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“SALT LAKE CITY: The Next Ten Years”

Erin Mendenhall is Salt Lake City's 36th mayor and a proud alumna of the University of Utah, where she earned her bachelor's degree in gender studies, a certificate in nonprofit leadership and management, and a master's degree in science and technology. Her time at the U of U shaped her passion for public service and advocacy, providing a foundation for her trailblazing career in civic engagement.



Mayor Erin Mendenhall

Since taking office in January 2020, Mayor Mendenhall has led Salt Lake City through significant challenges, including a global pandemic, a 5.7 magnitude earthquake, and a devastating inland hurricane. In facing these crises, she has demonstrated resilience and innovation, building coalitions with state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and community leaders to ensure Salt Lake City remains a compassionate, forward-thinking city.

Under her leadership, the city has made strides in renewable energy, housing affordability, and public transit. Mayor Mendenhall's initiatives include the goal of achieving net-100% renewable energy citywide by 2030, creating deeply affordable housing solutions, and advancing air quality improvements. She has also spearheaded efforts to revitalize Salt Lake City's downtown, laying the groundwork for a thriving Sports, Entertainment, Culture and Convention District, in addition to preparations for the city to welcome the world as host of the 2034 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games.

Mayor Mendenhall's commitment to equity and sustainability reflects the values and the shared aspirations of Salt Lake City and the University of Utah. Looking to the future, she continues to lead with vision and determination, working to create a city that offers opportunity and prosperity for all its residents.

Luncheon will be held in the Alumni House, **Tuesday, February 11.**

(Notice change in venue.)

You are encouraged to arrive by 11:30 if you wish to socialize.

A buffet lunch will be served starting at 11:45. The mayor will speak from 12:30 - 1:30.

Orders due by noon, Monday, February 3. (Ordering will close at that time.)

President's Message

TIM CHAMBLESS

The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute projects statewide Utah college student enrollment growth will slow in 2027 and drop in 2032.

CUTS

- 2025 lawmakers are considering 10% budget cuts for Utah's 16 public colleges and universities.
- U's administrators have instructed all departments to prepare plans for budget cuts.

GROWTH

- The U marked its fifth straight year of enrollment growth, adding about 1,600 new students to its 36,000-strong student body.
- 2024 student enrollment increased 5% over 2023 fall semester, therefore more on-campus housing is needed.
- In 2030, the U anticipates more than 5,000 new first-year students.
- To reduce student costs, the House Speaker suggests some B.A./B.S. degrees could be three-years – not four-year undergraduate degrees.

UPDATES

Dr. Bob S. Carter is the U's new Senior VP for Health Sciences and CEO of Utah Health.

- He will administer 17 hospitals and community centers serving more than two million patients and educating 6,400 students.
- He is a veteran brain surgeon, endowed professor, and health care administrator.

The U of U campus is saving water.

- Since 2020, U has reduced annual water use by 55 million gallons.
- Legislature's H.B. 121 requires state agencies to reduce water use by 25% by 2026.
- This equals water amounts enough to fill more than 83 Olympic-sized swimming pools. The U has employed more drought-tolerant plants, new irrigation systems, fixing leaks, and water-wise fixtures in new buildings.

The U is considering a new "Medical Humanities" B.S. degree.

- Purpose would be to train more holistic health care providers.
- Degree would focus on the arts, philosophy and literature.
- U's "Environmental Humanities" degree program is a model.

Hiking Group



Stroll on Jordan River Parkway

The hiking group is more of a walking group some days, but nevertheless undeterred. One Monday, looking out at the drizzle and thermometer, the Jordan River Parkway-walk was cancelled. However, six hearty souls showed up to defy the report, sure that the sun would emerge, which it did. There were two clear trips on different sections of the pipeline trail in Millcreek Canyon while we waited for deeper snow. Then a yak trax to Donut Falls finished the month. It was so nice to be above the smog (called "haze" in Utah).

January started with a more challenging snowshoe loop from Brighton to Solitude and back, starting at the Nordic Center.

Some members of our group rallied for Public Lands at the State Capitol on January 11, demonstrating the need to protect what gives us joy and healthier bodies.

We have some arthritic joints and nagging tendons in the group, so we need some younger and stronger hikers to take us to higher elevations and going longer distances on some of our Mondays. So, please join us, and if you are not on our email-only list, then contact Suzanne.Stensaas@hsc.utah.edu. Wishing everyone an active 2025 on our trails and in our meadows.

Television Suggestions

DON STRASSBERG

Happy New Year!

This month, I'm back to offering suggestions for on-line-available films and series. Subject matter varies, but all are interesting and well-reviewed by both reviewers and audiences. Please let me know of others you have enjoyed so that I can include them in upcoming columns. "\$" means that there is a charge to view this show. I'm including a quiz of some famous quotes from movies... see how many you can correctly identify.

Prime Video

I Am: Celine Deon (2024): "This inspirational documentary highlights the music that has guided this singer's life while also showcasing the resilience of the human spirit."

Exhibiting Forgiveness (2024 \$): "Explores forgiveness, harm, and repair in father-son relationships."

My Old Ass (2024): A coming of age tale in which a young woman meets her older self at a point where she just happens to need some guidance.

Netflix

Joy (2024): This British biographical drama is the true story of the world's first in vitro fertilization baby.

A Man on The Inside (2024): Charles (Ted Danson at his best), a retired academic, is hired to become a mole in a secret investigation in an upscale senior living facility. My wife and I loved this sometimes funny, sometimes poignant, series.

Max

Juror #2 (2024): Loved this highly rated movie about a man who, while serving on a jury, "finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma...one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict-or-free the accused killer."

Hulu

Sugarcane (2024): "A stunning tribute to the resilience of Native people and their way of life." This documentary follows the story of the discovery of unmarked graves on the grounds of an Indian residential school run by the Catholic Church in Canada.

Normal People (2020): A romantic psychological drama that follows the relationship between two people from different backgrounds as they "navigate adulthood from

their final days in secondary school to their undergraduate years in Trinity College".

Extra Credit

Can you identify the movies from which these quotes come? Extra credit if you can name the movie character who said it.

"You shall not pass."

"You can't handle the truth."

"Carpe diem. Seize the day boys. Make your lives extraordinary."

"My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die."

"It's just a flesh wound."

"Here's Johnny!"

"Go ahead, make my day."

"But what I do have are a very particular set of skills, skills I have acquired over a very long career. Skills that make me a nightmare for people like you."

"Don't forget: I'm also just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her."

"I do wish I could chat longer, but...I'm having a friend for dinner."

2025 Luncheon Speakers

February 11

Erin Mendenhall

Mayor of Salt Lake City

March 11

Bonnie Baxter

Director of the Great Salt Lake
Institute

April 8

Jennifer Mayer-Glenn

Director of
University Neighborhood Partners

May 13

Doug Fabrizio

Host and producer of *Radio West*

In Memoriam

Judith Capener
February 26, 1937 – December 13,
2024
Spouse of Ted Capener
Administration

Marianna Sullivan
1939 – December 8, 2024
Spouse of Phil Sullivan
English

Joseph R. Newton
D. November 24, 2024
Medicine/Pediatrics

Charles Bryan Smith
July 23, 1936 – December 23, 2024
Medicine/Infectious Diseases



Pioneer Memorial Theater

PLAY	TICKETS AVAILABLE	PREVIEW PERFORMANCE
<i>Beautiful</i>	January 27, 2025	February 13, 2025
<i>A Case for the Existence of God</i>	March 10, 2025	March 27, 2025
<i>Waitress</i>	April 14, 2025	May 1, 2025

Osher Winter Offerings

Classes begin January 21.

Upcoming Special Events:

Water Pilgrimage: Where the Rivers End - Gallery Art Exhibition
<https://continue.utah.edu/osher/special-event/1618>
Monday, January 27 at 10:00 am
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 22

Utah Food Bank Tour <https://continue.utah.edu/osher/special-event/1615>
Wednesday, January 15 at 11:00 AM

Tour of The Sharing Place <https://continue.utah.edu/osher/special-event/1620>
Friday, January 31 at 1:00 pm

Cool Things to Do with Your Phone, Tablet & Laptop <https://continue.utah.edu/osher/special-event/1614>
need some basic knowledge of your cell phone (iPhone or Android), your tablet, and laptop.
Friday, February 21 at 1:30 pm

Lunch and Learn Winter Term Series:

Wednesdays at Noon <https://continue.utah.edu/osher/lectures>

Topaz, Utah: Lessons Learned and Unlearned
January 22, 2025, 12:00-1:00 pm
By Scott Bassett, Topaz Museum Board Member

Migraine: A Neurogenetic Disorder, Not Just a Headache
January 29, 2025, 12:00-1:00 pm
By Dr. Dan Henry, Founder and President, Danielle Byron Henry Migraine Foundation, and Elizabeth Henry Weyher

Keeping Busy After Retirement
February 5, 2025, 12:00-1:00 pm
By Jeanine Wilson, Society for Human Resource Management & Service Corps of Retired Executives

Social Isolation and Loneliness: The Significance of Friendship in Later Years
February 12, 2025, 12:00-1:00 pm
By Dr. Michael Chang, PhD, Associate Professor in Human Development & Family Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Virtual Tour of the New Utah State Historical Museum
February 19, 2025, 12:00-1:00 pm
By Tim Glenn, Inaugural Director of the Museum of Utah

DIS and DATA

Professors Emeriti Club Board Positions Open for 2025-2026:

Several Emeriti Club Board positions will be open for the coming year. We encourage you to consider any of these positions as a way of getting involved. The Board meets monthly from September to April, with a planning meeting in June. Each position has specific responsibilities, although a team approach is taken with most issues.

Open positions:

1. **President-elect** assumes the duties when the president is absent and prepares to assume the Presidency the following year;
2. **Treasurer** tracks and handles money coming into and out of the Emeriti account;
3. **Newsletter Editor** produces a monthly newsletter from September to May with content from the Board and members;
4. **Member(s)-at-large** facilitate the October to May monthly luncheons.
5. **Coordinator(s) of Special Activities** has been open this year but arranges different activities for members, and coordinates with other members who might have an activity to propose.

If you are interested, please talk to **Herta Teitelbaum**, Past-president and chair of the nominating committee (herta.teitelbaum@yahoo.com). She can further describe each position and help determine which best fits your interests and Board needs. Suggestions should be submitted by the end of January.

New Opportunity to Volunteer and Engage:

Connect with faculty, students, scientists and patients at the Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital — one of the most innovative facilities on campus.

About the Hospital:

This state-of-the-art, 75-bed facility, near the UofU Hospital, transforms lives through advanced rehabilitation. Patients recovering from spinal cord or traumatic brain injuries, strokes, amputations, neuromuscular conditions, cancer, or life-altering accidents receive personalized, cutting-edge care.

Ways to Get Involved:

- **Support TRAILS Adaptive Program Events:** Help empower individuals with disabilities to reclaim independence through programs like the TetraSki — the world's first electric ski for independent skiing — as well as adaptive technologies for sailing, off-road biking, cross-country skiing, and more. Your involvement supports athletes' participation in life-changing recreational experiences.
- **Volunteer for Research in the ART Lab:** Participate as a control subject in studies by the NeuroRobotics and Advanced Rehabilitation Technology (ART) Lab, which integrates neuroscience, engineering, and rehabilitation to create life-changing solutions. Volunteers help refine groundbreaking technologies that directly benefit patients.
- **Mentor Students and Scientists:** Share your expertise at:
 - Woodbury Digital Innovation Lab:* Collaborate with engineers, therapists, and physicians to empower patients to "Control Everything with Anything."
 - Mobility Garage:* Work with patients to test and invent cutting-edge mobility solutions tailored to individual needs.
- **Support Student Capstone Projects:** Contribute \$3,000–\$5,000 to fund internships or innovative research initiatives that drive meaningful change. These projects often focus on inventing new technologies and products designed to empower individuals with complex medical challenges, fostering the next generation of leaders in rehabilitation.

To Learn More or Get Involved, Contact:

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Special **February 11** Buffet Luncheon

The venue and catering at the Alumni House are a Valentine present from the Office of Advancement, thanking us for our contributions to the many missions of the University.

The luncheon will be served buffet-style, beginning at 11:30. You are encouraged to arrive by 11:30 in order to socialize before the speaker begins at 12:30.

Buffet Menu for All Guests

Roasted Beet & Arugula Salad with Toasted Pistachios,
Scallions (on the side), Feta Cheese (on the side)
and Red Wine Vinaigrette

Vegetable Baked Ziti with Bell Peppers, Zucchini, Eggplant, Parmesan and Mozzarella Cheese
Beef Meatballs with Marinara Sauce

Coffee, Decaf, Tea Service & Ice Water
Fruit Salad & Tollhouse Chocolate Chip Cookies

Online and print ordering deadline is noon, February 3, 2025

Voluntary Dues for 2024-25: \$12/Single, \$24/Couple

Parking is free in lot 30 north of the Alumni House for those who need a very short walking distance. It is wheelchair accessible and close to our usual Student Union Lot, where we ask the more able-bodied to park, thereby

assuring there will be space for all. For a **diagram of the parking area**, go to the Alumni House website: <https://ecclesalumnihouse.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/68/2022/07/Alumni-House-Parking-2021.pdf>

Payment

The cost of the buffet is the same as our usual luncheons: \$20

To pay by credit card (preferred): <https://umarket.utah.edu/um2/uuemeriticlub/product.php?product=37>

To pay by check:

Name _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Partner _____ Telephone # _____

Guest(s) _____

Number attending @ \$20 each _____

Luncheon \$ _____

Dues \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please check here _____ if this is your first luncheon as a new member or you are 100+ years.

Make out the check to *Professors Emeriti Club* and send to:

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