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Come bring your family and celebrate Dixie State University’s 2013 D-Week.

Campus Notes

Get the update on Dixie’s three newest degrees, and find out what’s happening on the campus of Dixie State University.

DSU Sports Update

Keep updated on Dixie State athletes and teams, meet the new women’s soccer coach and baseball coach.

Keeping Up With Alumni

Check up on some of your Dixie classmates, read about those who have passed on, and see the latest happenings in Dixie’s alumni chapters.

Message from the Alumni Director

Dixie State University! The Alumni Office is thrilled that the Dixie State College Board of Trustees, the State Board of Regents, and our Utah Legislators have approved the college moving to university status.

We are very grateful to President Stephen Nadauld for the many hours he has worked on behalf of Dixie State. His ideas and efforts to change the school to meet the growing demands of the community and alumni are visionary. He and his colleagues worked diligently to see that the college met the benchmarks necessary to be a university, and then worked with all the necessary boards and individuals to see the process through.

We are blessed to have President Nadauld and his wife Margaret here at Dixie State University, and we want to thank them for their dedication to this fine institution. They have truly caught the Dixie Spirit!

D-Day is Saturday, April 13th. Please consider joining the Alumni Association as we host the annual “Evening of Dixie” at the Eccles Fine Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. This event will be followed by light refreshments and is a fun way to replenish the red sand in your shoes! — Kalynn Larson, ’94, Alumni Relations Director

ON THE COVER

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Dixie State Becomes DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY

by Nancy Perkins, ’78

Dixie State College fulfilled one long-held vision and began another on Feb. 16, 2013, when Utah Gov. Gary Herbert officially signed House Bill 61, renaming the institution “Dixie State University” and moving it into position as the state’s sixth university in the Utah System of Higher Education.

“This is just the greatest thing ever,” said Dixie State University President Stephen Nadauld, who was visibly moved by the occasion. “This is just a great day for Dixie—an unbelievable day in the history of this region.”

From its humble pioneer beginnings to the technological advances of today, Dixie State University has always been able to count on its core strength—people who have had the courage to envision a future that includes an outstanding university.

“I have been thinking of those early settlers who came to this forbidding, hot place, where the river washed out their crops, where some got discouraged and left, while others died and were buried,” said President Nadauld. “Many of you here today are descendants of those folks whose names are on the Encampment Mall Monument. They were really very noble and extraordinary pioneers. Part of their vision, preeminent in their minds, was that they wanted to be part of a community that had a university.”

And while the challenges of today are not the same as those experienced by the settlers of yesterday, President Nadauld said the goal over these many years has remained the same.

“There today is the culmination of that vision of over 150 years ago, to become a university,” said President Nadauld. “The fulfillment of that vision is an emotional and stirring thing.”

Thanks to the team effort of all those involved, Dixie State University is now a reality, President Nadauld said.

“This has been the quintessential team effort,” he said, thanking the faculty, staff, administrators, and students for their hard work in meeting the benchmarks required to attain university status.

President Nadauld also thanked the alumni and community members for their support over the past several years of sometimes tumultuous change. He thanked the local Utah State Legislature delegation and the DSU Board of Trustees for their tenacity and drive, for the Utah State Board of Regents for its commitment to ensuring higher education goals are met in southern Utah and Governor Herbert for his earlier assurances that Dixie State University would have his support.

“It was a thrill to sit on the floor of the House and watch all those “aye” votes pop up,” President Nadauld said, recalling the moment on Feb. 13, 2013, when legislators in the Utah House and Senate cast their votes. Because more than two-thirds of each body voted to approve the bill, Governor Herbert was able to sign the paperwork right away, allowing students who graduate in May 2013 to see “Dixie State University” on their diplomas, he added.

Governor Herbert also praised the efforts of all those who believe in Dixie State University.

“The pioneers didn’t just care about today, they cared about tomorrow,” the governor noted. “We are the beneficiaries of that vision, courage and hard work. We recognize the past and learn from those that have gone before.”

Now the challenge for Dixie State University is to continue on with the same level of hope and optimism that exemplifies the past while meeting its vision for the future, Gov. Herbert added.

“I hope this day will be one to motivate us, to inspire us, to give us the vision as we come together and concentrate our efforts in having excellence here at Dixie State University,” the governor said. “Excellence in our educational system, in our social issues, our sports programs, in the opportunity it gives us to have excellent discussions and debate.”

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by Amber Rich, ’94

With the passage of three decades, Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans, who retires as Vice President of Academics, is bidding farewell after seeing to completion the official announcement of her beloved institution as Dixie State University. Reaching the apex of university status is a poetic end to Donna’s career as she has stood as an academic pillar and driving force in the evolution of Dixie.

“Dixie’s input to the university status process was absolutely critical,” said President Stephen Nadauld. “She understood where we were with each of our current degrees, and what we would need to do, both money-wise and personnel-wise. She was the indispensable contact with the Regents office, as she made sure that every degree we put forward could be justified to the Regents staff. This was a huge job, and I know she spent many late nights and weekends so they would understand what we were doing and approve our progress.”

Three decades ago the impact that Donna’s life would have on this community and university could hardly have been a passing thought. Her arrival to Dixie was a pleasant surprise to the community. She and her husband, Keith “Doc” Evans had headed up their 1965 VW bus with three kids in tow and one on the way to escape the crime and congestion of the biting cold and realized that a Nashville native like herself might be better suited to the sunshine and blue skies of Dixie, Utah. “Dixie.” She soon found a job at Dixie College as a tutor and math instructor, and the unspoken step on the journey became the destination. “Dixie State University is a poetic evolution of Dixie.”

Because of her impressive track record as a rigorous and respected professor as well as administrator, Caldwell asked her to accept the post of Academic Vice President—made all the more significant by being the first female to attain the title in Dixie history. “She is probably the single most respected academic person across the Utah System of Higher Education,” Caldwell said at her appointment. “She brings a focus to excellence and academic rigor and has the ability to deal with a lot of complexity.”

In this capacity, Donna became the engineer of Dixie’s plans to develop the academic programs necessary for university status. Her ability to take the helm with relentless determination but focus on the individual is the hallmark of her leadership. Dr. Don Hinton, her supervisor as chair and her successor as Academic Vice President said of her contribution, “There are so many components of what we currently have at Dixie that belong to her. I am very grateful for the vision that Donna has had as she has guided us through university status.”

He explained that the process of approving degrees was a “consistent effort” to scale the demands of selecting, developing and finalizing approval that was impossible to achieve without passing through the scrutiny that only could produce top quality programs. “Securing an agreement with the Commissioner’s office of what degrees would be appropriate for that agreement is itself no small achievement. There are so many pressures for resources and for her attention and focus that could have lead us on a much slower progression towards that goal, but she successfully kept the focus on that goal.”

Still he points out that it’s the dual nature of Donna’s leadership, balancing the practical with the personal, that produced such remarkable results in such an unexpected amount of time. “Throughout all of this, she has kept centered on taking care of the individual. We all feel that she cares about us.”

In Donna’s own words, it’s the value of “human capital” that has given her the spirit to pursue such lofty goals both personally and professionally under demanding circumstances. As a teacher it is the validation of former students who come back later and thank her for helping them to her high standards. As an administrator it is the rejuvenation she feels for admired colleagues who all bring different perspectives and talents to the table. “It’s my belief that leadership should be servant based and I am grateful to serve.”

Still, in the world of academia it’s the mind that matters, and her pragmatic and keen intellect has marked her a standout from the beginning. Striking out in the male-dominated field of chemistry and mathematics, she found her golden ticket to doors typical closed to women at that time. “Math was my key to having options. It changes the way you look at the world. It comes into play whether you’re dealing with money, organization, or teaching the concepts.”

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“Shes the most talented problem-solver I’ve ever worked with or for. Anytime, anywhere—her mind is ready to go.”
—Dr. Brenda Sabey, Dixie of Education and Integrated Studies.

Donna loved the students and enjoyed watching and participating in their activities such as the Christmas dance concert.

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Just over 100 years after Sam Brooks slept on the steps to become the first student to register to attend the new Dixie Academy, our dear Dixie School will officially be known forever more as Dixie State University!

Dixie State’s Board of Trustees voted unanimously to rename the institution “Dixie State University” at their meeting held this past January 18th. Then the following week on January 25th, the Utah State Board of Regents formally approved university status and the new university name recommendation for Dixie State at the governing body’s meeting held in front of a standing-room only crowd inside the Zion Room in Dixie’s Holland Centennial Commons.

The matter then moved on to the Utah State Legislature, where Utah State Representative Don Ipson sponsored House Bill 61, which called for Dixie State College to attain university status and change its name to Dixie State University. On Wednesday, February 13th, both houses of the Utah State Legislature overwhelmingly passed HB 61, Herbert signed HB 61 into law officially making Dixie State University the sixth university in the Utah System of Higher Education.

This past October, the institution announced a partnership with Sorenson Advertising, a St. George-based firm, to establish a new institutional identity that would honor and communicate the heritage, history and traditions of the institution; build upon the already established brand; and carry the institution into its second century and beyond.

DSU and Sorenson Advertising engaged institutional stakeholders in one-on-one interviews, focus groups and public forums in an effort to establish a new institutional identity as the college progressed toward gaining university status. In November, a comprehensive quantitative questionnaire was launched designed to engage all of DSU’s stakeholders in the process.

The findings from the online survey, along with all the qualitative research and data collected from input gathered through the focus groups, forums and interviews, were made public at a meeting Jan. 9. From those findings, Sorenson Advertising announced its conclusions and recommendations based entirely on the research and data collected from all institution stakeholders who participated in this process.

“Every effort was made over to make this process as open and transparent as possible, while at the same time engaging all institutional stakeholders to ensure that everyone who had an opinion about the new name of the university was heard,” President Nadauld said.

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All the research and the data provided by Sorenson Advertising, along with all other information gathered, were fully vetted by the DSU Board of Trustees prior to the Board’s final vote.

The Board of Trustees studied the (university naming) issue with intensity,” said Board of Trustees Chair Steven G. Caplin.

“We carefully considered input and recommendations of all stakeholder groups. There were lively discussions and differences of opinion about what the name should be.

“As with stakeholders at large, the Trustees saw the merits of several different naming options, and the majority preferred ‘Dixie State University,’” Chair Caplin continued. “In the end the Board chose to unite as one body. We unanimously stand behind the Dixie State University name and encourage all stakeholders to do the same.

“The is time to combine our resources, make our best contributions, and rally around this great institution.

“This is a marvelous community and I’m convinced that we will come together and be able unite in celebration of higher education, to unite in celebration of diversity and unite in equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, religion or ethnic or national origin,” President Nadauld said. “That is our pledge and we will do it because that is who are and that is how we feel about the world in our community.”

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D-WEEK 2013

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
7:30 p.m.  D-Queen Pageant
            Cox Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
7:30 p.m.  Outdoor Concert & Food Drive
            Campus Amphitheatre

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
6:00 p.m.  World Record Attempt
            Hansen Stadium

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
6:00 p.m.  Great Race, BBQ, Carnival
            Hansen Stadium, everyone invited
            Enter a team / BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
7:00 a.m.  Whitewash the “D”
            On the Black Hill

4 - 6 p.m.  Alumni Social/ Everyone Invited
            Alumni House
            Bar-B-Q, Blow up toys for kids, free

7:00 p.m.  Evening of Dixie
            Eccles Mainstage Theatre
            Entertainment and Awards
            Light refreshments served

9:00 p.m.  D-Day Dance w/ Jazz Band
            At the Fountain

Midnight  True Rebel Night
           At the Fountain
As part of its continued support of the KONY-FM “Coins for Kids” radio campaign, Dixie State University students, faculty and staff came together to help provide Christmas cheer to families in need in St. George and Washington County.

This year the Dixie State family combined to purchase or donate hundreds of gifts, including toys, coats and jackets, shoes, clothing, diapers, and other necessities for boys and girls from six-months-old to 12 years of age, during DSU’s three-week “Angel” Christmas Tree program. Several of these “Angels” were placed throughout campus, which were adorned with ornaments specifying ages, genders and gift ideas for several children in St. George and throughout Washington County.

In addition, DSU students held their annual Christmas “White Out Dance,” which raised just over $1,200 for the KONY “Coins for Kids” campaign. DSU representatives presented a check live on the air to KONY Country on-air personalities Carl Lamar and Marty Lane, while the gifts collected were delivered to the Dixie Convention Center later that day and were wrapped by volunteers in time for Christmas delivery throughout the county.

The Edward Snow Science Center was dedicated March 1, 2013 and is now home to science labs and classrooms.
LEADERSHIP DIXIE ORGANIZATION SETS LEGACY IN STONE AT HOLLAND CENTENNIAL COMMONS

Leadership Dixie alumni gathered in January at the Holland Centennial Commons to celebrate the cementing of the organization's history in stone as two pavers were introduced at a special ceremony. Dixie alumni and DSU Centennial Campaign co-chair Cheri Atkin hosted the event to celebrate the history of Leadership Dixie, which was created with the cooperation of several St. George-area business and education leaders, including former DSU President Dr. Robert Huddleston and former VP Bill Fowler.

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Expanding Your Horizon’s Conference. She also served as President of the Southern Utah Math/Science Network, Vice-President of the Governor’s Task Force on Drug Abuse, and was a Governor appointee for Education on POST Council for two terms. Within her community she was elected to the St. George Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and was also a Governor appointee for the Success George Area Chamber of Commerce Board for two terms. Additionally she has volunteered as a judge or facilitator for numerous other events. She was also a Governor appointee for the Success George Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and was also a Governor appointee for the Success George Area Chamber of Commerce Board for two terms. Additionally she has volunteered as a judge or facilitator for numerous other events.

Previously, in her church. Although not a full account of all her extra-curricular duties it is a strong proof going how valuable Donna has been not only to Dixie but also to the educational community as a whole.

“In addition to her invaluable work with the data and the concepts, Donna always exhibited superb judgment and unusual skill in her human relations ability. She was an extraordinarily gifted problem solver who could come up with creative and effective solutions to a myriad of academic challenges,” exuded President Nadauld. “We could not have done what we did without Donna’s analytical skills, human relations ability, and superb overall leadership. She will be missed.”

Dixie—the campus, the community, the students, the staff, and fellow faculty—owe a debt of gratitude to Donna for her many years of service to Dixie State University and the community.

APPROVAL GRANTED FOR THREE ADDITIONAL BACHELOR DEGREES

DSU recently received Utah State Board of Regents (USBR) approval to offer three new four-year bachelor degree programs in Spanish, social sciences composite, teaching and history. In addition, Dixie State was given the go-ahead to offer a sociology emphasis in the University’s integrated studies program and three English minors in English education, general English and professional and technically writing. Classroom for all six new degree programs began this past January.

The new Spanish degree program, which will be offered as both a bachelor’s of art and a minor, will prepare students for employment in industry, commerce, social work and government positions where fluency in that language is required. Students may also use the degree to continue on to graduate-level studies in Spanish or Latin America studies. The Spanish minor program will prepare students to function effectively in the language for professional purposes in such fields as international business, government, teaching, medicine, social work, arts, travel and journalism.

Dixie State’s new social sciences composite degree program is designed to prepare students to become social studies teachers at the secondary education level. The program will help students develop the key competencies in American history, world history, Utah history, political science, geography, economics and sociology.

The new history degree, which will be offered as a bachelor’s of art and science as well as a minor, will provide students a comprehensive courses and advanced courses that emphasize the three essential components of the core curriculum—historical knowledge, historical thinking and historical skills. The new history program will prepare students to pursue advanced study in history or to enter the workforce upon graduation in business, international relations, journalism or numerous other professional fields.

FITNESS CIRCUIT TRAINING FACILITY OPENS

As part of Homecoming Week 2012, DSU officially cut the ribbon on its new President’s fitness circuit training facility, which is located next to the Dixie Pavilion just south of the Udvar-Hazy School of Business Building. Construction on the “D-Circuit” fitness training facility, which is shaped in the form of Dixie’s iconic block “D,” took just over six months to complete. Designed by Mesa Consulting Group of St. George, the “D-Circuit” complements the recently installed DSU President’s Fitness Loops, a system of five walking or jogging trails ranging from .25 to 2 miles in length around and through the DSU campus. Thanks to generous donations from Zions Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, and the Ralph and Cheri Atkin family, among many other benefactors, the new “D-Circuit” is a welcome recreational addition adjacent to the already installed sand volleyball courts and Pavilion.

AN EVENING OF LITERATURE AND ART

On Saturday evening, December 1, 2012, Dixie State University and Green Valley Spa in conjunction with Janice Brooks presented “Literature Through the Lens,” a celebration of literature and art. The event featured DSU alumni and student presenters, DSU faculty, and DSU student Katie Hulett’s photograph. Hulett’s artistic portraits displayed memorable women in literature and set the theme for the evening’s readings.

The evening’s first reader, Rachel Roberts, a DSU alumna and mother of three, recited “The Taking,” a poem about her daughter’s near drowning. Roberts’ motherly concern and terrifying experience echoed every parent’s worst fears.

Kat Morrill, a DSU theater major read her essay on Ana Castillo’s “So Far From God.” Morrill discussed the book’s religious themes—specifically citing the main character’s critique of organized religion.

The next reader, DSU English major Aspen Stoddard, read her short story “Just Free.” Stoddard’s suspenseful tale—about playing with fate and deep waters—turned menacing when a storm capsized a young couple’s boat, stranding them in freezing water. Stoddard’s narrative showed that along with men, young women possess strong survival instincts too. Stoddard’s narrative was followed by a piano solo, DSU Music major Morgan Dewey entertained the audience with her rendition of Franz Liszt’s “Consolation #1.” Following Dewey’s performance, Summer Barry, a DSU Education major read “Education and Female Empowerment in Charlotte Bronte’s Jane Eye.” Summer’s message—“let us empower others as we have been empowered”—was a call for all men and women to give back to their communities through education. English education major, Micki Erikson, shared her short story “Drenched,” about life as a military wife. This writer’s narrative provided a voice for all American families struggling with wartime deployment. A different voice, that of Afghani women, was heard through Erica Larson’s essay “Tales of War.” Larson’s paper delivered historical information about Afghanistan’s political strife and its effects on Afghani women’s lives. During intermission, Hulett’s photographs, calendars, and notecards were auctioned and sold. These proceeds benefited Alpha Pi Epsilon—DSU’s International Honors Society—Sigma Tau Delta.

“Literature Through the Lens” brought Dixie State University and the community together to celebrate literature and the arts. Event organizers said their hopes for a bridge between education and the artistic community in Southern Utah were realized.

Photographs by DSU student Katie Hulett illustrated memorable women in literature.
AFTER 35 YEARS, GEORGE WHITEHEAD IS LEAVING HIS DIXIE HOME
by Cami Cox, ’08

A
der 35 years of smiles and service, a familiar face will be absent from Dixie State University this year. After more than three decades of loving labor at the school he held dear, Vice President of Development George Whitehead retired on Dec. 31, 2012.

“George has been employed at Dixie for more than 30 years, and everything he’s done has been done with love and great integrity and with great enthusiasm for the college,” said DSU President Dr. Stephen Nadauld. “George is Dixie through and through. He is the epitome of the Dixie spirit. If you looked up ‘Dixie spirit’ in the dictionary, you’d see a picture of George Whitehead there.”

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But as much as Whitehead will miss the college, his many treasured friends at Dixie will miss him even more.

George is loved dearly by everyone who knows him or has worked with him,” President Nadauld said. “It’s been an absolute delight for me to work with him in every way, and I count him as a very dear friend.”

George Whitehead’s love of Dixie State University, and his true embodiment of “the Dixie Spirit” are legendary around campus. A St. George native and a Dixie College graduate himself, he has passed his love for the school onto his five children—all of whom are Dixie graduates. He says his grandchildren now look forward to performing illegal marriages in the guise of “Marrying Sam” at Sadie Hawkins. It may sound

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**Extraordinary Faculty**

ROSS DECKER

DSU Math Professor Ross Decker is an avid runner so ‘strolling’ around campus isn’t exactly a word that comes to mind when one thinks of him. But strolling is exactly what he did as a young student. Heber Jordon, “Dad worked for the CCC Civilian Conservation Corp. earning $10 a month,” recalls Heber. “I was 16. During my summer’s vacation I worked as a piling man. I was paid $1.50 an hour. It was a struggle. Mine is just more visible. So I decided why not be outgoing instead of shy!”

Extraordinary Student

**BETHANY AUSTIN**

I’ve fallen and I can’t get up!” caught our attention in the 1980s Lifecall commercial, in which Mrs. Fletcher, along with her walk-er, has fallen over in the bathroom. The intended seriousness of the situation soon became comedic relief for theater and tele-visions. In the classic children’s story “The Little Engine That Could,” it was optimism and determination that set the little blue engine on a path to success. That same dogged determination could be said of Heber Jones. “Dad worked for the CCC Civilian Conservation Corp. earning $30 a month,” recalls Heber. “I attended Dixie College was $20 and we didn’t have the money. I was working for a farmer when one day a man made his way through the field toward me. It was B. Glen Smith president of Dixie College. ‘Heber’, he said, ‘I’m here to offer you a job. How would you like to be my assistant?’ I couldn’t out-type most of the girls at 70 wpm in Mrs. Ashby’s typing class,” Heber humbly chuckles, “so I suppose that qualified me.”

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### Extraordinary Staff

MARILYN LAMOREAUX

by Nancy Perkins, ’78

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There is no magic wand tucked away in Marilyn Lamoreaux’s desk drawer that she can delicately wave to clear away the day’s work, or some bewitching phrase that magically tidies up each task.

There’s no enchantment that mysteriously creates her persnickety bright disposition, either. Marilyn Lamoreaux, who has served as the assistant to three presidents of Dixie State, is according to current DSU President Stephen Nadauld—a true marvel.

“She is phenomenally conscientious,” says President Nadauld. “Marilyn is a lot of wonderful, wonderful things and I would go to go to great lengths to tell people about Marilyn. She is the heart and soul of what is happening at Dixie.”

President Nadauld vividly recalls his first few moments as the new president of Dixie State College five years ago.

“It was such a delight when I came to Dixie and found Marilyn Lamoreaux, I was appointed president of a Thursday and Friday morning I called Marilyn to introduce myself,” President Nadauld recalls. “She was excited to ask me if I knew who she was.”

Marilyn reminded him that the two had served together at Brigham Young University in 1967 as student body officers. President Nadauld was the BYU Student Body Vice President of Culture while Marilyn was the Student Body Secretary.

“Her name was Marilyn Foreman then and I hadn’t seen her since those BYU days,” says President Nadauld. “She is unbelievable. I don’t know how I got so fortunate!”

Marilyn graduated from BYU with a degree in graphic art and a minor in English. While at BYU, Marilyn enjoyed singing with the group Sounds of Freedom (a group President Nadauld was instrumental in starting, which later became the “Young Ambassadors.”

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by Deborah Wirth, ’03

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### Extraordinary Volunteer

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by Deborah Wirth, ’03

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**EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY**

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Ross Decker (right) and fellow faculty member Lynn Hunt have participated in "Pi Day" every year with the math department. "Pi Day" is celebrated by the math department to commemorate the mathematical constant pi (π), which is approximately 3.14. This day is an opportunity for students and faculty to engage in fun and educational activities related to mathematics.

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"We had a great time at BYU and it has been so fun to get reacquainted with President Nadauld here at Dixie," says Marilyn. The fact that these two BYU alumni are working together again for the benefit of higher education has President Nadauld grateful for a second dose of serendipity.

"Marilyn is hyper-conscious. She stays until every bit of the work is done. She comes before the day begins. Her car is inevitably the first one here," President Nadauld says. "She is unbelievably compe- tent and terminally cheerful. I have no idea how she does it. She has never worn out in five years. I can't keep up with her!"

President Nadauld is not alone when it comes to singing Marilyn’s praises. Dixie State College Board of Trustee Chair Steven G. Caplin is quick to describe Marilyn as an essential element to the Board's success. "In addition to supporting the President, Marilyn also provides administrative support to the Board of Trustees," says Caplin. "It would be very difficult to function as a Board without Marilyn’s knowledge and contributions. Marilyn is very pleasant, pro- fessional and capable. It is difficult to find someone who is so personable and effective at once!" For her part, Marilyn says she simply loves her job. "I have had the honor of working with three presidents of Dixie State – President Robert Hudleston, President Lee Caldwell and President Stephen Nadauld. I feel very blessed and fortunate to have had this wonder- ful opportunity," she says. "It has also been a great blessing to have worked with so many amazing friends and colleagues in our Dixie Family.

Marilyn says she is passionate about running as he is about teaching and has placed as high as ninth overall and second in his age bracket in the St. George Marathon. One of his favorite memories is running the Boston Marathon in 1996 with two students he previously coached. He enjoys meeting with runners over as he assists his son, Justin in coaching DSU’s cross-country team. "He's been both a teacher and a coach," expresses Rodney Warr, a junior at DSU. "Coach Decker is equally exciting and energetic; and wants you to succeed, so we and I got it!"

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DSU ATHLETES WIN PACWEST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

For the second-straight year and the third time in four years, Dixie State Athletics has won the PacWest Conference’s Community Engagement Award for the department’s continued dedication to providing service in St. George and around Washington County. During the 2011-12 academic year, DSU student-athletes, coaches and athletic administrators have combined to provide nearly 1,400 hours of community service, more than doubling the amount provided the year prior.

“We are humbled to receive the PacWest Community Engagement Award again this year,” DSU Athletic Director Jason Boothe said. “The development of our student-athletes into champions in the community and in life is just as important as winning championships.”

“We hold this award in very high regard. All credit goes to our tremendous student-athletes, coaches, staff and community,” Boothe added. “The St. George and surrounding Southern Utah area is filled with wonderful people and they have supported us very well throughout our history. We make a very concerted effort to give back to our community in every possible way.”

DSU HARRIER RACHEL YOUNG EARN XC ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Dixie State cross country runner Rachel Young made the most of her final year of eligibility as she put together arguably one of the finest individual seasons ever recorded by a student-athlete in school history.

Young, a senior nursing major from Holliday, Utah, won two races, earned conference and regional accolades, and became the first Dixie cross country athlete to earn All-America honors this past season.

Young, who was named DSU Female Athlete of the Year as a junior, won back-to-back races last season, first claiming victory at the UNLV Desert Classic, followed up with a first-place finish a week later at the Southern Utah University-hosted Color Country Invitational. She then went on to earn first-team all-conference honors with a fifth-place showing at the PacWest Championships, and placed eighth-overall at the NCAA West Regional race, which earned Young a spot in the NCAA Division II National Championship—a race she fell one spot short of qualifying for the year prior.

Young was one of 249 runners from across the country who competed at the D-II championship race, which was held this past Nov. 17, in Joplin, Mo. Though she did not win the individual national title, the senior used a late kick in the final quarter mile of her final collegiate race to finish in 28th-place overall, which clinched her All-America honors.

DSU BASEBALL BELIEVING IN “PFATE”

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Pfatenhauer came to Dixie after spending the past three seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Nevada, Reno. He also spent time as an assistant at NC State, Kansas State and Dixie State.

Pfatenhauer inherits a program that was built on a steady foundation laid by former coach Mike Pfatenhauer, who left the Dixie program last summer after 16 years in the DSU dugout to take the reins as head baseball coach at his alma mater, BYU.

“With red dirt firmly embedded in his shoes—and sure to remain there for as long as he lives—Whitehead leaves Dixie State to pursue new adventures. For starters, grandchild No. 12 is due to be born in May, and George will soon be serving as President of Mexico City West Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, alongside his wife Diane. But with all the battle of new activity, Whitehead knows the university he loves won’t be far from his thoughts."

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Like a lot of time and a lot of work, but for Whitehead, work isn’t work when it’s been in the service of the college he loves.

“I have always enjoyed the Dixie Spirit and what it teaches our Dixie faculty, staff and students,” he said. “Once you’ve been touched by the Dixie Spirit, all that you do as a student or employee never again is work—it’s more like service. You do it out of joy and the pleasure of carrying on the legacy handed down from those who worked so hard to create Dixie College and the community.”

Among highlights of his Dixie career, Whitehead fondly recalls such happenings as trips to the National Basketball and NCAA Baseball championships; serving a transport to more than 6,000 Amway representatives with a two-hour timeframe, being part of numerous fund raisers for Dixie State’s A.M.K.I. (Athletics, Music, Theatrical and Intellectual) groups; and serving as a member of the Dixie College Foundation’s board and the Dixie State University Advisory Council.

Whitehead also was among those invited to the annual Dixie College Foundation golf tournament and to several DSU Athletic Hall of Fame gala events.

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Dr. Matheson Harris examines a young boy outside Hanoi, Vietnam.

Above: Dr. Matheson Harris (right) outside a large buddhist temple near Ninth Binh, Vietnam.

Top: Harris instructing local doctors in Vietnam on eyelid reconstruction.

Dr. Matheson Harris & Micki Bullock Harris family

Dr. Matheson Harris, ‘96, certified ophthalmologist and oculoplastic surgeon, recently returned to Utah to practice. He set up clinics in Salt Lake City and St. George, and is working closely with eye doctors at Dixie Ophthalmic Specialists at Zion Eye Institute.

When Harris started at Dixie College, naysayers in Salt Lake told him he’d have a hard time getting into medical school if he did undergraduate work at Dixie. After returning from an LDS mission in Australia, he returned to Dixie College where he was roommates with his younger brother Tom, now an anesthesiologist in Colorado. Harris ignored the naysayers, completed an associate degree at Dixie, and then went on to SUU. In the interim, he met Micki Bullock, ‘96, of Santa Clara, an education major, and they married in 1998. They both completed their associate degrees at Dixie and bachelor degrees at SUU. Micki taught elementary school in Enoch, Utah and later in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

After graduating magna cum laude, Harris was accepted to medical school at Penn State University College of Medicine in Hershey, PA. “Getting into medical school was thrilling, but to have done it with a first-rate education from Dixie College and SUU made it all the more rewarding,” he said.

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After his time at Dixie, Lewis played basketball at Wagner College, a small college in Staten Island, N.Y., in 1991-93 and graduated in sociology. He was recently inducted to the Wagner College Hall of Fame. He received a master’s in exercise science at the University of Utah in 1995. Lewis coached and taught at BYU-Hawaii from 1995 to 1997 and at Utah Valley University from 1997 to 2002. He coached at SUU in 2002-03 and has coached and taught at Lone Peak High School from 2003 to the present.

Lewis and his wife Debbie are the parents of four children Kodiak 9, Cooper 7, Marve 4, and Mallory 1.

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“Lone Peak students traditionally chant ‘we love Quincy’ in the closing minutes of home games, while the players themselves don’t hesitate to speak glowingly of the head coach,” the Deseret News article continued.

Lewis played point guard for the Rebels basketball team under Coach Ken Wagner and Coach Dave Rose from 1989 through 1991.

“Dixie was an absolutely great experience for me,” Lewis said. “I loved St. George and the College. I still remember Pat Banger telling me that once I got the red dirt in between my toes I would always want to come back . . . she was right!”

“I can remember Edie Seipp and George Whitehead (cafeteria) just treating me great and taking care of me there. I was fortunate to play for two really good people who are also very good coaches — Ken Wagner and Dave Rose. I stay in contact with both of them to this day. Dan Watson is also a very dear

Above: Dr. Branson Call (left) and Dr. Matheson Harris (right).
Doctoral graduate Mel Putnam, ‘88, mentioned that the most significant thing that happened while at Dixie State was that he met his wife, Cami. While at Dixie, he worked with Karl Brooks and Doug Alder as consultants in booking guests for Institute firesides. As the youngest child in the family, Mel was prepared well for his medical career. His father Howard Putnam, long-time popular music professor at Dixie, who maintained that the personal feeling in the classroom and was soon hired as a full-time teacher. After being laid off the following year, he decided to return to advertising in interventional pain management.

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Dr. Wayne Woodbury, ’81, moved his medical practice from Savannah, Ga., and joined Zion Pain Management in St. George in 2012. He is board certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and has over 20 years experience in interventional pain management. Wayne is a native of St. George and received his associate degree from Dixie College and his bachelor of science degree in microbiology from Arizona State University. He received his medical doctorate from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and completed his residency in internal medicine there as well as a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation, where he served as chief resident in his final year. Since completing his residency, he was in private practice in the field of pain management as well as rehab in Savannah, Georgia. Wayne says his education at Dixie prepared him well for his medical career. "I could never forget the great professors at Dixie like Andy Barnum teaching biology and Clifford Dixon in chemistry," said Wayne. "As I recall, I almost blew up the lab making one of the compounds!" "There were only six students in the entire 200 Level Organic Chemistry class which was great for study together. However, there was definitely competition as most of us were pre-med or pre-dental bound and needed to earn top grades. There were only 14 students in Grant Hill's physics class and again, very competitive." Wayne did take a course that was not science based, communications with Ned Caruhan, and was able to help operate the Dixie College radio station, KRDC 90.1. Wayne has been married since 1979 to Susan Maier and they are the parents of five children. The oldest of their sons is also a physician and is currently completing a residency in radiology.

Robert James Horlacher, 81, passed away Friday October 19, 2012. He was a long time faculty member and coach at Dixie who was extremely dedicated to his students. His passion and love for his students and athletes made him a champion in their lives. "Coach," as he was fondly called, always had time to help, encourage and support. His home was a gathering place for family, students and athletes alike, especially on Sunday nights after church where a delicious home cooked supper was enjoyed by all. He was once honored by students at halftime during a football game, and was introduced as "the ultimate role model." Robert was born March 30, 1931 in El, Nevada to Harry and Susan Christiansen Horlacher. Raised in Tooele, UT, El and Pioche, Nevada, he learned the meaning of hard work while helping his father run the Horlacher Stop Grocery Store. Robert married Roma Bently in 1950, and they raised eight children. He attended Dixie College and BYU where he was a football player while attending Utah State on a football scholarship. There he earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in physical education and speech. He taught high school for many years before moving to St. George to teach physical education at Dixie College. He was an assistant coach and coach in football and most women’s sports at Dixie. He also taught swimming and directed the intramural sports program. Robert was the perfect example of a great husband, father, son, brother and grandfather. His example of love, generosity and patience echoed through the lives of the many family, friends, students and athletes that he came in contact with throughout his life. He was called of a "man of lairs." In 1971, Robert, along with Sherm Miller, were the first organizers of the St. George Marathon where he also competed with the fifty-five other runners. He also spent a lot of time serving in Little League baseball and especially enjoyed hiking although the beautiful red desert trails of southern UT.

Robert is survived by his children, Russell (Ann) Horlacher, St. George; Resiine Bullock of St. George; Kris Nielsen of Puerto Morillos, Mexico; Liz (Les) Bracken of Perry, UT; Tracy (Nell) Nelson of Hurricane; Nanci (Pete) Davis, Pine Valley; Asha (Joe) Hagan, St. George; Fred (Dee) Adams, St. George; and Marcy (Steve) Fluckiger. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roma: parents and brother, Kenneth Horlacher.
Dixie State University
Preschool Enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year begins May 7th.

Eligibility Requirements Include:
Preschooler must be 4 years old by December 31st, 2013 and must be adequately immunized for age or on a schedule to become adequately immunized.

For more information visit our website at www.dixie.edu/preschool or call 652-7848.

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obtain a master’s degree in history from Utah State University. It was at USU that he met former Dixie College president Dr. Doug Alder. Through the decades, their friendship would persevere through numerous projects and historical research of Dixie College’s history.

Today, Heber continues to share his vast knowledge, assisting Dixie State students and the community with research in the special collections library located on the third floor of the Holland Centennial Commons. You could say he is the “Google” of Dixie State! And he is thrilled to do it. One can almost hear the words “I thought I could, I thought I could,” emanating from his voice as he acknowledges with great emotion: “If Dixie College didn’t exist, I wouldn’t have gone to college.”

From studying in a two-room schoolhouse to becoming the first person from the obscure town of Veyo Utah to obtain a college degree, Heber Jones is truly a Dixie treasure.

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Dixie State’s Special Collections librarian and archivist desires the most complete history of Dixie State as possible, but some issues of commencement programs and yearbooks are missing. If you have these or other historical items you would like to donate to the archives, please call Amber D’Ambrosio, special collections librarian, at 435-652-7718.

ARCHIVES REQUEST

NORTHERN UTAH CHAPTER EVENT
Saturday, MAY 11, 2013
6 - 8 p.m. at Falcon Park
9150 Peruvian Dr in Sandy (approx. 9000 S. 1600 E.)
Fun, Free Family Event
call or email Vala’dee Hafen Tanner to RSVP
(801) 467-1614 or etanner06@yahoo.com

Above left: Bonnie and Allen McAllister reconnected with Dixie alumni at the recent Southern California Alumni Chapter event. Above right: Dave and Sandra Castle enjoyed the Dixie State Basketball game against Azusa Pacific and watched Dixie State garner a victory.

Alumni Chapter Fun
Dear Alumni and Friends of Dixie,

I would like to personally thank everyone who showed their support, love and understanding through a challenging time here at Dixie. As the road was a bit bumpy from time to time, it was well worth every minute to hear “DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY” in both the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents meetings.

Now on to business . . . making Dixie a wonderful university. The opportunities seem endless, but the job will be a heavy load for the administration, faculty, staff and alumni. Please show your support in anyway you can, whether it be through monetary means, volunteerism, or attendance at one of the many events available at Dixie such as alumni chapter events, athletic competitions, or D-Week and Homecoming activities.

Make sure to encourage your family members to attend Dixie State University, so they can become part of the Dixie Spirit. It’s here. We have witnessed It and we are proud of it!

— Hal Hiatt, ’93, DSU Alumni President