the AMES School Counseling Newsletter

Wednesday, 10.14.2026 —

COMING UP:

- FALL BREAK: Oct 15-20 - Have fun and be safe!

Wednesday, OCTOBER 21 is a BUSY Day!

- First Day of Quarter 2
- Picture Retakes
- Free College 101 Workshop: 2:30 - 3:30pm in rm 209 - Register Here! - Students and Families Welcome!
- Sterling Scholar Applications Due - More information below

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- The AMES main office is under construction - please bear with us as we make much needed updates and changes to our front office. Thank you!
- Mr. Katoa and Mr. Wilson's offices are now more accessible directly from the 300 hall. Stop in and say hi!

AMES PTSO:

Dear AMES Family,

Thank you to everyone who came to our last PTSO meeting! Here are the highlights:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Teachers loved their meals! We raised $290 at conferences, which leaves $5,000 to go toward our $6,000 goal.
- Student Activity: Our student reps are planning October's activity for October 30.
- Mascot: We will not be pursuing a mascot change.
- Senior Activity: We discussed dates and will coordinate so that all students can attend.
- Coming up: Giving Tuesday and December's student activity.

If you'd like to support our goal, donations are always welcome:

Venmo @AMES-SLC_Foundation | PayPal foundation.ames.slc@gmail.com

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 12 at 4:00 PM at the school. We'd love to see you there!

Warmly,
AMES PTSO Team - (Parent, Teacher, Student, Organization)

Focus your attention on the present moment. Keep a positive attitude.

STERLING SCHOLAR
AWARDS
Deseret News

Application is due October 21st and should be turned in to the AMES Main Office or emailed to *ssouthwick@ames-slc.org*

Depending on the number of applicants per category, students may be required to sit for an interview.

Those participating in the Vocal, Instrumental Music, Speech/Theatre and Dance will need to participate in the Sterling Scholar auditions conducted by CHS.

Auditions will be held after school on **October 27th, 2026**





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Scholarship spotlight

Daniel's Fund Scholarship DUE TOMORROW



Senior year is here, and so is a life changing opportunity. The Daniels Scholarship, one of the most generous in the country, is now open to students across Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Utah.

As a Daniels Scholar, you receive:

- **Full cost of attendance** covered at partner schools
- Up to $25,000 per year at non-partner schools
- Graduate debt-free
- Personal support before, during, and after college
- Career readiness, internships and fellowships
- Financial literacy and civics built into the program
- A new MacBook

Encourage graduating high school seniors you know to learn more and apply **here**!

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Richards scholarship

This scholarship is open to high school seniors, and is $1000. Students can apply starting **10/22**.

Application can be found HERE:
https://www.weber.edu/richardsinstitute/ethics-scholarships.html

Attention Seniors

We're excited to share that the 2027–28 FAFSA form is officially available to all students!

To help students and parents navigate the form, USHE has recorded a 2027-2028 FAFSA Deep Dive video. It can be accessed on the USHE YouTube channel. You can also find the video file in the Google Drive for 2026/27 FAFSA event resources.

Student and parent resources



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Dear Parents & Students,

For students who would like help preparing for the ACT, our students have been invited to a **discounted ACT Bootcamp** at the **University of Utah** on **October 15 - 17, 2026**. Students of all grade levels are welcome to attend.

On average, students improve their ACT scores by 3 -7 points, which can make a significant difference in college admissions and scholarship opportunities.

Schedule for the 3-Day (20-hour) ACT Bootcamp:

Thursday, October 15th	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Friday, October 16th	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday, October 17th	8:30 am - 6:00 pm (lunch 1 - 2)

Location of Bootcamp:

University of Utah, A. Ray Olpin Student Union, 200 S. Central Campus Drive (Salt Lake City)

Regular Cost of Camp: $499

Discounted Cost: **$249**

Use coupon code **UTES** at checkout.

How To Enroll in the ACT Camp:

1. Go to: http://TutorsAcrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse
2. Scroll down to find the camp you want.
3. Enroll as directed.
4. Use coupon code **UTES** at checkout to get the 50% discount.



Dear Parents,

We invite your students to join the University of Utah Admissions team at a local Salt Lake City Public Library branch for a **free workshop** designed to **help students and families navigate the college application process**, regardless of where they are in their applications. This event is open to all students, whether they are current seniors in the middle of applying, or younger students who are preparing to apply in the future.

Attendees will learn everything they need to know about **admissions requirements, scholarships and financial aid options, tips for building a strong application**, as well as helpful university resources and an opportunity to speak directly to admissions professionals from the U.

This event is open and free to all, so we hope your students will join us to gain all the **information, guidance, and tools they need to take their next step**! Here are our upcoming events:

SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

November 17th, 5:30-7:00pm

GLENDALE LIBRARY

November 4th, 4:00-5:30pm

SPRAGUE LIBRARY

November 12th, 5:30-7:00pm

At the University of Utah, we take each summit together. If you or your students have any questions about the U, reach out to our admissions team at admissions@utah.edu or give us a call at 801-581-8761!



Messages from Utah Colleges

U of U Updates & Opportunities

I am a Scholarship Program Advisor at the University of Utah in the **Student Affairs Scholarship Support Hub (SASSH)**. I'd like to share some information about our upcoming **Scholarship Open House** so that AMES high school seniors who are interested in attending the U can take advantage of this opportunity.

We have **TWO** Scholarship Open House events this November (in-person and virtual) where you'll learn about SASSH's first-year scholarship opportunities, receive important FAFSA info from the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid, and learn different strategies on how to pay for school from the Financial Wellness Center.

Please find more information on the events below:



Scholarship Open House (In-person)
Thursday, Nov 12th
6-7:30 pm
University of Utah, Carolyn & Kem Gardner Commons - Room 2950
Dinner provided. Free parking code will be emailed day of
Register Here: https://forms.gle/knxNQoymhC2Whes97

Scholarship Open House (Virtual)
Wednesday, Nov 18th
4-5 pm
Zoom Link will be emailed after registration
Register Here: https://forms.gle/KRbGm3G2rHPPdRqE6

SLCC Dreamers & Allies Newsletter

A new semester is officially underway, and campus is already full of energy, new faces, exciting events, and plenty of opportunities to get involved.
Whether you're settling into a new routine, meeting new people, or jumping right into campus life, there's a lot to look forward to.

Here's a quick look at what's happening this month! ✨

Academic Calendar
Upcoming Deadlines for Fall 2026

(Full Term - 16 Week)

October 15-16: Fall Break (No Classes)

October 27: Last Day to Withdraw (No Refunds)

November 25: Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes, College Open)

November 26-28: Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes, College Closed)

Coming Up At SLCC
Student Health Fair

Join SLCC for their annual Fall Health Fair to educate students about the various services of the CHC, connect with community health partners, and involve campus resources that also impact student health and well-being.

There will be interactive games, snacks, and giveaways!

The Bruin Dreams Scholarship Program is now open!

Spring 2027 Application due **November 16**.

This privately funded scholarship was created to support significant barriers accessing higher education, particularly those navigating challenges related to resettling in a new country.

Through this program, students receive:



- Mentorship and community support
- Personalized guidance
- Skills and tools for academic success
- Offered 3 times a year!
- Apply on Scholarship Universe.

Beca Bruin Dreams

¡Sueñen en grande, Bruins!

¡El plazo de solicitud para el programa de becas Bruin Dreams se abre el 21 de septiembre!

La fecha límite para solicitar la beca de la primavera de 2027 es el 16 de Noviembre.

Esta beca, financiada con fondos privados, se creó para ayudar a superar barreras importantes para acceder a la educación superior, especialmente aquellas relacionadas con los desafíos de establecerse en un nuevo país.

A través de este programa, los estudiantes reciben:

- Mentoría y apoyo comunitario
- Orientación personalizada
- Habilidades y herramientas para el éxito académico
- ¡Se ofrece tres veces al año!
- Solicítala en Scholarship Universe.

West Valley Center Presents
ESL Tutoring Sessions

West Valley Center will be offering tutoring sessions for students in the SLCC ESL program for Foundation Level, Level 1, & Level from September to December.

They will have 8 sessions being held at different times ranging from 11 AM - 1 PM, 2 PM - 4PM, and 5 PM - 7 PM.



Receive help practicing multiple concepts being covered in ESL classes, assistance navigating Canvas, using Navigate360, and completing Spark Activities!

El West Valley Center ofrecerá sesiones de tutoría para los estudiantes del programa de ESL de SLCC (niveles Foundation, 1 y 2) desde Septiembre hasta Diciembre.

Se llevarán a cabo 8 sesiones en diferentes horarios: de 11:00 a. m. a 1:00 p. m., de 2:00 p. m. a 4:00 p. m. y de 5:00 p. m. a 7:00 p. m.

¡Reciba ayuda para practicar diversos conceptos vistos en las clases de ESL, así como asistencia para navegar por Canvas, utilizar Navigate360 y completar las actividades Spark!

Dream Center Presents
Scholarship Workshop

Join us for our first event of the semester!

We're excited to share with you what scholarship opportunities are available through Scholarship Universe and what you can look forward to for Spring 2027.

With the next deadline approaching on **October 15**, we want to make sure you have the tools you need to successfully apply on time!

We will share how you can:

- Set up or update your Scholarship Universe
- Learn about the Bruin Dream Scholarship
- Receive assistance applying to scholarships
- Gain essay writing tips and tricks

Immigration Help Site - October 2026

Our Immigration Help Site will be offered online to support dreamers and our community with free, confidential consultations.

Access guidance from volunteer attorneys and law students, explore your options, and receive a referral, if needed, all from the comfort of your own home.



Whether you're seeking information for yourself or supporting someone you care about, The Pro Bono Initiative is here to help every step of the way!

📅 Wednesday, October 28
🕐 5:30 – 7:30 PM
📍 Online by Appointment Only

More Info
Sitio de Ayuda de Inmigración - Octubre de 2026

Nuestro Sitio de Ayuda de Inmigración se ofrecerá en línea para apoyar a los dreamers y a nuestra comunidad con consultas gratuitas y confidenciales.

Accede a orientación de abogados voluntarios y estudiantes de derecho, explora tus opciones y recibe una referencia si es necesario, todo desde la comodidad de tu hogar.

Ya sea que busques información para ti o estés apoyando a alguien que te importa, ¡The Pro Bono Initiative está aquí para ayudarte en cada paso del camino!

📅 Miércoles, 28 de Octubre
🕐 5:30 – 7:30 PM
📍 En Linea Solo con Cita Previa

Thanks for catching up with us, and we hope you found something that sparked your interest.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events, get involved, and make the most of everything campus has to offer.

Until next time,

The Dream Team 🦋

Here is a list of SLCC Admissions upcoming events and scholarships 🙂

Admissions Events – Save the Dates:

- High School Counselor & Community Partner Conference:
  - Friday - October 2nd, 2026



- This on-campus conference provides high school counselors and community partners with updates, tools, and resources to better support students. It also strengthens partnerships and promotes awareness of SLCC programs, services, and opportunities through tailored sessions and campus engagement.

- Bruin Sneak Peek (New Format, but FKA Multicultural Conference)
  - Friday - November 13th, 2026
  - This is a fall conference for Seniors to attend hands-on workshops that guide students through key college preparation steps while connecting them with college access resources, the SLCC community, academic programs, and student support services.
- Explore SLCC
  - Wednesday - March 17th, 2027
  - A campus-wide open house designed for prospective students and the broader community.
- First Generation Student Conference
  - Friday - April 9th, 2027
  - This event for sophomores and juniors focuses on increasing college access, building connections, and introducing students to SLCC programs and resources.
- Reminder for Bruin Support Days and SLCC Days

Scholarships:

- Honors at Entrance:
  - High School GPA 3.5 or higher
  - Classified as a Utah Resident
  - Submit official high school transcripts
  - Be registered for at least 9 credits
- CE Transition Scholarship
  - Complete at least 6 CE credits at SLCC
  - Be classified as a Utah Resident
  - Submit official high school transcripts
  - Be registered for at least 6 credits for Fall 2026
- SLCC Promise
  - Be eligible for and receive Federal Pell Grant funds.
  - Be a Utah resident.



- Be registered for at least 6 credits.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards

- Resource: Dream Center (Undocumented/DACAmented/Blended Status)
  - (801) 957-2129
  - dreamcenter@slcc.edu
  - Reminder of HB 144



NEW from SUU

Red Riot Weekends!

- October 16-17, 2026
- November 6-7, 2026
- November 20-21, 2026
- January 22-23, 2027
- February 5-6, 2027
- March 5-6, 2027
- April 2-3, 2027

Scholarship Raffle

Three students at every Red Riot Weekend will win a $500 SUU scholarship to use their first semester!

Application Deadlines:

- **November 1, 2026**: Presidential Ambassador applications open
- **December 1, 2026:** Application Priority Deadline
- **December 1, 2026:** Presidential Ambassador applications close
- **March 1, 2027:** Scholarship Deadline



- **May 1, 2027:** Scholarship Acceptance Deadline

Scholarships:

Academic Scholarships:
We are keeping the same format as last year, students qualify for the scholarships based on *either* their GPA or their test scores. The only exception to this rule is our President's Scholarship which does require both a GPA (3.9) and an ACT score (30).

Scholarship Appeals: Fun fact: I recently learned that 50% of admitted students would be awarded a higher scholarship if they fill out an appeal form. Please inform your students and guide them to fill out an appeal form here.

T-bird Promise Scholarship:

(I am making this big and bold because I cannot stress this enough!!!)

PLEASE encourage students to apply for our **T-Bird Promise Scholarship**. This scholarship is open to everyone to apply for, and is almost a **guaranteed $500/semester scholarship**. This scholarship stacks on top of academic scholarships as well. Students who apply for T-bird promise *and* meet over zoom with Corben or Clay, our financial aid advisors, will most likely increase their T-bird Promise Scholarship from $500/semester to $1000/semester.

Financial Aid Advisors: The best contacts to give students for SUU Financial Aid Help:

Corben Cox **(Spanish speaking)** - corbencox@suu.edu

Clayton Adams - claytonadams@suu.edu

Extra Information:

Admissions Hub: We have created an Admissions Hub for students to access after they apply to SUU. This Hub will show a progress bar of where students are in the admissions process, and clearly tell them their next steps. This Hub will also allow students to upload photos/files of their transcripts and test scores straight to their account. I am very excited for this resource for incoming students.

SUU SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY



A Message from Utah State University

Visit Campus for True Blue Days

True Blue Days aim to make a significant impact in preparing students for their college journey. Registration is free for all events and includes all activities, lunch, and our Famous Aggie Ice Cream.

Students can still register for the following events this fall at usu.edu/admissions/events. We would love to help them learn if USU is right for them!

- **Senior Preview Day (USU Logan):** October 16, October 24, or November 13
- **Senior Preview Day (USU Eastern):** October 15
- **College Access Day (USU Logan):** November 3 or 4
- **Academics Day (USU Eastern):** November 12
- **Leadership Day (USU Logan):** November 20

USU is Coming to YOU!

We know not everyone is able to come and visit campus so we're hitting the road to bring Utah State closer to home. Visit usu.edu/admissions/openhouse for a listing of dates and locations.

Out-of-State Open Houses

Throughout the months of October and November, our USU reps will be visiting students from coast to coast at our open house events. These events are intended to help students and families get answers to their questions. Information about admissions, costs and aid, scholarships and more will be provided. Aggie swag will be available and an Aggie event would not be complete without our Famous Aggie Ice Cream.

Virtual Open Houses

If we are not coming to a city near you, students can join us online! Our Virtual Open

houses provide the opportunity for students and families to meet one-on-one with a USU representative from the comfort of their own home.

Statewide Paying for College Nights
Students in Utah can come to learn more about USU by visiting an open house at a USU campus in their community. Students can meet with our team to receive personalized help with their application, explore local scholarships, and learn about their local campus.

Ambassador 101 Workshops

Do you know students who would be a good USU Ambassador? Our Ambassador 101 Workshops give potential applicants an inside look at the program, what it takes to apply, and tips for submitting a strong application. These virtual sessions are great for high school seniors planning to apply.

The workshops will be held on **October 26** and **December 2**. Both workshops will cover the same material, so students can choose the one that works best for them!

Paid Internships for New USU Eastern Students

USU Eastern has teamed up with Intermountain Electronics to provide paid internships in the electrical and welding fields—no experience required. This is an opportunity for students with an interest in electrical and/or welding to get introduced to and explore these fields through hands-on experience. Students work full time and get paid while living on campus and getting 8 credits in introductory welding and/or electrical programs at no cost. By living on campus, students will receive a full meal plan and have access to all campus events and sporting contests. Visit eastern.usu.edu/ie-internship/ for more details.





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STUDENT AFFAIRS
SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT HUB
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Join us at our in-person open house!

- Learn about SASSH scholarship opportunities for first-year and first-gen students
- Get important info about FAFSA from the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid
- Discover strategies for paying for school from the Financial Wellness Center

Thursday, November 12 @ 6:00-7:30 PM
Carolyn & Kem Gardner Commons, Rm. 2950

Food provided.
RSVP here:



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