Campus classroom, festooned with white and purple balloons flanked by a bouncing Waldo Wildcat mascot for a ceremony to sign two bond bills that will largely finance the construction of a new classroom building at the Davis Campus. "It's a great day to be a wildcat," said WSU President Ann Millner to the large gathering of students and political supporters. "This is a huge celebration for this community."

Governor Herbert addressed how important the addi-

tion of this classroom would be to WSU, and how it would affect the future of the surrounding community. Lt. Governor Greg Bell, House Majority Leader Dee, bill sponsor Representative Froer and several other legislators, along with members of the State Board of Regents, were also present for the signing.

Later that afternoon at Utah State University, Governor Herbert was joined by a group of Legislators, Regents, USU Trustees and staff to sign HB 57 and HB 4, bills allowing for the development of a veterinary medicine partnership with Washington State University and a General Obligation Bond for their business building on the USU campus (respectively).

Throughout the day, the Governor stressed the importance of higher education for Utah's workforce and the state's economic prosperity. At USU he said, "These

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## Governor Herbert at WSU and USU

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young people all want to have a job when they leave here. And if we give them the skills, with a little determination on their part, they will find success in the free market.” This contributes to the Governor’s goal of having 66% of Utah’s adult population to have some kind of post high school education, certification or degree in the next ten years.

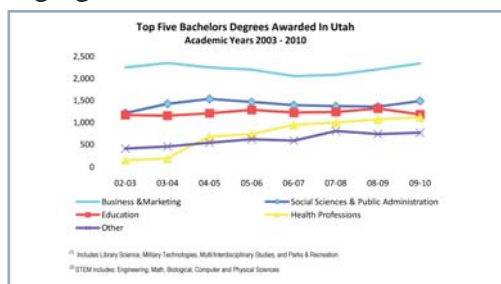
“We appreciate the support of our Governor and Legislators,” said Commissioner Bill Sederburg. “If we did not have leaders bringing forth bills like these, our institutions would not be able to advance for Utah’s future needs.” Bills like these signed by Governor Herbert support development of classroom space and programs while bringing growth to our state’s colleges and universities.

## USHE 2011 databook now available on online

The Utah System of Higher Education collects data from all of Utah’s public institutions to help in planning, management and reporting to state leaders. The most requested information is available in the USHE Data Book, an annual compilation of data collected from the institutions of higher education and published each spring.

There is a wealth of information in the USHE Data Book from enrollment numbers and degrees awarded to tuition and financial aid information. Each section is organized in clickable tabs to make navigating all of the information extremely user-friendly. Additionally, there is a new 2011 “Facts at a Glance” sheet available for download.

To access the 2011 Data Book, visit USHE’s website at [higheredutah.org/about/research-data](http://higheredutah.org/about/research-data). Previous Data Books ranging from 2002 to 2010 are also available.



One example of the kind of information found in USHE’s online Data Book.



## Higher Ed Fast Fact

The Regents’ Scholarship encourages Utah high school students to prepare for college academically and financially by taking a core course of study and saving for college.

As of April 2011, 1,184 of Utah’s high school students are on track to receive a Regents’ Scholarship for 2012.

For more about Regents’ Scholarships, visit our website at [higheredutah.org](http://higheredutah.org)

### Important Dates

#### 2011 Commencements

- April 22 – Weber State University
- April 29 – Utah Valley University
- April 30 – Snow College
- May 5 – Salt Lake Community College
- May 6 – Dixie State College
- May 6 – Southern Utah University
- May 6 – University of Utah
- May 7 – Utah State University



#### 2011 State Board of Regents Meetings

- May 20, 2011 – Weber State University
- July 15, 2011 – Utah State University
- Sept. 16, 2011 – Snow College
- Nov. 18, 2011 – Utah Valley University