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2018-2019 Outstanding Students

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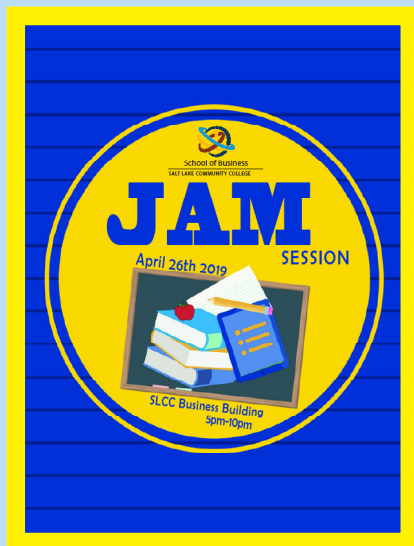


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For Students, Faculty and Staff

Need help with Finals?
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April 26th 5pm 10pm

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Message from the Dean: Student, Faculty and Staff Recognition



Dennis Bromley
School of Business Dean

April is my favorite month at SLCC. It is the culmination of the spring semester and for many students, faculty, and staff, it is the end of their time at SLCC.

Congratulations go out

to all students who are graduating this year. During this season of celebration, we pause to recognize many for their accomplishments. I wish to recognize and congratulate the following individuals:

- Cody Wilkinson for his selection as the School of Business Graduate of Excellence. Cody stands out as one with high academic success along with a lifelong commitment to service to his country and fellow veterans.
- The Outstanding Graduate recipients for each of the Associate degree programs in the School of Business. Lori Benton, Yeimi Chavez, Jessica Hopkins, Lars Olsen, Jessica Guiver, Jeffrey Holt, Ryan Colvin, Brady Fairbanks, David Chen, Hyrum Orton and Jesse Mbu. Department faculty selected the recipients based on their

success in the classroom as well as their embodiment of attributes critical to success in the future.

- Faculty members Franco Aloia, Ahmad Kareh and Daysi Hernandez for 5 years of service
- Associate Dean Paul Benner and Interim Associate Dean Jon McGowan for 5 years of service
- Robert Baird for 25 years of service to the CSIS program. Bob will be retiring at the end of the academic year

- Joe Howell for 35 years of service
- Gordon Frisbey for 40 years of service

The culmination of the semester also signals the time for our Finals Jam Session. This event will happen the night of April 26th from 5pm-10pm. I wish to thank, in advance, the many who work so hard to make this a successful event.

Finally, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the faculty and staff in the School of Business. I appreciate your hard work, dedication and commitment to helping our students succeed. You have produced, once again, a highly successful academic year. Very well done!



CSIS Faculty Retiring, Robert Baird



When growing up Robert never imagined he would be a teacher. He states that what he thought he "... wanted to be a forest ranger, or a cowboy, or a pilot, or a doctor, or an engineer." When he graduated from college, he realized his another passion and became a commissioned officer in the US Army where he commanded a direct-support field artillery battery and a 12-man Special Forces Operational Detachment. After his service, he

worked in industry as a programmer and took advantage of the opportunity to become an adjunct professor in the Computer Science Department at SLCC. While teaching as an adjunct he discovered his passion for teaching. After a year of teaching as an adjunct, he was recruited for a full-time tenure track position. For the past 25 years, he has served on various committees and in leadership positions. He has had a major impact on the thousands of students he has taught. He will be sorely missed.

By John Mcgown
Interim Associate Dean CSIS Division

The School of Business & The CSIS Division

Invites you to an Open House in honor of

Robert Baird

In appreciation for **25 years** of service
Wednesday, May 1st
12:00-2:00 pm

Business Building Conference Room 204A

School of Business Graduate of Excellence

Cody Wilkerson, Business AS

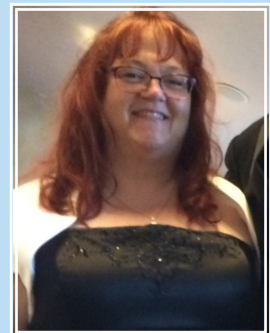


My hometown is Ogden, Utah but I have resided in and around Salt Lake City since the beginning of 2017. I was a Sergeant in the US Army and served two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. After I graduate at SLCC I will continue to work for the Volunteer and Service to America which is the non-profit organization that I work for tutoring low income and first generation veteran college students. My favorite job is being a father to my daughter. Studying while parenting is a challenge, however no other job has given me more purpose to be a good person, to lead by example, and to leave the world better than I found it. I will transfer to the University of Utah and pursue a degree in Finance. I would like to join the FBI as a Forensic Accountant after completion of my Bachelor's degree.

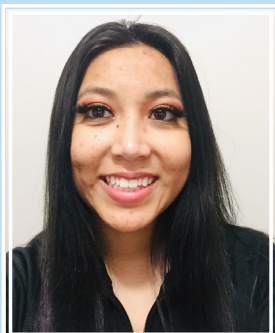
Outstanding Student Awards 2018-2019

Lori Benton, Accounting AAS

In December of 2013, with some teasing and encouragement from my sons who were also attending Salt Lake Community College, I finally summoned the courage to apply. Being a single mother of four boys, I believed I was being a hypocrite by expecting my children to pursue postsecondary educational opportunities. Fearing failure, I was afraid to divulge my educational pursuits. Finding the time to study became one of my biggest challenges. I had to prove to myself once and for all that I could do it. I started the Accounting program at SLCC in January 2014 and, because of my Accounting classes, I was promoted to a Financial Analyst II position at the Department of Transportation. I wish to thank the staff at Salt Lake Community College for choosing me for this honor, my husband, Mark, my four sons Zach, Damien, Stephen and Jaysen. Without their continued support, this would not have been possible.



Yeimi Chavez, Finance and Credit AAS



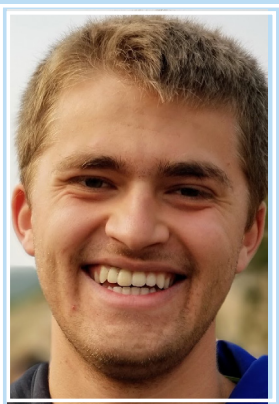
Yeimi Chavez was born and raised in Utah and has lived in Utah her whole life. Yeimi has taken on the challenge of a heavy class load these past semesters. She hopes to complete her degree with good grades to remain on the President's list. She has not entirely decided what career path she wants to pursue. She is thankful for the opportunity to further her education at Salt Lake Community College!

Jessica Hopkins, Paralegal Studies AAS

After being a stay-at-home mom for a little over four years Jessica made the decision to pursue her long-time goal of working in the legal field. Having no work experience in the field, she decided to take the educational route and enrolled in classes at SLCC. Jessica quickly developed a love of learning and confidence at SLCC which inspired her to continue her education beyond an Associate's degree. Jessica has been accepted to the University of Utah where she will pursue an undergraduate degree, another long-time goal of higher education.



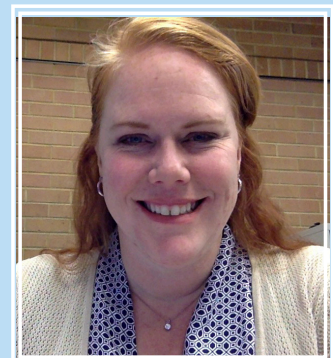
Lars Olsen, CSIS AAS



I'm 24 years old and enjoy all competition, whether it's in sports, games and anything else. I've always had a love of numbers, science and logic. I got an Associate's degree from UVU, and worked as a Firefighter/EMT for a few years, but realized that it wasn't the field for me. I knew I had to go back to school and further my education, although I wasn't sure what I was going to go for. I realized that Computer Science had a lot to do with logic, which is a skill I enjoyed and in which I excelled. I knew I wanted to finish my Associates degree as fast as possible so I took on average 20 credits per semester. I will take a short break to gain work experience, then I plan to return to school within the next year to finish a degree in Computer Science/ Software Engineering.

Jessica Guiver, CSIS AS

It took me a long time to realize that all I wanted was to stay at SLCC. Once I did, picking the major was easy (who wouldn't love computer science) and now I work in OIT as a Programmer/Analyst. I got my degree at night with a full-time job and a family. There were nights when I couldn't be there to make dinner and times when the dishes sat in the sink for a few days. Being a working mom has its own set of challenges. I have transferred to Weber State and have started taking classes for my BS degree.



Jeffrey Holt, Network Systems AAS

I worked in manufacturing for almost 28 years. The plant where I was employed closed operations. After that happened, I decided to return to school to further my education and obtain my degree in Networking Systems.

My family and I are very proud that I was able to accomplish this goal. The best part is that I have shown my grandchildren that they will always be able to learn new things and nothing is beyond their reach if they are willing to work for it.



Ryan Colvin, Business Management AAS



Ryan Colvin was born in Provo, Utah, but spent years living in Alaska, Washington, and then 18 years in Massachusetts. About 4 years ago, he made the decision to return to Utah. Ryan did not enjoy school growing up and struggled academically, usually accepting a bare minimum passing grade. In the fall of 2016, he decided it was time to return to school and enrolled at SLCC, with the goal of attaining an Associates in Business Management. Ryan found the drive and desire he had lacked before to be a successful student, and now his wife regularly has to remind him that an A- here or there is not the end of world.

Brady Fairbanks, Marketing Management AAS

Brady is currently the President of Paragon Press. He works with companies throughout the western states to help them manage their brand in the wonderful medium of commercial printing. Paragon Press has won many local, national and international awards for high quality and technical printing. Brady thoroughly enjoyed his time studying Marketing at Salt Lake Community College. He is now studying professional sales at Weber State University and will be receiving his bachelor's degree in 2020. His greatest accomplishment was successfully utilizing all of his marketing and sales techniques to persuade his beautiful wife Jami to marry him. Together they are enjoying their time raising five of the most incredible kids on planet earth.



David Chen, Culinary Arts AAS

David Chen was born in China in 1970 and grew up with two brothers. He immigrated to Ogden, Utah, along with his mother, in 1984. His personal and positive experiences at Salt Lake Community College have encouraged him to further his education, while working fulltime and going to school fulltime. He has competed in multiple culinary competitions, and received several medals. He is currently the executive Chef at the U of U Hospital. He is extremely grateful to the SLCC Culinary Department for supporting him in his goal to attain his culinary degree. He is currently pursuing Hospitality/ Business Management and plans to continue to compete to become a better chef. I should also mention, I am fully supported by my lovely wife and three daughters and of course many other family members.



Hyrum Orton, Business AS



Hyrum Orton is 23 and will be graduating from the Business Program with his Associates Degree. Upon graduating, he will continue his education at the Huntsman Business School program at USU. His long-term goal is to earn a Bachelors in Management Information Systems (MIS) and later a Masters in Business Administration (MBA). Hyrum has enjoyed the friendships he has made with his classmates and the hands-on education at SLCC. Each course has stretched his abilities and has given him the opportunity to learn and grow.

Jesse Mbu, Business AA

My name is Jesse Mbu. I am from Paris, France. My experiences at SLCC were a good learning experience that will help me for the rest of my life. I met incredible instructors and students. I would like to thank them for believing in me, because the fact that they believed in me, helped me to believe in myself. After Graduation, I wish to earn both bachelor's and master's degree's.

