

# UTAH'S HIGHER EDUCATION RESOLUTION



As leaders of the State of Utah and Utah's System of Higher Education, we are committed to our core mission: to cultivate minds, foster discovery, build a civil society, and prepare students for meaningful lives and successful careers.

Our students are the heart of our mission. We will keep higher education affordable, accessible, and focused on impactful outcomes—preparing graduates to think critically and independently, thrive in the workforce, and strengthen their families, communities, and our state.

As stewards of taxpayer funds, student tuition, and public trust, we will advance our unique missions with effectiveness and accountability. We are committed to aligning higher education with the best interests of students and our state. We remain dedicated to research and teaching that fosters academic excellence, explores new ideas, respects differing viewpoints, drives economic growth, and discovers solutions to our most complex problems.

Higher education is the enduring forum in which ideas are subject to rigorous scrutiny, reasoned scholarly review, open debate, and critical examination in our classrooms and public spaces. Civil discourse and critical thinking are essential pillars of higher learning, and we will protect those principles without compromise.

Above all, we will create a campus experience through which students grow not only academically, but also personally and civically, connected to each other and grounded in character, responsibility, and service to others.

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