

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWSLETTER



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Events

Founders Day Recipient Dinner
February 26
Regular Alumni Board and Alumni Awards Committee members and their guests
6:30 p.m. – Reception
Alumni House
(Complimentary)

Founders Day
February 27
Little America, 6 p.m.
All board members invited
(\$95 pp)

Beehive Induction Banquet
Monday, March 31st
Alumni House, 6:30 p.m.
Beehive Board & Inductees

Alumni Association & Young Alumni Spring Awards Recipient Luncheon
Monday, March 11
Alumni House, Noon
Young Alumni & Alumni Awards & Scholarship Committee

Alumni Board Meetings

Alumni Association Full Board Meeting
Friday, March 14, 11:45 a.m.
Guest speaker: John Warnock

Young Alumni Board
Thursday, March 20, Noon
(Offsite location TBA)

Emeritus Board
Wednesday, March 5
10 a.m.

Beehive Board
Wednesday, March 12
5:30 p.m.

Student Alumni Board
Wednesday, March 5
Wednesday, March 19
5 p.m.

Other Meetings

Young Alumni Communications/Outreach
Thursday, March 6
Noon

Young Alumni Awards & Scholarship
Thursday, March 13
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Friday, March 28
5:30-8:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Alumni House unless otherwise specified.

NOTE FROM SPENCE

What a great time to be associated with the University of Utah Alumni Association! All of our boards are active and involved, the University is on a roll with a Nobel Laureate, USTAR is taking shape, a new master building plan is under way, we're about to launch the public capital campaign, and our colleges and departments are doing exemplary work. All of which means we need your help, dedication, and service more than ever.



As I write this, the 2008 legislative session has begun, and while the Legislature has been good to higher education the past couple of years, we need to continue to keep them accurately informed of the U's needs and priorities. Of critical importance this year is the capital building appropriation for new classrooms as part of the David Eccles School of Business building.

As Alumni Association board members, we are all legislative advocates, and I hope you'll take an opportunity to let your legislative representatives know how you feel about the University and its needs. Public education continues to get a lot of attention, but it's important to make sure that higher education does not get left out.

Thank you for all your support, dedication, and hard work in "Linking you with the U." Together we can help the U remain one of the great universities in the country!

Spence Kinard
President

Founders Day is Around the Corner

The Founders Day Banquet will take place on **February 27, 2008**, at Little America Hotel. Cost of the dinner is \$95 for Alumni members and \$100 for other patrons. We also invite you to attend hosted events on campus for many of our recipients, who will give presentations.

This year's Distinguished Alumnus/a awardees are:

- David M. Grant, distinguished professor of chemistry
- J. Brett Harvey, president and CEO of CONSOL Energy
- Ann Weaver Hart, president of Temple University
- Charlie Monfort, chair and CEO of the Colorado Rockies baseball team

This year's Honorary Alumnus awardee is Nobel Laureate Mario R. Capecchi.

For more detailed information, please visit www.alumni.utah.edu/foundersday.

Campus Activities with the Founders Day Recipients

We are pleased to announce that all of this year's Distinguished Alumni will give presentations during the week of February 25. Below are the topics, times, and dates. All board members are invited to attend, but we ask that you RSVP to the campus departments listed below:

Ann Weaver Hart, Tuesday, February 26, 2 p.m., Milton Bennion Hall, Room 201, "The Academic Track and Leadership Preparation in Higher Education"; phone 581-3621.

J. Brett Harvey, Wednesday, February 27, Noon, SLC Downtown Marriott Hotel, 75 South West Temple; luncheon and informal discussion with mining engineering students and faculty; phone 581-7198.

Charlie Monfort, Wednesday, February 27, 12:15 p.m., College of Business, CRCC 105; luncheon and informal discussion with School of Business students and Student Alumni Board members; phone 581-5285.

David M. Grant, Wednesday, February 27, 2 p.m., Henry Eyring Chemistry Building, Room 2008; "A Half-Century of NMR Research and Development – the Ever-Expanding Science, with Special Focus on NMR Crystallography"; phone 581-5784.

If you have questions about these presentations, please call Mary Thriot at 585-3716.

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Board Reports

Board Nominations

We encourage all of you to be thinking about who will fill the shoes of board members leaving us in May. Please note the following deadlines for board applications/nominations:

- Alumni Association Board – Monday, March 17
- Young Alumni Board – Friday, March 28
- Student Alumni Board – Friday, March 28
- Beehive Board – Friday, February 29

Young Alumni Board

The Young Alumni Board is pleased to announce that Neil Ashdown BA'93 MPA'97 is this year's Par Excellence Award recipient. Neil is currently chief of staff to Gov. Huntsman and is past president of the Young Alumni Board. The Young Alumni scholarship selections will take place in March.

Beehive Honor Society Board

Members of the board have selected 24 outstanding students for the Beehive Honor Society class of 2008.

Student Alumni Board

MUSS Football registration will start on Friday, March 7, at 9 p.m.

Emeritus Board

The EAB annual meeting for new and retiring board members and officers will be at noon on May 7th. They will choose 6 new board members and Earl Wunderli will become the president for next year replacing Duane Hill.

Committee Reports

The **Legislative Relations Committee** held its meeting at the Capitol on Tuesday, February 19; members were given a tour of the renovated building (pronounced "beautiful!") following.

Legislative Update

HB 241 (repeal of in-state tuition for undocumented students) has been passed by the House and is now being debated in the Senate. The University's position is clear: We are urging senators to vote NO on the legislation. If you are unsure where you stand on the issue, there are very good resources on the Association's advocacy Web site at www.alumni.utah.edu/advocacy/ outlining why the legislation would not be good for Utah and for higher education. If you agree, please contact your senator to urge him/her to vote against the legislation.

The **Awards and Scholarship Committee** has selected the Founders Day Scholarship winner: Lynnette Averill, a doctoral student majoring in educational psychology. Lynnette is currently working with veterans at the VA Hospital, specializing in Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD). You will meet this amazing young woman at the Founders Day Banquet. The committee also selected the following awardees for the Spring Awards Banquet:

- **Perlman Award** – Bryan Eldredge, Associate Director, Masters Programs and Services
- **Community Service Award** – Lynette Danley, Assistant Professor of Education Leadership & Policy

Alumni Chapters

March 4 – The **Texas Lone Star Chapter** invites you to join alumni and friends of the University of Utah at the Platinum Club of American Airlines Center. Brad Mayne BS'78, president & CEO of American Airlines Center, will address alumni on the topic of "Sportainment" (sports and entertainment marketing). A locker room tour will follow. The event is free of charge; 6:30 p.m. at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue, Dallas. RSVP by Thursday, February 28, at www.alumni.utah.edu/chapters or by calling (801) 581-3966.

March 8 – Mark your calendars for spring training baseball with the **Arizona Alumni Chapter**. Join alumni and friends for a pre-game picnic hosted by Salt Lake Bees (Los Angeles Angels AAA Club) VP/General Manager Marc Amicone BS'80 MS'94 and baseball action between the Angels and San Francisco Giants.

Tickets to the event are \$18 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under (under 2 free). The price includes a Field Box seat (in Section 20) to the game and lunch buffet. Purchase tickets by Thursday, March 6 at www.alumni.utah.edu/chapters or by calling (801) 581-3966.

March 12 – Join alumni and friends of the **Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter** for lunch from noon to 2 p.m. at Panevino Ristorante, 246 Via Antonio (at Sunset Road in Marnell Corporate Center), Las Vegas. The group will be joined by Thomas & Mack Co. Managing Partner Tom Thomas BA'82 JD'86, who will speak on "Weathering the Commercial Development Downturn." Cost: \$15/person. RSVP by March 5 at www.alumni.utah.edu/chapters or by calling (801) 581-3966.