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# State-wide College Access Collaboration

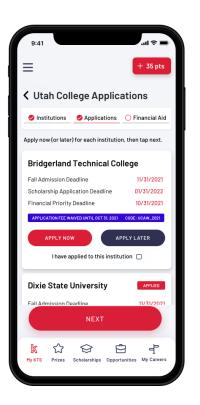
- USHE Access initiatives FAFSA Completion & College Applications
- KTS is an integral part of these programming to reach students and continue the narrative preparing and paying for college go hand in hand

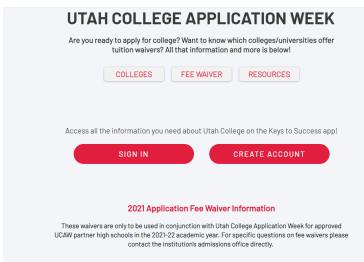


- Pilot Utah College Application Week into Keys to Success App
- College access resources live on the KTS website and app
- Provide training to school counselors and college access partners

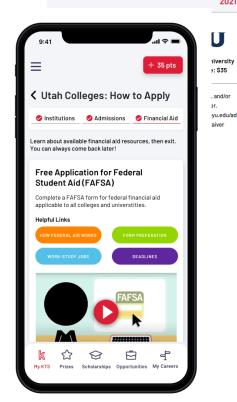


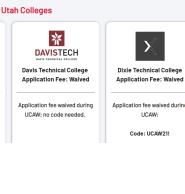






#### 2021 Utah Colleges





## Wrap Around **Approach to College Access**

Contact for UCAW **Events:** 

ucaw@ushe.edu or lisa.molina@ushe.edu

Contact for FAFSA Completion Events: fafsahelp@ushe.edu

11<sup>th</sup> grade Spring **Utah Higher Education Day** 12<sup>th</sup> grade 12<sup>th</sup> grade **Younger grades Spring Creating awareness and Decision Day Utah College** Celebration college going culture **Application** 12<sup>th</sup> grade Fall FAFSA & **Scholarship** Completion **Event** 

Fall

Week

#### **TIMELINE**

June 2021 - Full Access for Middle School/Junior High

**October 2021** – Utah College Application Week Feature

Partnered with USHE

**December 2021 – Penn Testing, DPA Agreements** 

Updated features and added securities

**March 2022** – Adult Specific Career Center







# UTAH COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

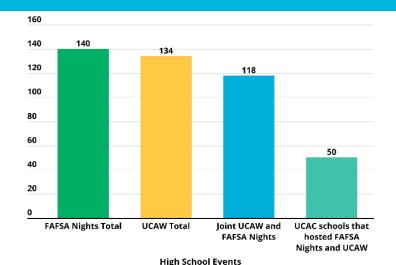


#### The Goal

 Complete at least one college or university application during the school day

#### AND

 Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid during a coordinated FAFSA Night event with access to parents.



#### **Younger Grade Events**

12 Elementary & 19 Middle Schools



#### Spencer I. Cox

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#### Declaration

**Whereas**, twenty-first-century jobs require an increasing amount of college education and training;

**Whereas**, a college education has been found to greatly influence one's success and wellbeing, resulting in a significant increase in lifetime earnings and overall quality of life;

**Bhereas**, a more educated population has been correlated with reduced crime, increased rates of civic engagement, and improved public health;

**Whereas**, applying to college can significantly increase a student's probability of enrolling in college;

**Direcas**, those who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are more likely to attend and afford college;

**Whereas**, applying to and paying for college can be a barrier for students on their postsecondary path;

**Whereas**, as Utah's population becomes increasingly diverse, it is essential for underrepresented, first-generation, and low-income students to know they are college material and have a system of education that is striving to provide equitable and affordable access to college;

**Phereas**, Utah College Application Week and FAFSA Night events provide high school seniors across the state the opportunity to apply to college and for financial aid, with a particular emphasis on underrepresented, first-generation, and low-income students;

**Whereas**, Utah College Application Week and FAFSA Night events are hosted jointly each October in coordination with Utah colleges and universities and participating Utah high schools; and,

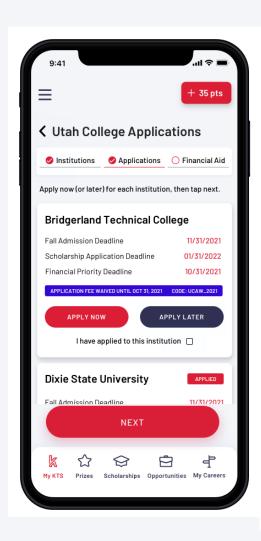
**Whereas**, these events provide the necessary support for Utah students to recognize the opportunities higher education holds for them and begin their journey;

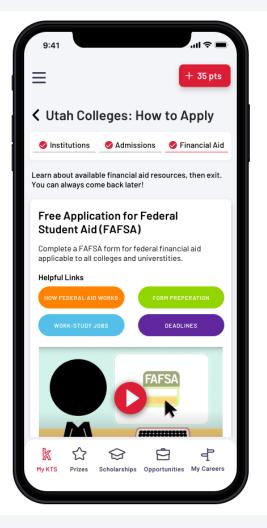
**Pow**, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare October 2021, as

Utah College Application and Financial Aid Awareness Month

Spencer J. Cox

### **Utah College Application Week**





#### **Compare Institutions**

Compare and contrast all Utah higher education institutions based by locations, tuition, and degrees offered.

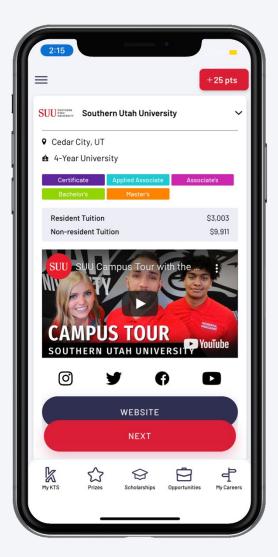
#### **Apply**

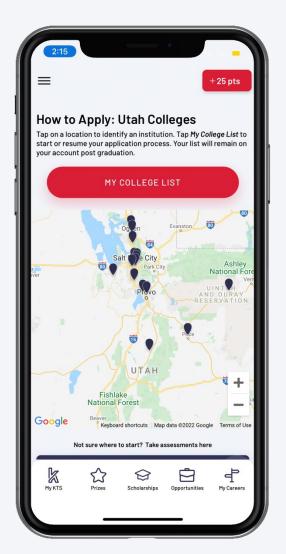
Apply in-app to Utah colleges & universities! Applications fee waiver codes included.

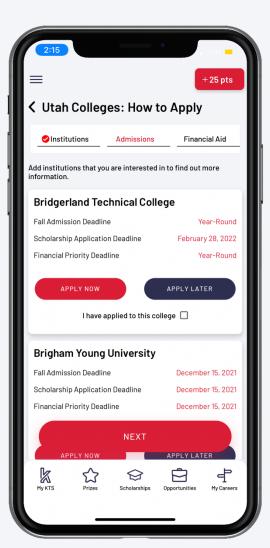
#### **Explore Financial Aid**

Tutorials and guides for FAFSA, along with access to more than \$160M in Utah Scholarships.

#### **UCAW**



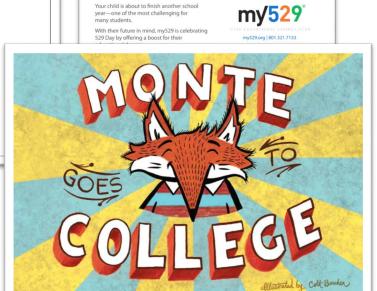






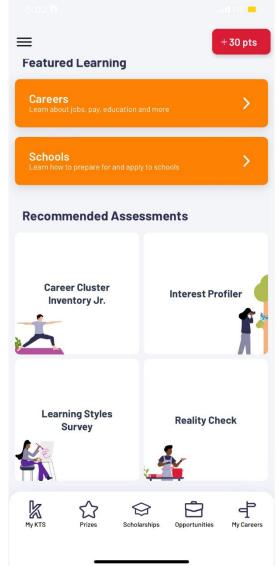
## **Younger Grades UCAW Resources**

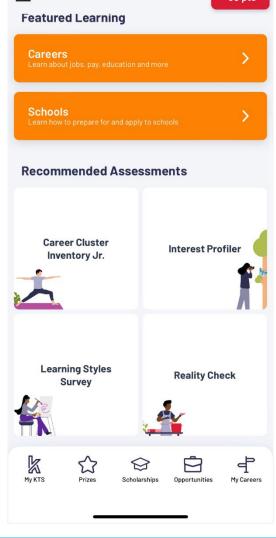




Celebrate savings.

Celebrate your child's future.







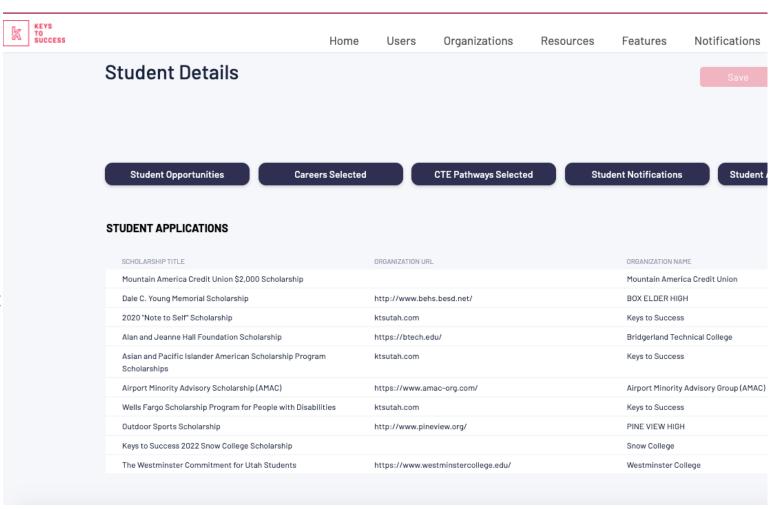


# College Access Advisers Collaboration

#### **ADMIN ACCESS**

#### The ability to:

- View student interests, assessment results, scholarships applied for and more
- Upload resources for the students at their school
- Reward students points for their progress and success

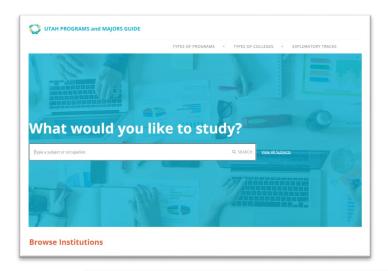


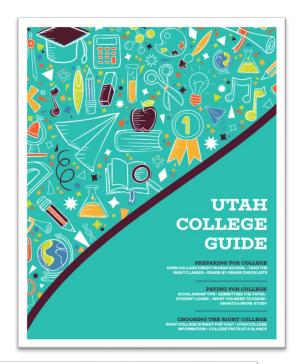


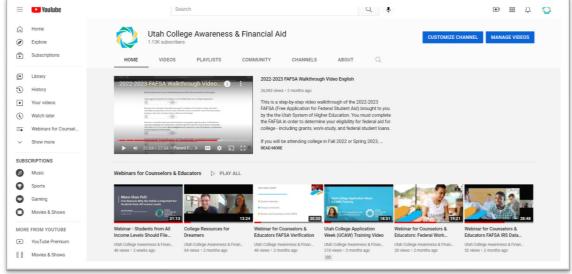
#### **UCAC Collaboration**

- Training Support
  - College applications
  - FAFSA completion
- Cross communication
- Resources
  - Keys to Success
  - Utah College Awareness & Financial Aid YouTube Channel
  - College Guide
  - Programs and Majors Guide
- Center Utah's Board of Higher Education Equity Lens Framework









#### **Next Steps**

- Register your school!
- Attend training
- Utilize USHE Website site coordinator resources
  - UCAW & FAFSA Manuals
  - College admissions office contact information
  - College deadlines handout
  - FAFSA handouts
  - Resources from national ACAC
- Utilize Keys to Success App

#### **UTAH FAFSA COMPLETION OPEN HOUSE EVENT**

SITE COORDINATOR MANUAL **2021 EDITION** 





#### **UTAH COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK**

SITE COORDINATOR MANUAL **2021 EDITION** 











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Utah College Application and Financial Aid Awareness Month



The goal of Utah College Application and Financial Aid Awareness Month is to provide every high school senior at our partner schools the opportunity to complete at least one college or university application during the school day and to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid during a coordinated FAFSA Night event

Utah College Application and Financial Aid Awareness Month events have a particular focus on students who would be the first in their families to attend college, lowincome students, or students who may not have otherwise considered applying.

UCAW and FAFSA Night events take place every October in high schools around the state

Governor Cox declares October 2021 as Utah College Application and Financial Aid Awareness Month.



# Thank You!

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