Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19

As Fall Semester begins, COVID-19 transmission rates are rising again around the state. Reports from the Utah Department of Health show more than 80% of benefited University of Utah employees have already been vaccinated. Thank you for your help with this! If you haven’t yet received your vaccine, please visit https://alert.utah.edu/covid/vaccine/ to schedule your appointment today.

Asymptomatic coronavirus testing is still available and free to University faculty, staff, and students. The test results typically return same-day results. For more information visit https://alert.utah.edu/covid/testing.

Don’t forget to wear your face masks while inside, and practice social distancing whenever possible. Our campus community has been amazing in respecting each other and the safety guidelines we’ve put in place throughout this challenging time. We will get through this together!

Vaccine Information

Join the Alternative Breaks Team

The Bennion Center “Alternative Breaks” program is seeking passionate staff and faculty committed to student development and social justice learning to join their Spring 2022 AB team as Staff/Faculty Partners. Applications are due on August 20th!

Partners work to support student leadership in facilitating a week-long justice and travel-based community engagement experience over fall or spring break. If you’re interested in one-on-one mentorship, want to explore sharing stories on the individual and community levels, and are excited about the opportunity to facilitate student programs, learning, and professional growth in the areas of Social Justice & Diversity, Quality Components of an Alternative Break & Active Citizenship, and Crisis Management & Conflict Resolution, Alternative Breaks could be a great personal and professional development opportunity for you!

Benefits of Staff/Faculty Participation include:

- One-on-one mentorship experience
- Meet, network, and connect with other University of Utah staff/faculty who are interested in student development
- Professional development opportunity and resume builder
- Recruiting tool for your program/center/college
- Free travel with students to a volunteer site outside of northern Utah
- Ongoing training topics include: Social Justice & Diversity Facilitation, Quality Components of an Alternative Break & Active Citizenship, and Crisis Management & Conflict Resolution

Visit the Bennion Center website to learn more and apply for the position or contact Grace Hymel at gracehymel@utah.edu for more information.

Legacy of Lowell Day of Service

Join us on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM for the 18th annual Legacy of Lowell Saturday Service Project. We have nearly 1000 openings for staff from the University of Utah to come together to meet some of the needs of our community.

Learn more about this great service opportunity and sign up to participate by visiting the Bennion Center website.

Legacy of Lowell Registration

“Sit-U-ational Telecommuting” Initiative

If you are familiar with the term “surge telecommuting”, then you know it is a useful tool in addressing community events and situations that may be alleviated by having fewer commuters on our roads. If you are interested in learning more, you may be eligible to participate in Energy Management’s new “Surge Telecommuting” initiative. The University is testing an initiative very similar to this called “Sit-U-ational Telecommuting” to help manage one of our busiest times on campus - the first few weeks of Fall Semester.

During the first two weeks of the semester (August 23 - September 3), the University is asking eligible employees who aren’t required to be in person to work from home in an effort to reduce our overall footprint. All employees should work with their supervisor to determine their eligibility for this initiative. Click below to find out more, including whether you may be eligible to participate.

Read the @theU Article

Review the minutes from the last Staff Council Meeting here. If you would like to attend our monthly meeting, please send us an email at uusc@utah.edu.