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Jeffrey Coker

Interim Dean

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Hello to all our students, faculty, staff, and community stakeholders.

I hope this message finds you doing well and enjoying a lovely summer thus far. This past spring semester Dr. Dennis Bromley, Dean for the Gail Miller School of Business, officially retired after 14 years of service. His dedication and commitment to serving students and SLCC as a whole will be missed. We wish him the best of luck with his golf game, three times per week from what I hear, and enjoying his retirement in the years to come. Thanks for all the history lessons!

It has been an interesting few months serving as the Interim Dean, more like drinking from a fire hose if I am honest. In my regular role, I serve as the Associate Dean for the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management programs. I love being a part of the team and being with the students on a regular basis. My number one rule is to “feed Chef Coker!” Most students and faculty accommodate this “rule,” but it is less of a rule and more of a way to stimulate engagement and build community. By sharing something we all have in common, I find that it allows us to quickly connect in a more genuine manner. This in turn helps to build trust and respect.

As a chef and educator, I believe it is imperative to provide students with a direction which offers feedback based on hospitality, something we should all strive for as educators in my opinion. My interim role is scheduled to conclude in January 2024, and I wish to offer you the same experience. Not with food necessarily, unless you really feel inspired to share something amazing 😊, but with the same level of attention and commitment to support you. That said, I need something from you. Communication. I am here to listen, offer advice if asked (and sometimes when not asked), or just hang out and chew the fat.

I want to thank EVERY member of the GMSB team for their efforts in mentoring and educating our students. SLCC as a whole has been and will continue experiencing a number of transitions over the coming months and throughout the next academic year. Though this may be the case, I believe that our faculty and staff are up for the challenges that lie ahead.

Stop by the office and say hello sometime. Until then, I wish you all the best.

Thank you for your time.
Jeffrey Coker
Interim Dean, GMSB



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Trelynn Gehringer

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



Trelynn received academic awards -- President's List Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, Dean's List Fall 2022, and the FJ Management Scholarship Fall 2021- Fall 2022.

Trelynn was selected to represent the Gail Miller School of Business and carry the school banner at the May 4, 2023 Commencement Ceremony.

PROVOST'S GRADUATE OF EXCELLENCE

I was a teen mom and an addict. I wanted to go to school but didn't want to cause financial stress on my family and kids. I found SLCC and soon discovered that it was the perfect fit for my educational needs. By early 2020, I applied, enrolled and was set to start at the college, but then COVID hit. I was furloughed from my job, the college shut down and everything went fully remote. Despite the frustration, loss and suffering that life has brought, I applied for graduation in fall 2022. I'm proud to be a mom, full-time employee, wife, and soon-to-be college graduate.

This has been a journey but will be well worth it in the end. My first goal for my education was to have some sort of degree before my daughter graduated. My daughter has now enrolled at SLCC to begin her college journey Fall 2023.



MAGNIFICENT!



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Kristi M. Green, PhD

Associate Professor and Management
Department Coordinator for the Gail Miller
School of Business

2024

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURER

For associate professor Kristi Green, SLCC is a beacon for diversity in how it supports marginalized communities in obtaining higher education. She sees this mission of inclusivity as a value that the college embraces daily.

Even so, Kristi notes there are still few Latinas in higher education leadership positions. As SLCC's Distinguished Faculty Lecturer for 2024, Kristi's lecture will focus on the 'counterstories' of Latinas & working in higher education and how colleges can foster more inclusive environments.

"Counterstorytelling is a method of recounting the

experiences of the racially and socially marginalized," Kristi says.

In her eight years at SLCC, Kristi has taught courses on Entrepreneurship, Small Business and Management, among others. She holds a bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Utah, a Master of Business Administration from Independence University, and a PhD in Higher Education Administration from the University of Wyoming.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy Hour Event

Paul Benner, Associate Dean of the ACCT/FIN/LS Division, successfully hosted a fabulous 2023 Happy Valentine's Day Happy Hour event. He personally served more than 200 chocolate dipped strawberries to the Gail Miller School of Business students in attendance. These beautiful and yummy chocolate coated strawberries were meticulously prepared in-house by SLCC Culinary Arts students.

Our GMSB Associate Deans hosted a Happy Hour event each month during Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters.



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2023



SLCC BYTES OF BRILLIANCE CAMP

RED BUTTE GARDEN

The 2023 SLCC Bytes of Brilliance Camp trip to Red Butte Garden on May 19th was a great success! The program served 31 fourth and fifth grade girls from Academic Park Elementary of Granite School District, as well as two of their teachers acting as chaperones. In addition to the West Valley City After School Program Director, Professors Hau Moy Kwan, Ali Carrillo Paz, and Jimmy Chen from the CSIS Division were also in attendance.

Upon arriving at Red Butte Garden, the camp was divided into four groups, each group guided by trained docents. With record snow fall this past winter season, the garden

came alive with carpets of green grass, fresh leaves, and blooming flowers. Students enjoyed walking around the Garden and learning about the ecosystems, names of different flowers and pollinators, bird migration habits, the water cycle, and water conservation. Spring snow melt and runoff also created a unique phenomenon of water falls in the Garden with pond full of water, and students were excited to see the swimming geese.

It is our belief this year's Bytes of Brilliance Camp activity stimulated lots of interest for future studies in STEM fields.



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CULINARY INSTITUTE

5 QUESTIONS

with **ALICE CHEN**

Alice is pursuing an AAS degree in Culinary Arts and will graduate in 2024. She recently won Silver at the SkillsUSA State competition in Culinary Arts

1

Where are you currently working and what do you like about it?

I am not currently working, but I worked as a bartender in a large bar in Taiwan, and what I found most interesting is that learning bartending techniques is similar to learning culinary skills. Both involve balancing different flavors to create unique and exceptional drinks or dishes.

2

What was your favorite Culinary Institute Class?

I enjoy both Food Prep and Catering. Especially Catering as it allows me to learn various culinary techniques and explore different cuisines around the world. It is truly fascinating.

3

Who is your favorite celebrity Chef or TV show and why?

I don't watch TV often, so I'm not sure about any cooking shows. However, I really admire every chef in my school, especially Chef Franco. He helped me a lot and I'm grateful to him.

4

What would your favorite or last meal be?

For my last meal, I would love to have sushi as rice and seafood are my favorite foods.

5

What advice would you give to those starting out?

I know that everyone comes to culinary school to learn how to cook, but I think it's more important to have a good foundation. Knife skills and knowledge about ingredients can make your future culinary life much easier.



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By Hau Moy Kwan, Ph.D.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, COMPUTER
SCIENCE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

THE TRIUMPH OF TECHNOLOGY EVENT

On January 28, 2023, Ali Carrillo and I had the privilege of serving our community at the Triumph of Technology event, aimed at promoting STEM careers to the Latin/Hispanic community. Ali provided information to attendees about the Computer Science programs. I served as a speaker representing Salt Lake Community College, presenting the various study and scholarship opportunities available to the community through SLCC.

This event was sponsored by Club Ability, an organization dedicated to promoting STEM programs throughout Utah. Additionally, students Isaac Zuniga and Kyle Torson joined us to showcase their projects from my CSIS-2810 Computer Architecture course. Overall, we were able to educate and inspire the community to continue pursuing careers in STEM.





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RECOGNIZING YEARS OF SERVICE & RETIREES

Congratulations to our Gail Miller School of Business Colleagues being recognized for their dedicated service to students!

THANK YOU!
and
Best Wishes

Student
CENTER

Retirees

Dennis Bromley, Dean

Gordon Frisbey, CSIS Faculty

Don Gren, Business MGT Faculty

Keri Karabats – 5 years

Hau Moy Kwan – 5 years

Tyson Riska – 5 years

Tammie Neeley – 10 years

Marylynn Huggins(P-T) – 10 years

Paige Paulsen – 15 years

Shauna Hatfield – 25 years

Darlene Withers (P-T) – 30 years

Don Gren – 35 years

Dennis Wilson - 35 years

Student Award Celebration

Thursday April 13th, faculty, family, friends and staff gathered together to celebrate and congratulate the 2023 Gail Miller School of Business Student award recipients. As a tradition, the culinary arts program students, led by their instructors, catered the wonderful cuisine for the luncheon.





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OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Brandon Kawikakiakahi Clegg

Culinary Arts AAS



At the age of 4, I learned that I loved to cook. Baking cookies, to helping make dinner, I learned that good food was associated to time with my family, extended family and friends that are now family. I am not only graduating on May 4th but that afternoon marrying my beautiful fiancé. She is also starting her education at SLCC and together we are making positive changes in our world. Thank you for selecting me for this award. I have loved all I learned and more importantly all the staff and faculty that encouraged me to keep going. Love SLCC!



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Jonquill Christine Garcia

Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management

I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, although my dad was from Ohio and my mom from North Carolina. Family is especially important to me. I have been married for 21 years and I am a mom of three boys. I have epilepsy, which has been challenging, but I never let it set me back because of the inspiration of my kids and my husband. I chose to pursue culinary arts because of my dad who passed away when I was young. He was the one who always cooked in our home and stirred my passion for cooking. I love to cook, bake, hike, and doing anything with my kids.



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CSIS DIVISION



OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Mohamed I. Ali

CSIS AA

My experiences at SLCC community college have been a formative part of my journey as a first-generation student in Computer Sci & Info Systems, helping me develop valuable skills and traits that will serve me well as I advance in my academic and professional pursuits.

Community engagement allowed me to cultivate effective communication, leadership, teamwork skills, and compassion for those around me. I have also gained confidence in my abilities and developed a strong work ethic as I tackled challenging coursework and balanced my academic responsibilities with other commitments.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Lexus Lindeman

Computer Sciences & Information Systems



As a computer science major, Lexus developed a deep understanding of how computers work and how to build software that solves complex problems. In addition to her studies, Lexus eagerly became a CSIS tutor. As a tutor, she's helping other students navigate the challenges of computer science coursework, sharing their expertise and insights to help others succeed. Beyond their academic pursuits, this individual is also the treasurer of the programming club. This emphasizes Lexus' strong organizational and communication skills and her passion for computer science and programming. Outside of academic activities, Lexus enjoys exploring Utah's vibrant food scene and roller skating in Millcreek Commons.



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ACCT/FIN/LS DIVISION

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Noah Goodlett

ACCT/FIN/LS



My name is Noah Goodlett, I have been in Utah since the spring of 2018 when I moved from Tennessee. I am currently living in Tooele, outside of Salt Lake City. I will be transferring to Westminster College in the fall of 2023 where I have been offered many scholarships through my relationships at SLCC. I plan to double-major in Accounting and Finance.

When I started my journey at SLCC I was planning to get a degree in nursing and go onto a career in medicine as a nurse anesthetist. While working as a nursing assistant to get clinical hours I began to trade stocks on my breaks and do financial research on my time off. I began taking economics with Professor Dennis Watson and my dreams started to become clear. I never missed a day in my economics class and bought 200 square feet of whiteboards to start writing out charts in my room.

I went on to meet Mark Lengel, my finance professor, and Paul Benner, the Associate Dean of Finance, Accounting, and Legal Studies. Mark brought up the idea to create a club and I jumped on it immediately. I quickly started work on creating the club and finding members to join through my professors and events at the school becoming the founder and president of the Investment Club.

Soon I needed to take accounting to fulfill my business degree requirements. I had no idea what to expect. I wanted to learn about securities, not depreciation. This all changed after meeting Wendy Gunn. She made accounting so interesting that I called her at least once a week and she was always ready and willing to answer any questions and help in any way possible. After I completed both accounting courses required by my degree Professor Gunn invited me to take a course through a SLCC partner, Westminster. I am now working as an intern at Westminster at the Vita Tax Clinic. This clinic works with community members to file their taxes free of charge.

Paul Benner, Mark Lengel, Wendy Gunn, and Dennis Watson have been priceless mentors that I will always appreciate and reach out to as I continue my academic journey. I have enjoyed watching classmates, and myself grow through SLCC and overcome challenges with the support of our professors and deans.



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BUSINESS DIVISION



OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Daniel Banks

Business AA

I was born and raised near downtown Salt Lake City where I currently live. I graduated high school in the summer of 2020, and I have been at Salt Lake Community College since Fall 2020. I recently graduated with my Associates of Arts in Business in Fall 2022. Numbers come easy to me, and I gravitated towards accounting during my business courses. My specific career plans are not set, but I plan to do something in the world of accounting. After an internship with Maverik this summer I will be continuing my pursuit of an accounting degree at the University of Utah.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Casandra Bladh

Business Administration AAS



Casandra moved here from San Diego to northern Utah and soon after started attending SLCC studying Business Administration. She has been attending SLCC since the Summer of 2021 and has worked hard to maintain her 4.0 GPA throughout her six semesters here. When first attending classes, she intended on using her education to help further her goals with her small business, but soon found a passion for the many other facets her business program had to offer. After graduating this Spring, she plans to dedicate her extra time working on her small business and is looking forward to where that next chapter of her life takes her.



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OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Leslie Ayllon

Business Management AAS



I was 27 years old when I first sought higher education at SLCC, and ever since I've had many personal challenges and many times I even gave up. I have learned so much along the way and everything I learned I applied in my personal and professional life. Here I am today, 17 years in the making and finally graduating with an Associate degree at 44 years of age. I have enjoyed my time being a student at SLCC and I plan on continuing my higher education for my personal growth and because learning has kept my mind young. Thank you, SLCC faculty!



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Calista Bourdos

Management & Marketing

My name is Calista Bourdos and I am currently a Sophomore at SLCC graduating this May with my associates degree in Business AS. Through my time here I have been a part of many school wide events and clubs and have taken the position of Chapter President of the club FLBA here at Salt Lake Community College. Thanks to my many amazing peers and mentors I have been provided many opportunities to represent the school such as giving an opening speech for the donation and renaming of the Gail Miller School of Business, as well as ranking nationally and statewide in a handful of business competitions. This school is full of opportunities if you are willing to find them and I'm so grateful to have had such a fortunate time here. I cannot wait to continue my path to the University of Utah this fall where I will go to pursue a marketing and sales degree.



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OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Jiwon Kang
Business AS

I am an international student from South Korea. I was always interested in America's Education, and I always dreamed about it. After all, I loved their education curriculum, so I decided to go to college in the United States. I chose to attend Salt Lake Community College because of the endless opportunities that present themselves daily whether it be in the classroom or between classes. I am currently working towards my Associates of Science Degree in Business. After completing my degree at Salt Lake Community College, I will transfer to a 4 year university where I will pursue my bachelor's degree in Business Management or Administration and Minor in Marketing Management.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Jesse Melanson

CSIS AS

Selene Flores Rascon

Paralegal Studies AAS



GRADUATES,

We wish you well in
your future endeavors!

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