INSIDE: Reviewing Dixie’s 2nd Half Century
It is so much fun to be celebrating 100 years of traditions and academic excellence at Dixie State College. From the days of the old campus and Sam Brooks, who slept on the steps of the school so he could be the first student to register at Dixie College, until today, the spirit of Dixie lives on. The alumni office strives to build upon the legacy established by so many before us in maintaining and building upon the Dixie Spirit.

Each year the College is expanding and improving, and we encourage alumni everywhere to take a moment and see how they can participate this year to make the College even better. May I suggest that you get involved in D-Week this year. The Great Race is a tradition that has been reinstated on the Dixie campus for several years now. Not only is it fun to watch, it is fun to be a participant. Afterwards a carnival and BBQ are held and we invite you to come and bring your family. It is free and your children will have a blast!

Whitewashing the D is a tradition that has been around since 1914. Come be a part of this great tradition and have breakfast under the D overlooking beautiful St. George. That evening will feature an evening of entertainment you won’t want to miss. Check out the full D-Week schedule on page 31, and stay involved with Dixie State. Keep the RED SAND between your toes!

— Kalynn Larson, ’94, Alumni Relations Director
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Ever since its doors first opened under the noble sandstone arch on Main Street in 1911, each decade of Dixie’s history could justly be described as the school’s “Golden Age.” But for hundreds of alumni now reaching their own golden years, the 1950s and 60s truly were the “good old days.” They were the middle years of the College’s first century, years marked with challenges and triumphs, with old traditions and new visions—a kind of crossroads where things could have gone different directions. Yet thanks to wise leadership and the can-do community attitude known as the Dixie Spirit, the College embarked upon its second fifty years with hopes as bright as the Dixie sun.

Among the many notable Dixie students of that era was a St. George boy named Jeffrey Holland. Native born with red sand eternally embedded in his shoes, he embodied all that Dixie stood for in those days. An excellent scholar and a fine athlete, he and his classmates loved their home town and appreciated the sacrifice their forbears had made to transform a pioneer village into a burgeoning modern community. They would make the most of what Dixie College offered and use it to catapult themselves into the big wide world where they would make their mark for good. Jeffrey Holland went on to earn a doctorate at Yale. He became an acclaimed teacher, a proven administrator, and eventually became president of Brigham Young University. Today he is a world-wide religious leader. Exactly 50 years after he came to Dixie College, construction began on the institution’s most impressive edifice to date: the Jeffrey R. Holland Centennial Commons Building.

And yet, in 1961, Dixie College was still housed in the original sandstone building on Main Street and still shared its halls with the 11th and 12th graders of Dixie High School. It wasn’t until 1963 that the College officially moved from its original home on Main Street to the new campus on a sagebrush flat along the eastern edge of St. George. In 1966, Dixie High School moved to its present campus on 700 South, leaving the original Dixie Building to become part of Woodward Junior High School. More recently, the building has been completely restored.

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During those golden years of the 1950s and 60s, Dixie’s athletic teams became known as the “Rebels.” The name “Dixie” had been the affectionate nickname of the region since the first Mormon settlers arrived in the 1850s to grow cotton. The “Rebel” mascot was adopted in January 1952, and grew more and more dear through the decades as it became synonymous with winning sports programs like Sark Arslanian’s legendary football teams packed with All-Americans, and Doug Allred’s thrilling basketball teams manned with the likes of future national business leader Nolan Archibald, and future NBA star Lionel Hollins. During those years football games were played in the Sun Bowl and basketball was contested on the shiny hardwood of the Dixie Gymnasium which at the time was the largest public building in the community, even though it stood virtually alone in the alkali and creosote, well beyond the edge of town.

President Arthur Bruhn’s vision for Dixie College required the campus be move to the east side of town where it could grow on the six city blocks purchased with donated community funds. The gymnasium opened in 1957, but it was not until the early 1960s that state funding allowed for more buildings to pop up on the new campus. In the fall of 1963, with the completion of the Fine Arts Building, the Home Economics Building, the Science Building, a heating plant, a cafeteria and the Shiloh Dorm, 375 college students began classes on the new campus. Dixie’s second half-century was underway, and the sky was the limit.

It was a heady time for the faculty, students and community, yet, as was always the case in this isolated corner of the state, it came only after much sacrifice and hard work. And lest anyone get too proud, there were no sidewalks, grass or parking in the beginning, and the dust on the new campus was so pervasive those first years the female students wore tennis shoes to trudge through the dirt and mud until they could get inside and change to their dress shoes. For several years a recurring student government project was to recruit volunteers to help plant grass.

The College and the town suffered a blow when President Bruhn succumbed to cancer in July of 1964. His successor, Ferron Losee, came from California with his own vision for Dixie College. His idea was to create a true community college that would grow in enrollment and facilities. In fact, he foresaw an enrollment much larger than most had imagined, with a great deal of emphasis on vocational programs that would attract new students.

Three new buildings were constructed for vocational education. The auto mechanics program was expanded and an aero-tech curriculum was offered for airplane body and engine building. By the end of Losee’s era in 1976, a new library had been built, along with a student center, a liberal arts building, the Shenandoah Dorms (later named Nisson Towers), an administration building, the Tanner Fountain, the mosaic mural on the Fine Arts Building, and extensive landscaping. Enrollment had swelled to more than 1,200 students.

With the arrival of President Rolfe Kerr in 1976, a new era began at Dixie that would result in creation of the original Dixie Center which was built on the college campus. The actual construction of the center occurred during the presidency of Alton Wade who...
won the support of the city, the county, most of the towns within the county, as well as the state legislature and many private donors. Approval of the Dixie Center required a leap of faith by the majority of Dixie's citizens and it was not an easy sell. A formidable movement against it was mounted as some felt it was too big and too much to place on the backs of taxpayers. When the dust finally settled, southern Utah had a much needed 5,300-seat indoor arena (the Burns Arena), a 1,200-seat auditorium (the Cox Auditorium), a formidable convention hall, a swimming pool, and other amenities. And when funding ran out before the landscaping had been put in, Rod Orton and other community and business leaders rallied in much the same way the Dixie Education Alliance had done in the 1930s and 1950s, by creating the "Spirit of Dixie Committee." The committee raised private money and in-kind donations to install the Dixie Center's landscaping, sidewalks and parking. Once again, the community had come through to ensure the future of Dixie College.

During the administrations of Presidents Douglas Alder and Robert Huddleston, the community continued to help build the college campus. Hansen Stadium, where the Dixie Rebels opened their 1984 football season, was built entirely by donations, as were the Bell Tennis Courts, the Bruce Hurst Baseball Field, and the Cooper Softball Complex.

The 1980s proved to be another golden era for athletics at Dixie College. On March 23, 1985, coach Neil Roberts' Dixie Rebel basketball team won the NJCAA National Championship by defeating Kankakee College of Illinois 57-55. It was Dixie's first national title. Coach Greg Croshaw built a powerhouse football program that was perennially ranked at the top of the national standings.

In 1986, campus leaders, under the direction of vice president Stan Pievee, visited other junior college campuses in the West to determine how best to integrate computers into Dixie's program. It led to a computer master plan resulting in the creation of several student labs, and a decade later the Smith Computer Center was established in the former Dixie Center exhibition hall. Soon the entire campus was computerized and computer curriculum was greatly expanded.

During the latter part of the 1990s a movement began within the community that would change the school forever. For more than 80 years the college had offered no more than two-year degrees. The school prided itself in being one of the finest community colleges in the country, but the rapid growth of St. George and Washington County was creating the need for Dixie to offer more. Enrollment was growing and so was the market for four-year degrees, but the vision of the State Board of Regents was for Dixie to remain a two-year institution. It became evident that if Dixie College was ever going to break out of its mold, it would again require an appeal to the state legislature, and that meant another groundswell of community support.

In much the same way as other important initiatives took off in previous decades, a grass-roots community effort was mounted to gain approval for a limited number of four-year degrees at Dixie. Key local leaders formed a committee under the direction of Faith Nelson and Washington County Economic Development Council, chaired by Maureen Booth and advised by local attorney Tim Anderson, to lead a political campaign at the state legislature to expand the role of the college. Senator Bill Hickman led the crusade at the Utah Legislature, and Dixie College Vice President Tad Derrick, taking leave from his position for two months, helped spearhead the lobbying effort. After a complicated battle with the State Board of Regents and the Legislature, excellent leadership and tireless community effort won the day.

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Above: Workers painstakingly place mosaic tiles on the Fine Arts Building facade. The building was completed and ready for classes in 1961, but the mural wasn't added until 1975.
“My Dad had taken me to basketball games in the big gym. We watched the tallest man I’d ever seen, Nolan Archibald, play ball there. The way everyone talked about Archibald, I put him in the same category as the men in the Bible we learned about at Sunday School. And I figured that gymnasium was the biggest building on earth. This was my first real taste of the ‘Dixie Spirit.’

—Lyman Hafen

New campus with no sidewalks or grass is so dusty, girls wore tennis shoes to get through the mud and dirt until they got inside the building, then changed to dress shoes.

Popular hangout is Dairy Queen on the Blvd. (where Cafe Rio is located today).

Ties are officially severed from Dixie High School and College moves from its home on Main Street to the new campus on the east side of the valley. Enrollment is 365.

Program Bureau begins with Roene DiFiore, “Mrs. D” at the helm teaching the songs of Dixie.
Costumed Rodney Rebel appears at ballgames to rev up the crowd.

The sandblast student activity in Snow Canyon was a Welcome Week tradition for 30 years.

Many of Dixie’s finest students leave to fight in the Vietnam War.

Institution’s name is officially changed from Dixie Junior College to Dixie College.

President Losee puts emphasis on enrollment, which swells to 1,000.

Fine Arts mosaic mural is dedicated. Tanner Fountain is added to campus.

Students allowed to wear shorts on campus with the approval of a new dress code.

1968

1969

1970

1975

1983
When state funds dry up, Dixie College, St. George City, and scores of volunteers combine to complete work on the grounds of the new Dixie Center on campus.

Paul Andersen organizes the Pioneer Courthouse players, which preceeds St. George musical theater and Tuacahn.

Encampment Mall is dedicated by President Hinckley on the site of the first pioneer camp in the St. George area in 1861.

1985

Dixie wins its first National Championship. The Rebel basketball team finishes the season 35-1 and defeats Kankakee College of Illinois 57-55 for the title.

1987

1990

1998
Athletic teams have their name changed from Rebels to Red Storm.

Despite strong opposition, citizen committees, students, and legislators work tirelessly to change Dixie to a four-year school. Cause for celebration!

Dixie College becomes Dixie State College of Utah.

Athletic teams become NCAA Division II affiliated and no longer compete on the Junior College level.

Dixie celebrates its Centennial year. Enrollment grows to over 9000 with more than 20 bachelor’s degrees offered.

Groundbreaking for Jeffrey R. Holland Bldg. is March 21, 2011.

“...The entire community got behind the push for 4-yr programs, and funds were raised to show our financial backing. But we were still lacking. The night before we needed them, an anonymous donor came up with the rest of the money... The rest is history. It was a matter of luck, timing, commitment, and of prayer by many people—along with help from above—that we succeeded. It is very satisfying to know that our efforts helped advance the destiny of Dixie into someday becoming its own university. —Maureen Booth, citizens committee chair
If you want to talk to Glen Blakley, clear your calendar for the day.

He will regale you with stories spanning the years and the globe. He will keep up a running stream of information, leaning casually back in his chair and punctuating his sentences with his hands. You will hear more of a monologue than a dialogue, really; and you will enjoy every moment of it.

Entering the art professor’s office, you will navigate through a maze of stacked books on every imaginable subject, only to find you have to clear the sole extra chair before sitting. You will have to find a book stack that looks slightly more sturdy than the others on which to lay your coat. You must be careful, though, of the lines of pottery displayed everywhere—on his desk, on the shelves in front of his books, on top of the file cabinets. Blakley regularly wins art exhibits for his paintings and drawings, but ceramics hold the place of honor in his portfolio.

As he begins to speak, wandering from story to story, the charming maze in Blakley’s office seems to reflect a maze in his mind. Asked how he developed his love of ceramics, he starts with his childhood in Brookside, Kentucky. The story quickly turns to the history of his native Harlan County, where the famous union battles of the 1930s and 40s took place, and where the coal mines and the sheriff’s department employed gun thugs until the National Guard took control. That leads to the hard-working people who surrounded him, which leads to his paper route job at age seven, which earned him the money to buy a set of encyclopedias at age eight and a paint-by-numbers set that he describes as “just the most boring, terrible experience.”

The paint set leads to when he began creating his own art and giving paintings away to friends. Then the Air Force creeps into the story, with his year in Greenland and “Dane,” the gigantic cook who could crack four eggs in each hand. You would be forgiven for wondering if this story maze has anything to do with ceramics at all.

Soon, though, you realize his mind more resembles his beloved childhood encyclopedias than a maze, for Blakley never loses his place. Just when you think...
Extraordinary Student

ABBY HIRSCHI

Two stereotypes exist in America about today's college students.
One holds that they are apathetic and self-indulgent—privileged offspring interested
only in their own entitlements. The other portrays bright eyes and brighter futures, the time-honored “new blood” that is so requisite for every society's survival.

Abby Hirsch epitomizes the latter.

Halfway through her junior year, the dental hygiene student exudes a hopeful enthusiasm. She loves Dixie State, she loves being involved, and as student body president, she is determined to help everyone else feel the same way.

Hirsch began in student government as the health sciences senator her freshman year and then advanced to vice president of clubs. During that time, she helped rewrite the DSC Student Association’s (DSCSA) constitution and overhaul the organization's entire structure, taking the number of council members from 13 to 65. It all sounds rather politically nerdy, until she explains the reasoning behind the growth.

Under President Nadauld's tenure, Dixie State is seeking to create a stronger collegiate atmosphere by making the campus a social destination. The DSCSA plays a major role in that development by acting as a bridge between the students and the powers-that-be.

On one side of the bridge sit President Nadauld and the Board of Trustees, a group of important people with whom few students feel a strong connection. As student body president, Hirsch sits on the Board and lobbies for her fellow students, and she insists that their needs are highly valued. “They’ll be discussing something,” she says, “and President Nadauld will ask me, ‘What do the students think, Abby?’”

On the other side of the bridge sit the student organizations. Elected representatives

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Extraordinary Staff

WILL CRAVER

Last year Will Craver stood on a foreign shore. He watched the Atlantic Ocean wash up onto white sand and listened to wind blow over the water. A 500-year-old stone castle stood behind him. But if you thought he was enjoying a five-star resort, you would be mistaken.
The beach was in Ghana; the ancient edifice, a slave castle.

Perception is everything.
The thought of a seaside castle calls to mind knights and ladies and sumptuous feasts. But this castle once housed slaves. Instead of enjoying the ocean pleasures, Craver thought of the stolen souls who laid crammed together in their own filth, awaiting the ships that would carry them to an unknown world and a lifetime of horrors. He thought of them passing through the gates at “the door of no return” with no idea of where they would go or how they would live.

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“I wanted to know where it all began for my ancestors.”

While in Africa, Will visited the Elmina Slave Castle, which housed African captives before they were shipped off to the New World. “The door of no return” (left) began the journey into slavery . . . and death for many Africans.
he may be hopelessly lost and you take a breath to ask him a question, Blakley jumps in with, “So, anyway,” and brings you back to where he embarked. With his wide-ranging knowledge and experience, talking with him feels much like flipping through his encyclopedias, stopping to read whenever something catches your eye, following a daisy chain of fascinating articles from one page to the next, and eventually coming back to the page where you stuck your thumb in the beginning.

“So, anyway,” Blakely eventually met a young man whose example caused him to look into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which led to two years in Japan. “In Japan,” he explains, “they save to buy pottery like we save for a house.” The fine dishes enchanted him. “I decided if I’m ever going to have some really nice pottery, I’m going to have to make it myself.”

The mission led to art degrees from Brigham Young University, where Blakley also taught for a few years. By 1976 he arrived at Dixie where, he says, “We just thought we’d died and gone to heaven” for its outdoor splendor.

In the intervening decades, Blakley has added more volumes to his encyclopedic story. He served as the first director for the St. George Art Museum, and he helped found the St. George Arts Festival, which benefitted from his perfectionist nature. “I said we had to start it like it’s a real, professional thing,” he describes. “We couldn’t say, ‘It’s our first year, so excuse us. We’re just beginning.’ When you start something, it must be like you’ve been in business for ten years.”

Blakley also leads art expeditions to Los Angeles and Europe, transforming the lives of students and other sightseers as they tour art galleries and famous sites. “I realized in L.A. that the students became more national. They learned there was something besides Utah,” he enthuses. “In Europe they become more international. Students can’t get enough. Their minds open. They want to know more about what they see.” Many of his guests have taken the trips dozens of times.

In every story he tells, there lies a profound sensitivity to the needs and hardships of others, and Blakley often pauses to regain his composure when describing someone else’s difficulties. “He cares about people,” affirms Kathy Cieslewicz, curator for DSC’s Sears Art Gallery. “He lives his life as an educator.” Blakley also visits patients in the hospital and care centers every week, donating time and materials to make their lives better. “He always quietly,busily serves people,” Cieslewicz adds.

Despite so many stories with so many characters, Blakely never forgets anyone. “He has friends everywhere we go... He talks to both curators and janitors, children and seasoned citizens—everybody’s important. There’s no hierarchy in Glen’s life.”

— Kathy Cieslewicz, curator, DSC Sears Art Gallery

Glen Blakely was honored at the recent Dixie State Sears Invitational Art Show, for his many years of service to the show, and his talents and dedication to the arts at Dixie State College. He is presented an appreciation gift by associate vice president George Whitehead.

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Asked for the story of his masterpiece, he laughingly responds, “I’m like all artists. It’s yet to be done.” Future volumes in his encyclopedia set are forthcoming.
Extraordinary Student

ABBY HIRSCHI

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speak for the students in their clubs or academic departments, stating their needs and guiding activities and expenditures. Using student fees, DSCSA helps fund not only campus events, but also student research, travel to conventions and competitions, and department projects. On campus, DSCSA has begun recruiting more “university-style” entertainment, such as the Mentalist and Recycled Percussion, both major acts based in Las Vegas. To promote those events, the student organization has begun using multimedia and professional marketing strategies.

“But,” Hirschi points out, “not everyone likes the same thing, so we need more clubs. Clubs can reach everyone, and anyone can start a club.” So students have representatives both in their fields of study and in the organizations they join or create. With a larger number of representatives in DSCSA, every student can have a voice.

In November 2010, Hirschi received an indelible lesson in just how valuable that type of representative government is. To promote ties between the United States and Russia, the Federal Agency on Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation invited 15 American student body presidents to visit their country. Hirschi applied, never thinking she would actually be chosen. Her eyes widen as she describes her acceptance: “I got the list (of accepted students) and started reading. ‘MIT, Harvard, Stanford,’ and then I saw ‘Dixie State College.’ I called my friend (fellow student body president) at Snow College (who was also accepted) and said, ‘We’re on the list!’ and he said, ‘Why?’

DSCSA Advisor Donna Stafford could answer why on Hirschi’s behalf. “Abby’s just an outstanding individual,” she declares. “When she takes on a task, she gives 125 percent, and she gets everyone else to be the best they can be.”

Before her trip, Hirschi received information on current leaders in Russia and did some extra studying on U.S.-Russian relations. Upon arrival, she and her fellow travelers met with students of the three top schools in Russia, prominent business leaders, members of parliament, and even First Deputy Chief of Staff Vladislav Surkov.

Not only were the young leaders able to show their Russian counterparts how they handle student government in America, but Hirschi says their age allowed them to ask controversial questions that otherwise probably would not have been tolerated. When they raised the issue of freedom of speech concerning a Russian journalist who had recently been beaten and jailed, Hirschi reports their hosts initially turned defensive. Realizing the students simply wanted to understand, however, Russian leaders calmed and became more open, admitting their government’s mistake and expressing their desire to improve. With the smiling optimism of youth, Hirschi adds, “They’re such good people, and they really want their country to be better. They care about things (like freedom) so much because they don’t have it yet.”

With such political experience during her time at Dixie State, Hirschi admits she is tempted to change her major and pursue international studies of some kind. She has decided, though, that dental hygiene still suits her life plans better. “But I’ll always care about what’s happening and want to encourage others,” she emphasizes, “even if it’s just in PTA.”

Indeed, encouraging others aptly describes her stint as student body president, and she believes education is the key to getting youth involved. Such hopeful enthusiasm pushes her out among the students, welcoming them to campus during WOW Week and steering them toward club officers during Club Rush. She likes to say, “If you show any interest at all, you can be the next leader of your group.”

Stafford wraps Hirschi’s presence into a simple statement: “She’s got that Dixie Spirit and feels it’s her mission to pass it on to everybody else.”
Despite the bleak surroundings, Craver’s visit to Africa fulfilled a lifelong dream. “I wanted to know where it all began for my ancestors,” he explains. He met people from different tribes, and developed a special closeness with the Ashantes “for no particular reason,” he says. He likely will never know precisely what part of Africa his forefathers called home, but being in Ghana provided a settling inside him, “just being in the moment and accepting it.”

Perhaps this straddling of two traditions, his African ancestry and his Texas upbringing, drives his desire to bring cultures together. Perhaps he is influenced more by his 23 years in the United States Air Force, living around the world and experiencing different ways of life. Regardless, he believes emphatically that every culture shares common ground with its fellows. “I don’t care where you go, what part of the country or the world you’re in,” he declares, “a mother is a mother, a child is a child.”

So when Craver arrived at Dixie State College in 2003 to be the Assistant Director of Human Resources, influencing perceptions figured strongly in his plans. He knew he wanted to be part of the Black Student Association and the Cultural Diversity Committee. He knew he would need to create opportunities for disparate campus groups to understand each other. He also learned that he sometimes has to modify the public’s perception of DSC.

Craver says his greatest challenge in seeking new faculty and staff lies in getting minorities to even consider DSC. “Some minorities are reluctant to come (to the school) because they don’t see the real St. George,” he explains. He compares this perception to that regarding his last Air Force duty station, Alaska. Just as some people think only of ice and Eskimos in connection with Alaska, others have a skewed view of Utah with its relatively homogenous culture and religion.

Craver admits to an early false impression of his own, as he came to St. George with a bit of apprehension hanging over him. As an African American moving to a largely Caucasian, largely Latter-day Saint community—not to mention a college named Dixie—Craver says he anticipated a little “pushback.” He thought he might hear more than the normal question of “Why did you come here?” He worried the question might emphasize, “Why did you come here?”

Craver happily reports, “The crash never came, and I felt bad for thinking it would come.”

The lack of a “crash,” though, does not mean his position at DSC has been all smooth waters. “Some people,” Craver explains, “when you talk about diversity, they bring their knitting.” Yet he believes such inclinations result more from mistaken ideas rather than outright hostility. Some individuals worry about unfair quotas, others dislike having their ideas challenged, but most simply lack exposure. “But by the end,” he smiles, “they’re listening.”

They listen, perhaps, because Craver keeps an encouraging outlook. “People gravitate to him because he’s so positive,” reports Steve Johnson, DSC’s Director of Public Relations. “He’s easy to talk to. He’s only
down when his (Dallas) Cowboys get beaten.” Johnson adds with a laugh, “Being a Cowboys fan really is his only fault.”

For one controversial event, Craver needed every ounce of positive energy he could generate. He invited representatives from the University of Utah’s LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) Resource Center to speak with DSC faculty and staff. Some believed the exercise wasted their time. “They said, ‘I don’t even know any gay students (on campus),’” he explains, a statement which Craver says emphasizes how badly the seminar was needed. “We’re not talking about aliens, here. We’re talking about people who are running around this campus who are students.” By the end of the discussions, many of those same professors were willing to turn their office into safe zones where students could feel free to discuss their difficulties, including sexuality.

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— Steve Johnson, DSC PR Director

Craver doesn’t push for diversity solely for diversity’s sake, however. While he values the broadening of minds, he is more concerned with providing positive role models for DSC’s students, particularly for those who lack models resembling themselves. He also wants them to realize just how much they have in common with everyone else around them.

While Craver has focused on diversity in other organizations, he especially enjoys being at DSC. He revels in watching the students grow and learn. “They keep you in touch with today,” he says. With his trademark sunny perspective, Craver declares, “I can’t see leaving here any time soon. I’m happy and blessed to be here.”

Craver
GREEN LIGHT GIVEN FOR UNIVERSITY STATUS

In addition to approving Dixie's two math degrees, the Utah State Board of Regents also green-lighted DSC's plan to one day become a regional state university, possibly in the next three to five years.

President Stephen D. Nadauld laid out the plan to the Regents, which included the addition of several new baccalaureate programs, including composite degrees in physical (chemistry, physics, etc.) and social (political science, sociology, etc.) sciences, art, history, foreign language and computer information technology. In addition, the plan will call for at least 60 new faculty members, along with 50 new staff positions, and $9 million in funding.

“It’s a great day for Dixie State and a great day for education,” President Nadauld exclaimed.

President Nadauld also noted that university status could open the door for Dixie State to begin offering graduate degree programs, such as business, communication, education and health sciences. He added it is important for Dixie to one day become a university to meet the increasing economic needs of St. George and Washington County.

“As President Nadauld has stated in the past, with the growth we’ve witnessed in southwest Utah, coupled with the area’s ability to attract business and industry, creates a need in this area to supply those businesses with an educated and trained workforce to fill those jobs,” DSC Public Relations Director Steve Johnson said. “Having a regional state university in this area would go a long way in meeting those needs and enhancing southwestern Utah as a destination for business and industry.”

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM ACCREDITED

The Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) awarded national accreditation to the Teacher Education Program at Dixie State. TEAC is recognized as a national accreditor by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

DSC’s teacher education program, led by Dean of the School of Education Dr. Brenda Sabey, joins more than 118 accredited programs in 21 states with TEAC-accredited educator preparation programs.

Dr. Frank B. Murray, President of TEAC commented, “Only a bare majority of the nation’s college and university teacher education programs and programs for professional educators in the United States are nationally accredited. We welcome Dixie State College to this select group.”

“We are thrilled with the decision of TEAC. The faculty has worked very hard over the last year or so in order to accomplish this goal,” Dr. Sabey said. The required self-study of our program was rigorous and beneficial. We received wonderful support from our DSC colleagues and administration, as well as the Washington County School District.

“We’ve always believed we had an excellent teacher education program. Now it’s even better. Students can be confident they are receiving quality preparation for teaching.”

For more information on Dixie State’s elementary and secondary education programs, visit www.dixie.edu/education.

DSC MOURNS LOSS OF STUDENT

Fellow Dixie State students, along with faculty and staff, alumni, and St. George community members, united to mourn the loss of DSC student Oscar Irvin Juvera, a 20-year-old sophomore from Prescott Valley, Ariz., who died tragically while on a school-sponsored activity at Sand Hollow Reservoir.

Juvera was one of 18 students attending a kayaking activity sponsored by the DSC Multicultural/Diversity Center (MCDC). Juvera was part of the first group of students to take their turn on the kayaks and had returned to the shore. A short time later, Juvera and a female student decided to swim from the beach to an island on the reservoir. While swimming out to the island, Juvera began to struggle in the water and the female student screamed for assistance.

Luke Wilkins, DSC coordinator of outdoor recreation, immediately paddled over to the area and dove into the water to find Juvera. After failing in his first attempt, Wilkins reached the bottom, found Juvera, and brought him back up to the surface and into a waiting Lake Patrol boat which had come to aid in the rescue. Once in the patrol boat, Wilkins immediately began CPR on Juvera as the boat traveled to the dock area. Juvera was then transported by ambulance to Dixie Regional, where he was pronounced dead. Soon after, members of DSC’s Hispanic Student Association and the MCDC, along with other student groups, members of the LDS and Catholic churches, and area business leaders, banded together to raise money to help the Juvera family pay for funeral expenses.

Juvera was an avid soccer player who played in DSC's intramural league and area Spanish soccer leagues. He transferred to Dixie last spring from Wesley College in Delaware, where he played collegiate soccer.
THREE NEW BACHELOR’S DEGREES APPROVED

The Utah State Board of Regents recently gave Dixie State the nod to offer three new baccalaureate degree programs.

DSC has begun instruction in its new music education, mathematics and mathematics education, and school’s officials anticipate graduating students in both math programs this May at Dixie’s Centennial Commencement Ceremonies.

The new music education program will provide a core of music courses giving students a fundamental background in theory, ear training, history, conducting, private applied lessons, piano proficiency and large ensembles.

The program is designed to prepare students in foundational areas such as theory, history, performance, keyboard and pedagogy to facilitate establishing careers in the education workforce or to continue their studies at the graduate level. The degree program will also allow students to pursue additional course work to qualify for a secondary education license.

DSC’s mathematics degree is designed to meet the need of those students who wish to acquire certain mathematical skills in pursuit of challenging career paths, or to seek graduate level study in mathematics. DSC Math Department Chair Scott Mortensen added that because mathematics is a high-demand skill sought in many sectors of business, science and government, math majors are likely candidates for key positions in traditional and emerging job markets.

“Math opens many doors to many occupations for students,” said Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans, DSC Executive Vice President of Academic Services. “It allows businesses the opportunity to hire from a pool of qualified graduates, which is very important to the continued economic development growth of the region.”

The mathematics education degree will help address the emphasis at the state and federal levels on increasing math knowledge and abilities among school-age children in the United States and the need for highly qualified mathematics teachers. Many secondary schools throughout Washington County, Utah and the region are constantly seeking qualified mathematics faculty.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY HONORED FOR RESEARCH WORK

Three Dixie State students and two faculty members were honored for their collective research work at the annual Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters (UASAL) Awards Night held last November at BYU’s Maeser Building in Provo, Utah.

Senior biology majors Allystair Jones from San Marcos, Calif., and Daniel Sumko from Perry, Utah, were presented the “Best Paper in Biology” award for research they co-authored on the lethal effects of chytrid fungus on amphibians throughout the world. According to DSC Biology Professor Dr. Curt Walker, who was also honored as co-author on the project, the chytrid fungus has been found in Arizona among the species of tree frogs, but through research, the trio has found no evidence of the fungus in the tree frog population that inhabits Zion National Park.

“Huge numbers of amphibians are going extinct right now because of this fungus,” Dr. Walker said. “It’s been found in Arizona populations of the canyon tree frog, but not in the populations in Zion so far, and we’re the ones that found that out.”

In addition, DSC English student Jennifer Gibb and assistant professor Randy Jasmine shared the UASAL award for best paper in the category of Letters: Literature/Language.

Ms. Gibb, a graduate of BYU and a double English major at Dixie State, wrote a paper for a postcolonial studies class entitled “Victory of the Ash Buttocks: The Role of Hybridity in Colonization, Decolonization, and Postcolonization.” This paper explores colonial hybridity, which is the notion that indigenous people are through various means assimilated into the colonizers’ culture while at the same time relegated to a state of perpetual otherness that allows their continued subjection. Gibb is also currently working on her Master’s degree at Northern Arizona University.

Randy Jasmine’s presentation, “A Mean and Ungentlemanly Act: Casaubon’s Passive Aggressive Maneuvering in George Eliot’s Middlemarch,” is part of a larger research project on realism on which professor Jasmine is currently working.

“It is truly an honor to share this award with one of our DSC English students. I think this demonstrates the great work that is going on in our department. The fact that we shared this award is also a testimony to the growing importance of undergraduate research nationwide and in all disciplines.”

We have the best math department in the whole state—our students have acknowledged that, students at other institutions have acknowledged that.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATED WITH TWO MAJOR EVENTS

Dixie State continued its Centennial Celebration with two major events in early February. Downtown Salt Lake City was filled with the “Dixie Spirit” on Feb. 1st, as over 600 alumni and special guests were treated to a “Celebration of the Century – A Dixie Showcase” at the Capitol Theater.

“A Dixie Showcase” honored the 100 years of performance and the arts at Dixie, featuring performances by current DSC students and Dixie alumni, including past members of the Dixie College Program Bureau, which was under the direction of the late Roene DiFiore.

In addition, those in attendance were treated to stirring performances by DSC’s Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Band; Concert, Chamber and Women’s Choirs; Ragin’ Red Show Choir; Concert and Jazz Bands; and Dance Company, along with several student and staff solo acts.

“This event was truly a wonderful tribute to the students and history of Dixie,” said show director and DSC Dean of Students Del Beatty. “Highlighting the talents of our current students and alumni made for an enjoyable evening of entertainment for everyone.”

Four nights later on Feb. 5, DSC welcomed the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square to the Burns Arena for a special concert event celebrating both Dixie’s Sesquicentennial and the City of St. George’s Sesquicentennial. The near capacity crowd was treated to a stirring “American Salute,” which featured a number of patriotic and American folk music classics.

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir also performed several Broadway tunes, but arguably the highlights of the evening were the Choir’s stirring performance of the patriotic classic “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” and a special rendition “Are You From Dixie?” which featured a special guest appearance with the Choir by Dixie alumnus and St. George Mayor Daniel D. McArthur.

“Every great celebration should include music, and what more glorious music could we have had to celebrate with than that provided by ‘America’s Choir,’” DSC President Dr. Stephen D. Nadauld said. “We are very pleased and excited to have had the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Orchestra at Temple Square as our guests to help us celebrate our extraordinary milestones.”

RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM SETS THE BAR WITH PERFECT PASS RATE

Dixie State’s respiratory therapy associates degree program graduated its first class in December as 12 students successfully matriculated through the program. Impressive—but more impressive is that all 12 students passed their licensure exam on their first attempt, which far and away eclipsed the national average on that particular exam. To date, the national average is a 78% success rate for first-time test takers.

For anyone unsure that Dixie boasts talented students in that particular program, the fact that nine out of those 12 students went on to take an advanced practice (Registered Respiratory Therapist) exam, and all passed it on the first attempt—impressive considering the national average for first-time success stands at just 57%.

DSC’s RT Program Director Georgine Bills lauded the efforts of her students and added that seven of the 12 new graduates are employed in respiratory care in the St. George area, while two more have been hired in northern Utah and Idaho. She also paid tribute to the many therapists and physicians who generously gave of time and talents to ensure the present and future success of the program and students.

“This is a wonderful accomplishment for our community,” Bills said. “We look forward to the new year with renewed optimism.”

Bills noted that Utah has a high respiratory care practitioners-to-population ratio and has seen job growth 4-5 times the national averages due to the state’s high birth rate and high percentage of retirees. Dixie State began classwork for the two-year program in the fall of 2008, and the second cohort is slated to complete classwork this December. For more information on the program, visit www.dixie.edu/health/respiratory_therapy.
DSC BIDS FAREWELL TO TWO RESPECTED FACULTY MEMBERS
Terre Burton and Wayne Shamo complete their tenures at Dixie

The Dixie State campus community will bid farewell to two respected faculty members at this May’s Centennial Commencement Exercises. Terre Burton, who has served as associate professor of humanities for nearly 20 years, and Dr. Wayne Shamo, who has been a professor in DSC’s communication program for the past 11 years, will complete their tenures at the end of Dixie’s 2011 Spring Semester.

Burton arrived on the Dixie campus in 1991 from Laramie Community College in Cheyenne. Following a brief one-year stint at a college in Missouri in 1992, she returned to Dixie to teach English, humanities and literature courses.

“I enjoy the students and I love the academic freedom of teaching here,” Burton said. “We get to choose our own books and approaches. It’s been fun watching the College grow.”

One of Burton’s lasting legacies on the Dixie campus is the weekly “Dixie Forum – A Window on the World” series, which began during the 2001-02 academic year. Burton created the convocation series as a way to introduce students and the community to diverse ideas and personalities.

“Other schools had convocation series and we didn’t, but our administration thought we should, so we started it,” says Burton. “I loved it because I could bring in a variety of people on campus to the stage. It also gave our own faculty an opportunity to share things they are passionate about. It is a really good thing.”

Burton, who has served as an educator for 36 years, says she’s not entirely disappearing. She will stay on and teach part time, whether in the spring or evening classes, but she ultimately has designs of eventually returning to Wyoming’s Front Range to be closer to family. For right now though, she says the daily interaction with the students will be what she’ll miss the most.

“I’ll miss being in the class with students,” Burton said. “I’ve hung out with kids who used to be half my age and now are a third my age, and that’s who I’m used to hanging out with. That’s probably why I’ll keep teaching.”

For Dr. Shamo, however, his path to a return to his alma mater was an adventurous one. He attended Dixie College from 1956-58, graduating with his associate degree. Shamo noted that some of his fondest memories came while at Dixie, including being a student while Arthur Bruhn served as president, and taking classes from long-time faculty favorites A. Karl Larson, Juanita Brooks, Ellis Everett and Loraine Woodbury.

Following his time at Dixie, Dr. Shamo went on to earn his Bachelor’s Degree in English and Chemistry from BYU. He then continued his education at Southern Illinois University, where he earned his Master’s Degree in Speech and Communication, and his Ph.D. in Communication. His coursework fostered his life-long dedication to educating others. Upon his graduation from SIU, Shamo taught at Memphis State and Purdue Universities before finally relocating to southern Utah.

In addition to his tenure at DSC, Shamo taught adult literacy for the Washington County library system for 10 years. He estimates that he has helped 400 people learn how to read, including one student who eventually became a faculty member at Dixie State.

Though he’s accomplished much in his career, Shamo notes authoring a textbook and witnessing DSC’s communication program becoming a four-year degree among two of his highlights.

“I think my biggest accomplishment at Dixie College was being part of a changing program that offered a few freshmen-sophomore courses to becoming a four-year program with the potential of developing into a graduate program in the near future,” Shamo said.

“To me, teaching at Dixie College has all been about the students.”

Dr. Shamo said he plans to travel after retirement, including a trip to Alaska with his wife the day after DSC’s Centennial Commencement Ceremony, followed by a trip to Boston later this summer. Not only will he travel, he will return to two of his passions, woodworking and work on his greenhouse.

“My greenhouse is my escape from cares of the world,” said Dr. Shamo as he explained that his current project is miniature roses. He has started almost 100 miniature rose bushes for this summer. He grows some vegetables too, but his real love is flowers of all kinds, mainly roses.

Congratulations to both Terre and Wayne for your dedication and service to the students of Dixie State College!

DIXIE STATE COLLEGE LICENSE PLATES AVAILABLE THROUGH DMV

As part of Dixie State College’s Centennial Celebration, DSC alumni and friends can now show their “Dixie Spirit” on the roadways of Utah and beyond. New Dixie State College license plates are available through the Utah Department of Motor Vehicles. All proceeds from the sale of the new DSC license plates, which cost $25 annually, will go to benefit student scholarships at Dixie State College.

“For a small donation, our alumni and friends can stay connected to Dixie and spread the ‘Dixie Spirit’ throughout the state,” said Kalynn Larson, DSC Alumni Director. “In addition, the money generated will stay here at Dixie State to give financial support to our students.”

Larson added that for every 150 plates that are ordered, one full academic scholarship is created for a Dixie State student. Currently there are 1,000 sets of DSC plates available for purchase. The new Dixie State license plates are available to Utah residents only and can be ordered online or at a local Utah DMV office. In addition to the minimum $25 annual scholarship donation, there is also a one-time plate application fee of $63. For more information, please contact DSC Alumni Director Kalynn Larson at 435-652-7335 or at larson@dixie.edu.

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DIXIE STATE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Most Successful Season in Program History

Following the lead of the Red Storm men from last year, Dixie’s women’s basketball team is enjoying arguably the most successful season in program history in 2010-11.

Head Coach Angie Kristensen knew she could be on the cusp of a special season after Dixie opened the campaign with a pair of road exhibition victories at in-state NCAA Division I opponents Utah Valley University (W, 75-72) and Southern Utah University (W, 67-65), followed by a regular-season opening 71-67 come-from-behind win at in-state foe Utah State, in which Dixie erased an early 23-6 first half deficit to shock the Division I Aggies in Logan.

Those three victories catapulted the Red Storm women to a 16-1 (as of Jan. 29th) start to the 2010-11 campaign, including the program’s first ever national top-25 ranking. Dixie State cracked the USA Today/ESPN NCAA Division II Top-25 Coaches Poll at #25 on Jan. 4, and climbed as high as #10 prior to the Dixie State Magazine press deadline. In addition, the Red Storm are ranked third in the NCAA West Region and could play themselves into hosting an NCAA regional tournament in the Burns Arena.

“Breaking into the top-25 is a great tribute to the effort and focus our players put into the first part of the season,” Coach Kristensen said. “Without having the tradition of being a perennial national power it has been a longer process, but has been worth the wait. We don’t put a lot of emphasis on rankings, but it is nice to be recognized for our success on the national level.”

Dixie’s average margin of victory for its first six victories was at nearly 22 points a game, including a near 32 ppg clip in Pacific West Conference play. Led by senior forward Breann Hill (Harrisburg, Penn./15.5 ppg) and sophomore forward Johnna Brown (Las Vegas, Nev./15.5 ppg), the Red Storm are poised for not only their first NCAA Tournament appearance, but for a deep run in the “Big Dance.”

DIXIE STATE ATHLETIC ALLIANCE

The Dixie State Athletic Alliance (DSAA) was created in 2010 to promote, support and create community involvement for Dixie Athletics and student-athletes. The new Dixie State Athletic Alliance was re-organized this past fall to offer more benefits to the members and to create a greater presence in the community for Dixie Athletics. Under the new giving levels, members receive much more than the previous giving levels for their donations with items ranging from athletic event tickets, club events held throughout the year, travel opportunities, newsletters, invitations to hear from Red Storm coaches and student-athletes, and more. Additionally, donors receive greater tax deduction consideration for the non-benefit portion of their gift. The Athletic Alliance offers membership opportunities on every level. There are a variety of ways to contribute: direct cash donations, gift-in-kind, monthly automatic checking withdrawal, or by on-campus payroll deduction. Call Derek Dawes at 435-879-2954 for more information.
NEW VOLLEYBALL COACH

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Brenda Baumgartner Stanley, ‘89, had a banner year. She is employed at her dream job, just realized a lifelong dream of publishing not one, but two books, and lives contentedly on a small ranch near the Snake River with her husband, horses, and dogs. When she first stepped foot in a Dixie College classroom in 1987 it would never have crossed her mind that this would someday be her life.

Originally from the San Diego area, she moved frequently with her father’s work in law enforcement and spent the majority of her growing up years in Utah. By age 23, she and her first husband relocated to St. George for work where as a mother of a young child and even younger twins, she was in need of a dose of enrichment and release. She enrolled in a night class offered by Tim Bywater in English and “fell in love with school.”

In her heart Brenda dreamed of becoming a novelist and that’s why her first college class was in English. But up until that point she had never even allowed anyone else to read her writing let alone reveal her pining to be published.

“Brenda is the kind of student who makes the job gratifying for a teacher. She came in afraid and unsure and after a couple sentences I just told her, ‘You’re great. Keep writing,’” says Bywater. “The fact of the matter is she had such a great ability to write that a little encouragement was all she needed.”

Today with the release of her young adult novel, I Am Nuchu, in November and a cookbook, The Zucchini Houdini, earlier in the year, Brenda finds herself “a different person than when I walked into that classroom and instead of wanting to hide my writing from everyone, I’m now sharing it.”

Brenda continued her education at Dixie College earning her associate’s degree, but in the meantime also added another set of twins to her growing family. Her twins arrived mid-way through her sophomore year three months ahead of schedule. They required emergency care at Primary Children’s Hospital but Brenda with three small children at home was unable to relocate to be with them constantly so she decided instead to stay enrolled in school full-time and “barrel through.” She emerged through these trying circumstances a college graduate with a scholarship to the University of Utah.

“I think Brenda is a positive reflection of what Dixie College is all about, then and now,” says Bywater. “She came here unprepared or afraid or intimidated to face a university, and we were able to provide a grounding, unlock some potential, and look at what she has accomplished.”

For the last 13 years Brenda Baumgartner Stanley has been with KPVI-TV, an NBC affiliate in Pocatello, Idaho, and now is the News Director and co-anchor of the prime time evening news programs. Her journalistic work has earned her top honors including recognition by the Scripps Howard Foundation, the Hearst Journalism Awards, the Idaho Press Club, and the Society for Professional Journalists.

At the U of U she studied broadcast journalism and despite the devastating setback of her first husband’s death in a car accident in 2002, she was a stellar student and was named valedictorian. She began her professional career as a news producer at KUTV in Salt Lake City and took a three month hiatus to serve as a special projects producer for ABC News in Washington D.C. during the Gulf War.

Her work then took her to Idaho where she moved from producing to on-air reporting. For the last 13 years she has been with KPVI-TV, an NBC affiliate, and now is the News Director and co-anchor of the prime time evening news programs.

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“This is a starter market for a lot of people. I love what I do and love to pass it on to others. It’s really satisfying watching the kids grow and flourish.”

In so many ways it’s indicative of her appreciation of the encouragement she received at the hands of her professors and mentors. “I credit Tim Bywater with giving me the confidence to write. He was the first person I ever let read my writing and he encouraged me to pursue my talents.”

Brenda relates that she first wrote the original draft of her newly published novel as a 17-year-old teenage mother living in a spider infested house on the desolate Duchesne Indian Reservation. “I was just sitting in this depressing house all day and so I went to the store and bought a stack of legal pad notebooks and came home and just started writing.”

In retrospect she says it seems sort of strange that the character telling the story in her head was a teenage Native-American boy, but she was compelled to just keep writing. When she came to Dixie College she edited and typed out her long hand original and would revise it multiple times more throughout the years. She adds that throughout the process Professor Bywater continued to encourage and offer notes on the novel he had originally read over 20 years earlier. “When he would come to his annual park ranger post during the summer I would drive up so he could read it over, and he was a constant source of support.”

He in return credits her tenacity and talent. “You know, I’ve read Brenda’s novel as she’s worked on it through the years, and I have to say first, it was beautifully written and I loved it. Of course, I’m an English teacher so I questioned her about a few things and offered my feedback,” says Bywater. “But the bottom line is it’s so difficult to publish a fiction novel thing she had developed that confidence in her writing and especially her story over the course of so many years because “you could have wallpapered my house in rejection letters from publishers.” Then about five years ago she met an agent who “changed everything” and after a focused editing process was able to market and sell the novel to WestSide Books.

Her other book, Zucchini Houdini, is a cookbook dedicated to the green vegetable and was written more as a lark for her family, but turned into a full-fledged published work. “It actually ended up being published first and was a good introduction to the whole publishing process.”

After accomplishing the printing of her novel and another book to boot, Brenda has no intention of retiring as an author. In fact, she explains that since she was 17-years-old and first filled those notebooks, she has never stopped writing. “I write every day because it’s my escape. I’ve written and completed four other novels and one is in the process of being published right now.”

So it seems that for some the attainment of one life-long dream just means that there is now time to work on another. “I work at my dream job, but it’s my job,” she laughs. “Being a novelist is a dream come true and a thrill beyond measure. One of the most satisfying aspects is dedicating this book to my children. It’s something my kids, grandkids, and years from now my great, great grandkids will have from me.”

“I think Brenda is a positive reflection of what Dixie College is all about, then and now,” says Bywater. “She came here unprepared or afraid or intimidated to face a university, and we were able to provide a grounding and unlock some potential—and look at what she has accomplished.”

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A photo of Brenda with her young family on graduation day in 1989 appeared in the Dixie College Catalog in 1990.
» GEOFF WHITEHEAD ’94, creates, invests in and grows breakthrough companies as a Venture Capitalist at Flagship Ventures, a premier early-stage healthcare and sustainability venture firm located in Cambridge, Mass. Geoff was honored to enter Dixie College as a Presidential Scholar in 1993, and was able to graduate summa cum laude just one year later. After serving a mission in Macon, Ga., he transferred to the University of Utah as an Honors at Entrance Scholar, where he completed a Bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry in 1998.

While attending the U of U, and after graduation he worked at Myriad Genetics where he identified genes implicated in human diseases such as type I diabetes and obesity, and also helped initiate Myriad’s entry into drug discovery and development. Geoff left Myriad and the state of Utah to enter drug discovery and development. In 2005 he completed his Ph.D. in the fields of genetics and regenerative medicine and published his research in the leading scientific journal Science. To couple his Ph.D. scientific training with true business experience he joined a management consulting firm, PRTM, where he managed client engagements with leading pharmaceutical, biotech and diagnostic companies in the U.S. and internationally. At Flagship Ventures, Geoff is currently involved in founding companies in the emerging areas of using RNA induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) to treat disease as well as drugs targeting the newly appreciated phenotypic plasticity of cancer metastasis.

Although Geoff’s family strong-armed him into attending Dixie College and threatened abandonment by his grandmother Edith, he very much enjoyed his time at Dixie. “What Dixie provided for me was a fun, comfortable atmosphere to gain general coursework credit that enabled me to transfer very quickly and focus my educational pursuits more deeply in fields of interest to me,” Geoff recalls. He very much enjoyed the approachability of the professors and that they allowed and encouraged him to question what they were teaching.

An enjoyable Dixie College class that still impacts his life today was “Understanding Movies” taught by Tim Bywater. The deep analysis of the messaging of many films and distinct shots amplified his interest in the medium of movies. Even now, no one in his family enjoys watching movies with him because Geoff is “always trying to analyze it and extract deeper meaning to the point that it is no longer fun to watch the movie.” Geoff enjoyed Dixie most because it provided for him an opportunity to create new friends and re-forge friendships from elementary school—many of which remain his closest friends today.

Geoff met his wife Gaylynn Wright from Holladay, Utah, in Boston and they were married in Salt Lake City in 2005. Their precocious two-year old daughter, Elise, ensures their lives are eventful and unpredictable. They recently purchased their first home in Belmont, a quaint suburban town just outside of Boston. 

» DEBBIE FOREMASTER SPAFFORD ’75, was honored by Ashley Regional Medical Center in Vernal, Utah, with the Mercy Award, which recognizes one employee per year who best exemplifies the spirit and values upon which the medical center was founded. Debbie’s titles include public relations director, risk manager, and chief privacy officer. She began her career in 1984 as an emergency room clerk. “Over the last 24 years Debbie has consistently gone above and beyond at work as well as in the community,” stated CEO Si Hutt. “She is one of the driving forces behind the hospital’s Patient Safety Committee and she has been recognized within LifePoint, the parent company of Ashley Regional, for excellence in risk management.” Debbie has been very active in the Chamber of Commerce, serving previously on the board of directors and as president. In 2002, she was honored by the Chamber with their Outstanding Public Service Award.

Debbie has always been an advocate for learning, having recently earned a master’s degree, and volunteering her time to improve educational offerings through the Rural Education Committee for the State of Utah and on the Advisory Board for Utah State University (of which she is a past chairman). She participates in community theater, organizes community health fairs, and has lead the charge on charity fund raisers.

“Debbie represents the hospital with the highest standards of quality, compassion, and integrity,” said Hutt. “We are honored to have Debbie as a co-worker, neighbor and most of all, a friend.”
**BECKY SMITH ’76**, was named the new director of the Hurricane Chamber of Commerce. Becky has been involved with the Hurricane community since she was named Director of the Dixie State College Hurricane Education Center. The Center is located in the heart of Hurricane City at 1120 South 700 West. Dixie State is a member of the Hurricane Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Hurricane Education Center hosts the monthly luncheons at the chamber. Becky’s position there as the HEC Director keeps her busily involved in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce as a representative of DSC. She was elected to the Board of Directors for 2010-2012 for a three year term and was elected to the office of President-Elect in 2010. She is currently serving as the President of the Board of Directors that governs the Hurricane Chamber of Commerce and its activities.

**BARRY CLARKSON ’90**, is one of the founding members of and the current managing member of the law firm, Clarkson Draper & Beckstrom, LLC, with offices in both St. George and Mesquite, Nev. Barry currently focuses on complex business and real estate transactions in addition to estate planning and business structuring. Barry received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1991 and a Master of Arts Degree in Languages and Literature in 1994 from the University of Utah. He received his Juris Doctorate Degree from California Western School of Law in 1997. Active in the community, Barry serves in various capacities and on various boards related to local health care, higher education, and charitable organizations which he helped to form. He is a board member of the Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation, which provides transitional housing and life empowerment support services to persons fleeing domestic violence. His firm is also an annual supporter of the Washington County School District Sterling Scholar Foundation. As an Eagle Scout and the father of four boys, Barry and his wife, Pam, are actively involved in local sporting events and are staunch supporters of the Boys Scouts of America organization. Mr. Clarkson currently teaches Business Law as an adjunct professor at Dixie State in the business department.

**MARGARET PATTerson ‘95**, fondly remembers her time at Dixie State, especially the year she was crowned Miss Indian Dixie in 1996. “My favorite memory of Dixie was being Miss Indian Dixie,” she said. “And, the professors were so friendly too.” Margaret went on to attend SUU where she studied elementary education with the goal of becoming a kindergarten teacher. Margaret is currently working at the family market.

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Rotary Club again played a key role in creating the Encampment Mall, a large green space in the middle of campus near where the original St. George pioneers camped upon their arrival in the valley late in 1861. The mall’s statues and landscaping enhance the campus in a beautiful and meaningful way. Again, the funding and labor came from community donations.

Dixie’s evolution into a four-year institution meant that its athletic programs would no longer compete on the junior college level. In 2006, Dixie’s sports teams made a huge jump to NCAA Division II affiliation. In 2009, much to the consternation of many die-hard Rebel’s fans, the nickname for Dixie’s athletic teams was changed to “Red Storm.” Change is never easy and large numbers of college supporters found it difficult to give up the Rebel moniker. Many are still adamant that it should be changed back. Yet as time passes, the new nickname is growing on the current generation of students.

The nickname change came during the latter part of the new century’s first decade. At the same time, the College’s board of trustees was seriously considering the possibility of becoming affiliated with the University of Utah, a move that could potentially gain the school university status more quickly and efficiently than natural evolution would. The issue created a rift in the community as many touted the undeniable benefits of joining the state’s prestigious university, while others felt strongly that Dixie, as it has so many times before, should remain in charge of its own destiny and grow to university status on a natural course determined by local leaders and its always loyal community.

As Dixie State College of Utah stands at the threshold of its second century, two monumental developments underscore the leadership of current president Stephen Nadauld. Ground has been broken for the new Jeffrey R. Holland Centennial Commons Building, and the Utah State Board of Regents has approved DSC’s plan to pursue university status. The College begins its second century with more than 9,000 students and the way is now open for this venerable institution, so beloved by its community, to soon become a regional state university.

The spirit of which President Nadauld speaks is the spirit of cooperation and loyalty that began more than a hundred years ago when townsfolk donated precious nickels and dimes to build the original Dixie Academy. It continues today as citizens and alumni give in many ways to perpetuate an institution that has made such a difference in their lives.

It’s the same Dixie Spirit that historian and Dixie College professor Karl Larson tried to capture in words decades ago. “I find it difficult to put into words what Dixie College has meant and still means to us here,” he wrote. “It has been and remains the cultural heart of Utah’s Dixie. It has meant the broadening of individual and community horizons…. From its halls have gone forth good citizens, men and women who have had their hearts touched with a desire for knowledge. They have made their mark for good all over the world…sharing with others that which they received in Dixie.”

—Research & Contributions by Doug Alder
In Memoriam

ALICE BENTLEY HOLLAND

Alice Bentley Holland died on January 3, 2011 in her own home located between the red sandstone of the St. George Tabernacle, her childhood LDS meetinghouse, and the St. George Temple, which dominated the landscape of her life and which she faithfully attended until her death. Alice was as strong as the stones with which both buildings had been built by her pioneer ancestors and she never wanted to live in any city, state, or nation that could not provide her a view of her beloved Pine Valley Mountain.

Alice was born October 20, 1915, the first of six children to Herbert Roy and Leonora Snow Bentley. She attended local schools where she was an exceptional student sitting at the feet of remarkably devoted teachers, two of whom were her parents. On September 7, 1936, Alice married Frank Dennis Holland who, with his Irish charm, swept her off her feet. She found her deepest joy and truest sense of mission in mothering three sons and a daughter, Dennis (Jean) of Placerville, California, Jeffrey (Patricia) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Scott, who died in infancy, and Deborah Holland Millet of St. George, Utah. Her joy has been magnified in her senior years by twenty-five grandchildren/grandchildren-in-law, thirty-six great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren. Her husband, son, parents and two sisters, Erma Sandberg of Washington, Utah and Mildred Dailey of Granite Bay, California preceded her in death. She is survived by one sister, Helen Nisson Jolley of Washington, Utah, and two brothers, Herbert S. Bentley of St. George, Utah, and Marion J. Bentley of Provo, Utah.

Alice served in all the auxiliaries of the LDS Church, with perhaps her happiest years being those she served with her husband and daughter as a missionary in England (1962-63) and California (1963-64.) After the death of her husband, she served faithfully as a volunteer telephone operator in the St. George Temple for nearly twenty-five years. The family wishes to thank the host of friends, neighbors and professionals who loved and cared for Alice in her declining years. Special mention must be made of Ana Mitchell, her live-in caregiver in the final months of her life, Dr. Clark Staheli, her physician, and the devoted employees of Applegate Home Care and Hospice. Her granddaughters, Heather Holland Adams and Rebecca Holland Ganowsky, also have given special care to Alice for many years.

ALUMNI OBITUARIES

Karma Sorenson (May 18, 1925 - Feb 2, 2011) St. George, UT
Max E. Seegmiller (Aug 9, 1929 - Jan 30, 2011) St. George, UT
LaRen Graff Fleming (March 29, 1933 - January 28, 2011) Las Vegas, NV
J. Thurmer Jacobs (March 16, 1918 - Jan 28, 2011) St. George, UT
Evona Cheney Huntsman (Nov 11, 1924 – Jan 23, 2011) St. George, UT
Pearl Carpenter Morris (Nov 10, 1920 - January 20, 2011) Orinda, CA
William C. Mickelsen (August 27, 1931- January 17, 2011) St. George, UT
Jay “Blayne” Barton (March 10, 1930 – January 8, 2010) St. George, UT
Alice Bentley Holland (Oct 20, 1915 – Jan 3, 2011) St. George, UT
Dexter C. Snow (Aug 12, 1932 - Jan 2, 2011) Salt Lake City, UT
JoAnn Twitchell Holt (Sept 17, 1946 - Jan 1, 2011) Enterprise, UT
Raymond O. Christensen (April 17, 1921 - Dec 2010) St. George, UT
Ruth Edmonds (Jan 18, 1914 – Dec 26, 2010) St. George, UT
Grace Shumway Mathis (Nov 13, 1911 - Dec 17, 2010) St. George, UT
Jack G. Mathis (Nov 21, 1926 - Dec 14, 2010) St. George, UT
Dorothy Lamb Ruesch (Sept 23, 1932 – Nov 16, 2010) St. George, UT
Katherine Larkin Neilson (April 29, 1946 – June 27, 2010) Orange, CA

DEXTIER SNOW

Dexter Clinton Snow, 78, passed away at the Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born in St. George, Utah, on August 12, 1932, to Jeter Clinton Snow and Wanda Esplin Snow. He was married to Deneice Truman Snow on August 12, 1954 in the St. George, Utah temple by President Harold S. Snow.

He was raised in St. George, attended the local schools, and graduated from Dixie High School in 1950. After Dixie College he transferred to the University of Utah where he was a cadet in ROTC and graduated in economics in 1954.

Dexter married Deneice Truman of St. George, and two months later he was called into the U. S. Air Force and sent to Hill Air Force Base for a two year tour of duty. While there, he was a lieutenant working in the procurement division and was promoted to the rank of Captain upon retirement.

After the military tour of duty he went to work in Salt Lake City as an accountant for Lincoln G. Kelley & Company; the firm which later became Price Waterhouse – Coopers.

In 1960 they returned to St. George to help his father in running their grocery store. After passing the CPA exam he opened his own office and was the first CPA south of Provo. He helped form the firm of Bradshaw, Snow & Mathis with St. George & Las Vegas offices. He then took the St. George office and merged it into the Firm of Elmer Fox & Company and became a Partner in the firm. In the second year he transferred to the Salt Lake City office and was the assistant Partner in Charge.

He was active in politics and was the chairman of the Republican Party for several years. He was active in both the Kiwanis Club (president for one term), and in the Rotary Club. He was elected to the Utah State Board of Education and held that position until he moved to Salt Lake City. He was also Secretary of the Utah Hereford Assn. and helped run their spring bull sale in St. George for several years.

Dexter was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many positions in the church over the years.

He is survived by his wife Deneice, of St. George, son, Devery (Kelley) Snow of Queen Creek, Arizona, daughter, Diane S. Hoefelmann of St. George, 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Brent (D’On) Snow and sister Sheron (Richard) Hafen of St. George. He was preceded in death by his father and mother.
The weather in San Francisco was amazingly warm and clear as the 2nd annual alumni chapter of Northern California gathered at the Dominican University vs. Dixie State basketball games to cheer for the Dixie teams. The games were exciting and DSC was victorious. The announcers on the radio stated, “the tide of the game turned when the Dixie fans got involved and starting cheering.” George Whitehead gave an update on the College at the dinner following the games. It was a great time for alumni to ask questions about Dixie and renew old acquaintances.

NORTHERN UTAH CHAPTER EVENT

The Northern Utah Alumni Chapter hosted a dinner and auction at Salt Lake City Little America in November. This event has become a fun tradition for alumni living in the Salt Lake and the surrounding areas. As it has been each year, this event was well attended. What better way to associate with fellow Dixie alumni and classmates than by enjoying good food and a fun environment. Our alumni caught the spirit of the auction and brought some well sought after items to be sold at the silent auction. Everyone in attendance had a lot of fun while making sure they secured some of these items. From Dale Madsen’s homemade bread, to handmade jewelry and baby quilts, to Les Smith and Al Rounds art work, there were items for everyone. All proceeds from the auction are used to provide scholarships for students from Northern Utah to attend Dixie. “Dixie is a great place to get an education and the proceeds from tonight’s event will help someone attend school there,” said Ed Tanner, master of ceremonies. “We were in St. George for Homecoming and it was so much fun! The Dixie Spirit is still alive there, so get involved.”

The next Northern Utah Chapter event is Saturday, May 21st, at Falcon Park. Mark your calendars for this fun, free BBQ. There will be and blow up toys for the children and fun for all.

Photos left: Al Rounds and his wife attended the Alumni dinner and auction at Little America in Salt Lake City. Rounds donated one of his popular prints for the auction.

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Send your mailing or email address, as well as those of classmates to: larson@dixie.edu or call 435-652-7535.
The buildings and grounds of Dixie State College CAN BE enhanced with beautiful surroundings that will give the school a university feel, and provide a central gathering place that allows students to build fond memories and learn of the wonderful heritage of the area. The College is committed to continue to enrich the educational experience and quality of life for all students, as well as faculty, staff, alumni and visitors.

To give to the Centennial Campaign or for more information Please call the Dixie State College Institutional Advancement Office at 435.652.7509 or visit centennial.dixie.edu/centennialplaza

Save the Date!
NORTHERN UTAH ALUMNI BBQ
MAY 21, 2011
5 - 7 p.m. at Falcon Park
9150 Peruvian Dr in Sandy (approx. 9000 S. 1600 E.)
Fun, Free Family Event
RSVP: (801) 467-1614 or etanner@yahoo.com

Save the Date!
NORTHEAST CHAPTER EVENT
IN OUR NATION’S CAPITOL
JUNE 24, 25
FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES (bring the whole family)
ELEGANT DINNER at Dr. Greg Prince home (adults only)
Watch for mailer with more info
Dear Alumni and Friends of Dixie,

As we are still in the midst of celebrating the wonderful 100th year anniversary of Dixie, may we remember those that went before us and also help plan for those that will come after us. There is a great vibe being felt on the Dixie campus. New buildings are being built while older ones are being rejuvenated to meet the needs of the strong demands of the ever growing student body.

Come and bring your family and friends and get reacquainted with the campus and help celebrate a great milestone for the Dixie we all know and love. D-Week and Homecoming in this Centennial year will be joyous opportunities to feel that Dixie Spirit that has never left nor failed us. The tailgate parties before each home game have become a great standard of Dixie fellowship. There is fabulous food, cheering for the team as they run through the crowd of well wishers, music, fun games for the family, and the band playing the songs of Dixie. It is all here for you, the alumni, the backbone of the Dixie Spirit.

There are many volunteers that help make these Dixie events a great success and without them we could not accomplish everything we do. A special thanks to them.

Once again, please make the effort to come back to the campus and partake of the Dixie Spirit. It is here and it is alive and well!

Rebels Forever,
— Hal Hiatt, ’03, DSC Alumni President
# 2011 D-WEEK: CELEBRATION OF “D” CENTURY

## TUESDAY, APRIL 12
- 7:00 pm  **D-Queen Pageant**  
  Eccles Mainstage

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
- 3:00 pm  **Paint “D” Road**  
- 6:00 pm  **World Record**  
- 7:00 pm  **Movie (Grease)**  
  Pavillon

## THURSDAY, APRIL 14
- 8:00 pm  **Night of Music**  
  Eccles Mainstage

## FRIDAY, APRIL 15
- 6:00 pm  **Great Race, Bar-B-Q and Carnival**  
  Encampment Mall

## SATURDAY, APRIL 16
- 7:00 am  **Whitewash the “D”**  
  Black Hill
- 7:30 am  **Whitewash Breakfast**  
  Hot Breakfast Under the “D”
- 12 pm  **DSC Softball**  
  Cooper Diamonds
- 7:00 pm  **An Evening of Dixie**  
  Eccles Concert Hall
- 8:00 pm  **Alumni Social**  
  Eccles Sears Gallery
- 9:00 pm  **D-Day Dance**  
  w/ Jazz Band  
  Gardner Center Ballroom
- 12 am  **True Rebel Night**  
  Fountain
Dixie Past and Present... be part of its Future