



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Candyce Damron has been a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education, representing the students attending degree-granting institutions within the Utah System of Higher Education since 2020, and has served as a member of the Academic Education Committee, the Student Affairs Committee, the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Workgroup, and as Co-Chair of the Campus Safety Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, Damron served as the Board's first Student Representative for Academic Education after the merger of the state's two higher education systems in July 2020; and

WHEREAS, her work as a student Board member includes selecting and evaluating institutional presidents, setting policy, reviewing programs and degrees, approving institutional missions, collaborating with the Utah Student Association, and submitting a unified higher education budget request to the governor and Utah State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, she recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in behavioral science, human development and family studies from Utah Valley University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Damron served diligently as a legislative intern for the Utah System of Higher Education and assisted the Office of the Commissioner in advocacy efforts for higher education during the 2020 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, she has been involved with Utah Valley University throughout her education, serving as a Presidential Intern, as well as Chief Justice for the Utah Valley University Student Association and Lead Intern and Student Director for the Presidential Intern Program; and

WHEREAS, she has also served the students at Utah Valley University as a mentor liaison, mentor team lead, and mentor, helping students adjust to their college experience and connecting them to university resources; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Damron believes in the power of student voices and was a vital part of the conversation about student success, equity, and access issues during her tenure on the Board and was instrumental in gathering insight about their needs from Utah college students at degree-granting institutions; and


WHEREAS, Candyce Damron contributed to the Board of Higher Education and the Utah System of Higher Education by bringing her personal experience and views and was a passionate advocate for higher education equity, policy, and the students of the Utah System of Higher Education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah Board of Higher Education, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his entire staff, and institution presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Candyce Damron, hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect for her tireless advocacy on behalf of all Utah college students, and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

Dated this 21st day of May 2021.



*Harris H. Simmons, Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education*



*Dave R. Woolstenhulme
Commissioner of Higher Education*