Improving College Access and Completion



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Interventions to Improve College Opportunity and Success

- Increasing the pool of students preparing for college.
- Connecting more students to college where they can succeed, and encouraging completion once they arrive.
- Accessing college counseling is critical.
- Rethinking remediation.

Promising Models and Call to Action, January 2014

StepUp to Higher Education Campaign







UTAH COLLEGE STEPUP.

2,311 Student Participants

87% Increased their interest in going to college

55% Identified as First Generation

1,572 College Applications
Submitted

34% Have knowledge of the FAFSA





Utah Scholars in 2012-2013

USI Partner Districts

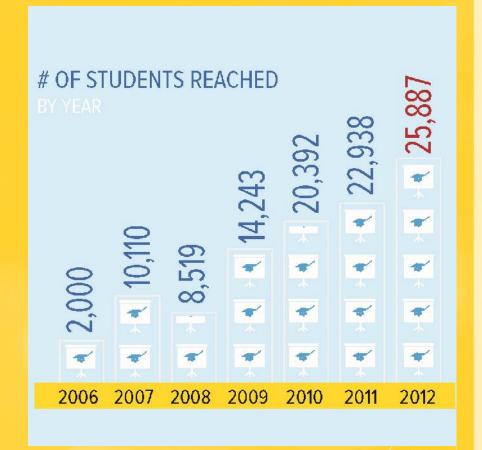
USI PARTNER SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Alpine Cache Canyons Davis Granite Jordan

Kane

Ogden
Park City
Provo
Salt Lake
Tooele
Washington

Volunteers reached more than 25,000 students





REGENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

Base Award

\$1,000 one time award

Utah Scholars Curriculum

Earn a C grade or higher

Maintain a 3.0 GPA

Submit an ACT score

Exemplary Award

Up to \$2,500 per year for 2 years

Utah Scholars Curriculum

Earn a B grade or higher

Maintain a 3.5 GPA

26 ACT score

UESP Award

\$400 matching money

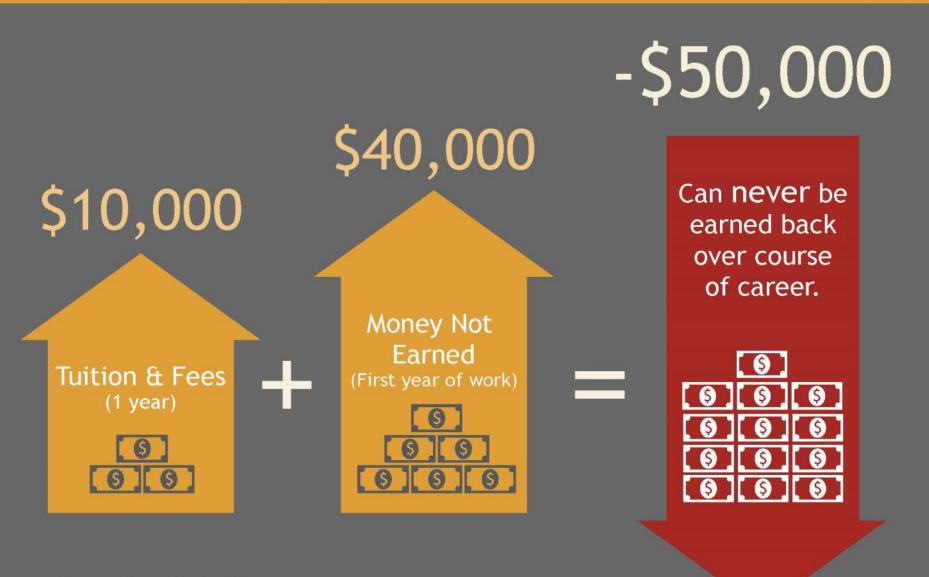
Parent/Guardian open up a 529 Plan

\$100/year starting when you're 14

Qualify for Base or Exemplary Award



The Expense of an Extra Year



*University of Alaska, Stay on Track





Take 15 | Why 15 | Resources



Graduate



on time



& get ahead.

Tuition. Books. Supplies. Parking. Housing. Every year of college is expensive.

But on average, if you take 15 credits each semester, you'll have an associate degree in 2 years or a bachelor's degree in 4. And then, instead of letting the expenses of college drag on for years, you'll be out in the world using your degree to get a better job and to earn more money.

Supporting the Journey

USHE Conference for Secondary School Administrators and Counselors



Friday, September 12, 2014 Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah

Keynote Speaker

Alice Anne Bailey

Go Alliance Director

Southern Regional Education Board

STEPUP Utah.com

First-Year Program Map for BS in Chemical Engineering at the University of Utah

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
MATH	1310	Eng Calculus	4
CHEM	1210	General Chemistry	4
CHEM	1215	General Chemistry Lab	I
WRTG	2010	Intermediate Writing	3
CH EN	1703	Intro to Chem Eng	2
ETHC	2500	Intro to Ethnic Studies	3

SECOND SEMESTER

fotal credits:	7
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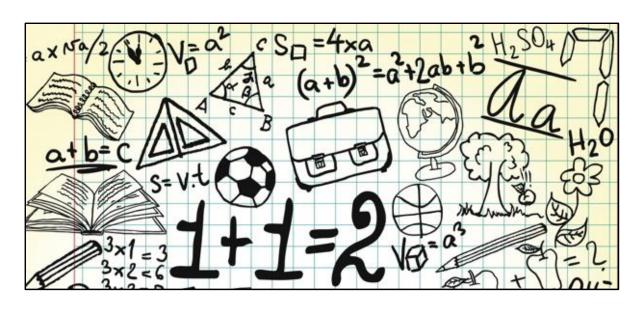
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MATH	1320	Eng Calculus II	4
CHEM	1220	General Chemistry II	4
CHEM	1225	General Chemistry Lab II	I
PHYS	2210	Phycs for Scien & Eng I	4
CH EN	1705	Chem Eng Design & Innov	3
CH EN	4755	Undergraduate Seminar	.5

TOTAL CREDITS: 16.5

Source: University of Utah Course Catalog 2013-14

Transforming Developmental Education

Goal: Increase pass rate and decrease the amount of time students spend in developmental math courses, getting them into credit-bearing classes more quickly.



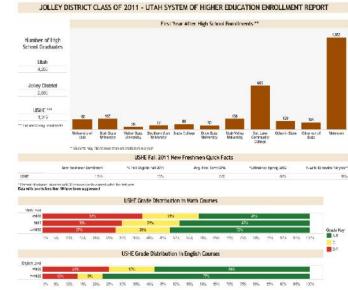
District Feedback Reports

 District Memorandum of Understanding Pilots which includes programming and data sharing.

Report on how their high school graduates are performing at Utah System of Higher Education Institutions.

Example of Data Indicators:

Enrollment data, GPA, course le retention rates, developmental support needed, etc.



Considerations for the Future

Increasing Pools

- Expanding Utah College Application Week and FAFSA Completion programs.
- Supporting High Need Students with Financial Aid.

Encouraging Completion

- Increasing Expectations for ALL students.
- Raising Awareness of 15 to Finish.

Accessing Counseling

Re-envisioning College Counseling.

Rethinking Remediation

Strengthening Math Preparation.





UTAH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Building a Stronger State of Minds