As Dixie embarks on its second century, the Alumni Board has adopted a new slogan to help the alumni and community reignite Dixie State’s next 100 years “Igniting the Dixie Spirit.” This is the same spirit that motivated the students to build the “D” on the Black Hill in 1915 in an effort to bring all the students and community together. The “D” stands on the steep slope face of the Black Hill, directly in line with Tabernacle Street, a proud symbol of this great Dixie community. In 1941, with the cooperation of the City of St. George and the Alumni Association, power was taken to the “D” and from that time the “D” has been flooded with light each and every night. In 2004 under the direction of student body president Jake Denning, the “D” was outlined with lights. It is truly a symbol of the great Dixie Spirit that has existed at the school and in the community for the past 100 years and is still alive today. May we remember and never forget that spirit. Come back to the campus and attend events, mingle with the students, and be ready for Dixie’s next century.

— Kalyyn Larson, ’94, Alumni Relations Director

As Dixie State College senior Jamie Udell is postponing her studies to travel the country in her dual roles as Miss Rodeo Utah, and as the runner up to Miss Rodeo America.

Nothing can compare with the Dixie Spirit, exemplified by our extraordinary students, faculty, and staff. Look inside the lives of three of the best.

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ON THE COVER: A statue representing one of Dixie’s first pioneer settlers seems to be surveying the new campus growth.

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On the Dixie State campus, students converge around shaded picnic tables to compare lecture notes and relax between classes. The sound of their chatter blends with the gurgle of a man-made brook that flows across a pedestrian-friendly campus. Surrounding buildings reach up several stories, and countless trees arch over broad, grassy spaces. If this doesn’t sound familiar to Dixie’s alumni, it soon will. The once tiny academic community now boasts over 9,000 undergrads, and within a few short years, the college will earn the appellation “university.” As college president Dr. Stephen D. Nadauld says, “We’re in the business of building and planting . . . so we’re planting a lot of trees, literally and figuratively. We’re planting trees in landscaping and trees in buildings, trees in degrees, trees in international student growth, trees in faculty, trees in our athletic program . . . Come back in five years, six years, or seven years and you’ll see a whole forest of wonderful trees that are providing fruit.”

In fact, the transformation is already well under way. On the south end of the Encampment Mall, the new Jeffrey R. Holland Centennial Commons dominates the center of the once open field, and...

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PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

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The old gym has been reborn as the Student Activities Center, and buildings all over campus are morphing to suit modern demand.

While the physical makeover pleases the eye, Dixie State’s metamorphosis is driven by the changing needs of its students. Plenty of local students still enroll at the college while living at home, but they are increasingly rubbing shoulders with a wider variety of classmates. These days they sit from diverse cultures.

Eighteen-year-old enough to be their parents. Friendly conversations incorporate snippets of Spanish, Japanese, Russian, and other languages.

Over the past year, Dixie State College has been looking back and celebrating 100 years of beloved traditions. Now the school is looking forward, and plowing those traditions into a redesigned campus for a growing student population.

**PLANTING FOR THE PERSONAL TOUCH**

One of the many students to migrate from another part of the state, freshman Ezra Hainsworth has an easy smile and makes continual eye contact throughout his conversations.

“It was mostly the weather, to be honest,” he admits happily when asked why he chose to live more than four hours away from his home in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. He had planned at first to attend Utah Valley University, just an hour away from his parents. But at the last minute, he signed up at DSC with a friend for the fall 2011 semester.

Hainsworth succeeded in his belated adjustment thanks to DSC’s open enrollment policy, a policy that President Nadauld insists won’t change when the school becomes a university. In nearly the same breath, President Nadauld says it has to turn the traditional university model upside down onto its head.

In large universities, by the time students reach their junior and senior years, a handful of learners eager for specialized knowledge. The school offers. Instead of languishing in a lecture hall, he worked directly with experienced professors and received hands-on training with equipment that most undergrads rarely get to use.

From those visits, Cordell decided he wanted to be that kind of doctor. Instead, because his parents moved to Hurricane, Utah, while he served an LDS mission, Cordell chose Dixie State College. Now, in his last semester as a biology major, he doesn’t worry at all about whether he will be accepted to medical school. His predilection is rather which top-tier acceptance he should choose—Indiana University School of Medicine at Purdue or the Medical College of Wisconsin at Marquette University.

It’s a quandary Cordell enthusiastically accepts and attributes directly to having served his way.

Arriving at DSC, Cordell quickly took advantage of the one-on-one learning the school offers. Instead of languishing in a lecture hall, he worked directly with experienced professors and received hands-on training with equipment that most undergrads rarely get to use.

At Johns Hopkins, he was able to begin work immediately while his fellow interns from Ivy League schools spent time learning how to use the machinery. “Word spread quickly,” he laugh, “and it became bragging rights (for the professors to say) that ‘I don’t have to train my student.’” After his first internship, he didn’t have to apply for a second; they simply told him to come back the next summer—and to send any other students like him from DSC their way.

With the expansion of four-year degrees, and the march to university status, the need for internships and post-graduate employment for Dixie students has become critical.

Dixie State’s Career Center is stepping up to meet that need with the creation of two new full-time staff positions: an Employer Outreach Coordinator and an Internship Coordinator. With this new focus, DSC alumni can be particularly beneficial by reviewing their company structure and considering where a Dixie State graduate can fill a crucial place. The Dixie State Alumni Association, in partnership with the Career Center, is bringing professionals from business and industry to interact with DSC students, and hold degree forums.

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Business owners from the community come to talk to the student about career fields, networking, and to give career tips. They answer questions and mentor the students.

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“...figuring need to compete in the job market. In the real world, they’ll work with other people and don’t send their kids to school to sit in a dorm by shoe horning their freshman and sophomore rarely sit alone in front of a computer. “Parents universities fund those reduced classrooms those schools are rethinking their strategy more people; and some institutions go so far—work both online and in an occasional class—or in a hybrid format, in which students many students end up feeling lost and disconnected, sometimes to the point of leaving things out on my own, budget—also revels in the social connec—tions he has made through campus organi—zations to lead and make others feel welcome. With success tend to keep students in college, so Dixie State wants to avoid both crowded classrooms and online isolation for its begin—ning students. Her shock of bright purple hair draws—"I like being independent," Worthington talks with her hands so much, that passing sign language speakers would think she was trying to communicate with them. Her shock of bright purple hair draws the eye as she describes how she became one of Dixie’s non-traditional students. Raised in poverty, she dropped out of school and in their lifetimes.” Graduation, however, is only part of the career Center would be on the top floor in the very best space in our best building,” says President Nadalff, pointing in the direction of the new Holland Building, “so visitors know we observe and participate where possible. Gorbunova isn't the only one who bene—fits from her time at Dixie, though. President Nadalff acknowledges, “We're not doing our students, any with a (culturally) homog—enous school environment. If you have not experienced diversity in college, you're going to struggle in the workplace. If you're prone to making mistakes, if you have labels in your head, words that you used in junior high school that you haven't figured out are inapprop—riate, you can make that mistake on a college campus at a much lower price than making that mistake in the work place... The best way for our students to get that experi—ence is to have a nice mix of every kind of kid we can find!” To achieve that mix, Dixie State has been focusing on their changing needs. For most of its first century, Dixie was the place to begin an education before moving on to something bigger. In its second hundred years, it aims to be that something bigger. Dixie State receives a new bachelor’s degree at nearly every Board of Regents meet—ing. Within a few more years, the school will offer master’s degrees in high-demand areas so students can fine tune their skills and gain the edge they need in the work force. The school will never be able to produce all of the degrees that the major universities offer, so it will still provide a great start for those who need to transfer. But President Nadalff contends that Dixie State’s baccalaure—ate degrees are comparable to those of many other schools. “Dental hygiene is in the top five in the nation, year after year,” he reports with pride. “We have a computer reports with pride. “We have a computer top five in the nation, year after year,” he reports with pride. “We have a computer...we will have a state-of-the-art facility and need a state-of-the-art mentality for placement.” He’s insisting on more career and internship opportunities and improved training and supervision so Dixie’s students are better prepared for success.

**PLANTING FOR A BROADER OPPORTUNITIES**

Olya Gorbunova’sauburn hair swings beneath a man’s black hat as she gestures at her surroundings, and her blue eyes sparkle as she pronounces everything to be “so amaz—ing!” “Theatrical” might be too extreme a word to describe her, but “artistic” doesn’t quite seem to measure up. Fru—ently, she returned to Utah and continued at Dixie State, and like most non-traditional students, she possesses a particular zeal for education because she holds a particular family back. “I don’t want the kind of poverty I experienced for my sons,” she explains. “I want to teach him how important self-value.”

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Extraordinary Faculty

KELLY BRINGHURST

One way or another Dixie State College professor, Dr. Kelly Bringham, has centered his academic career on impact studies. He recently completed his doctorate degree studying the impact of deforestation on water quality, and likewise, has been making an impact of a different sort on students studying geology at Dixie for nearly 28 years. Although his family has St. George roots, Dr. Bringham, who was raised in California, was connected to Dixie only via visits to family and stories from his mother’s and sister’s time on campus. Yet, when he arrived as the newest addition to the Dixie College faculty in 1989 by way of undergraduate studies at BYU and graduate studies at UC Riverside, he founded himself at home in the classroom. “I worked for several years out of college as a professional geologist in California, but I approached education in general.*

It takes a little more than a philosophy about broadening horizons though to pull off a meaningful and entertaining week for 200 plus teenagers and their leaders. It takes a head for organization, a flair for fun, and an ability to roll with the punches. But Rachel is not one to be satisfied with just a 9 to 5 use of her skill set. For the last year and a half she has been involved in humanitarian work that calls on her special knack for bringing people together in a meaningful way, and she currently acts as the Steering Committee Coordinator for Volunteer and Leadership Development. “This is a D.C. based group that puts together trips for single professionals who want to meet people but do something meaningful with their time. So I got to help coordinate the right people for the right job.”

She explains that the group involves business, medical, construction, and education professionals, as well as experts in other areas. She partners with a humanitarian organization based out of Utah called CHOICE which has in place a systematic approach to helping villages in need in five nations throughout the world. She provides the manpower and expertise, and CHOICE identifies the villages, provides in-country directors and translators, and works with the volunteers to decide what projects they feel would best serve their people.

The unique approach taken by these organizations is that when people from America come into these remote villages to offer aid, they follow the lead of the villagers and let them guide the action. “When we dig a foundation for a building, we use a shovel,” says Rachel. “When I went to Nepal the village had just gotten electricity that week and it was one light bulb in someone’s hut. We don’t go in there with backhoes and electric drills—we do things their way. It’s very humbling and it opened my eyes to the idea that a simple life where it’s a daily struggle to survive can be filled with so much joy.” She relates an experience she had in Kenya at a secondary school where her group was quartered and working on improvements. The children were all lined up to meet the humanitarian volunteers. “We stood in front of the children and were asked to raise our hand if we had a college education,” Rachel explains. “When every one of us raised our hands, the Kenyans jumped. To them the fact that we have two pairs of shoes is hard to comprehend. It’s a powerful example for them to see men and women who have an education and a huge part of our interaction with them is just to push them to get an education. For these students getting a higher education is the only way they will be able to have opportunities open up for them in the future and be able to make their dreams a reality.”

For Rachel, the end result of these international experiences is that she will be a part of organizations that make a real difference in peoples’ lives. “My job at Dixie State College and my humanitarian work are an extension of what I love to do and they’re both related to being a part of things that can make a difference.”

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found that what I really enjoyed was teaching."

Fortunately for him the lure hasn't lost its luster, and after nearly three decades of teaching intro to Geology, among other courses, he still gets satisfaction from piquing a student’s interest in science. And in an area of study where change can be as indiscernible and gradual as the movement of the continents, Dr. Bringhurst explains what keeps it exciting is the constant change. "We’re looking at landscapes, floods, earthquakes; there’s a lot going on and it’s fun to keep up on that in class."

Currently his favorite teaching assignment is “Principles of Physical Science,” a class he developed primarily for elementary education majors. In it he teaches his students how to teach science to their prospective students. During the lab, students conduct a wide variety of experiments and are given the material needed to recreate it in their classrooms down the road. "If I can help these students get the next generation of students excited about science, then it pays off. I find nature fascinating," he expounds. "I can trigger that in someone and they become interested in the world around them, my job continues to be fun."

This sense of wonder and appreciation of nature is what drew him to doctorate work at the University of Ulster Northern Ireland to study the effects of deforestation on the water quality of Costa Rica. Perhaps it is a geologist connecting the dots from St. George across the Atlantic to the Green Line, and back to a nub of land between the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea is just a matter of one spot of soil and water to another, but for the layman it is a puzzling connection.

Dr. Bringhurst fills in the blanks beginning with Costa Rica, a country that he developed a kinship with 14 years ago when he initially traveled there as part of development classes. This planted the seed and provided the connections to return two years later, and every year thereafter, with a study tour of students and community members. "Costa Rica has an amazing cross section of geology and biology. We aren’t visiting touristy places," says Dr. Bringhurst of his adventures. Unless you consider volcanoes, hiking into a cloud forest, staying in a lowland rain forest, and visiting remote coastal peninsulas that can only be reached by boat the usual fare for armchair explorers.

During his sabbatical he witnessed the ensuing deforestation of the country and as a scientist and champion of nature, he knew there must be a consequence to this radical change in the ecosystem. This led to the University of Ulster Northern Ireland, an institution which offers studies specialized in water quality and a unique European academic experience. He spent the next five years studying literature, formulating a research plan, spending a year primarily abroad in Costa Rica intermixed with periodic trips to Ireland, and finally synthesizing his results, writing and defending his thesis to experts from fellow universities.

His results showed a substantial loss of nutrients—specifically nitrogen phosphorus, which is vital in the health of marine life and plant tissue—due to deforestation. "The loss of forests are causing things like flash floods which increase the amount of sediment lost and nutrients leaching into the streams. The result is half the amount of nitrogen phosphorus in the soil where deforestation has occurred," he says.

Dr. Bringhurst selected the remote site of his impact study in response to a large scale development that is beginning in the area. "I wanted to study the effects before it is heavily impacted and hope they will make it a consideration," he says. That Costa Ricans favor strong preservation regulations, minimal impact development, and they have a financial incentive as well since they rely heavily on environmental tourism.

He is optimistic that once again his impact studies will ignite that spark in someone and they will see the beauty behind the science.

Landon, a 32-year-old St. George native, didn’t have a textbook beginning to his educational happy ending. He first attended Dixie College out of high school and admittedly, like many 16-year-olds, didn’t take school as seriously as he wishes. He married and although he continued to take a class here or there, began looking for jobs with a bigger, faster paycheck to meet growing responsibilities. After a recent divorce, he began to reevaluate other areas of his life, and decided he was ready to hang up his commercial real estate license and pursue an education in earnest. "I decided to do what I wanted to do rather than what made money. For me it was finally realizing a childhood dream," said Landon about his decision to return to Dixie and pursue a pre-engineering degree with his sights set on aerospace engineering.

Landon has been drawn to flying and space since he realized it existed. As a young boy he took up building gliders, a hobby that he continues to this day, but the turning point was during grad school. January 28, 1986 is as exact, the day of the ill-fated Challenger Space Shuttle launch. "We watched what happened as a class. My teacher became emotional, and we were all there wondering what happened. The whole drama and the importance of it was really impactful in my young life," he explains. "My whole life I’ve followed NASA and all their missions, what they’re doing, what they’re learning and what science is out there. I was so nonconformist, specifically, it was the only type of engineering I’ve wanted to do. For me it is real world problem solving, and I’ve always been a problem solver." At Dixie, Landon has benefited from the mentoring of staff member Dr. Andrew Christensen, retired aerospace engineer, who he calls a guru of the industry. In June 2011 Dr. Christensen was awarded a NASA grant to study solar and magnetic storms and their domino effect on the world of electronic technology, including the likes of communication satellites, airline GPS systems, and other major systems that keep our lives happily humming along. Christensen has given Dixie students owner- ship in the project with real life experience processing and synthesizing data, included them in brainstorming sessions to interpret data, and in October took Landon along for the best ride of his life: front seats to the launching of a NASA Delta II rocket.

In October, he and Dr. Christensen joined students from University of Michigan, Auburn University and Montana State University at California’s Vandenberg Air Force Base for the equivalent of grown up space camp, but nothing on this trip was simulated. "Not only did Landon get to associate with the best in the business who had more initial and titles following their names than you can say in one breath, but he even played frisbee with MPT physicists in the parking lot." The time leading up to the launch was the most valuable for me because there’s all these scientists, professors, and doctors who have worked on satellites and working with the industry, that I just got to essentially hang out with," he says. "One of the main things being around them and seeing how they operate showed me how the scientific community really is a close-knit family because they’re all really passionate about the science.

After graduation Landon plans to pursue his bachelor’s degree in engineering at Utah State, but he leaves Dixie with more than a solid foundation to build upon and some resume padding: he walks away with a new sense of possibility and promise. "I actually can be in this industry. I always wanted to do it but I didn’t know if I had the capacity. Now I do. I have the aptitude and the desire to be in the industry. It really affirmed the reason I’m going to school—that I can actually do it for my career. Probably the most valuable thing I learned at Dixie is that I can be in the industry that I want to be."

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Jamie Udell illustrated, it requires more than some horse riding, stunning smile, and that fancy wave to claim the title of Miss Rodeo Utah and first runner up in the 2012 Miss Rodeo America Pageant held recently in Las Vegas over eight days in December. This impressive 23-year-old young woman has accomplished more milestones, traveled to more corners of the country, and made an impact on more individual lives than the majority of people twice her age.

A senior with a double major in biology and communication, Jamie is an accomplished student as well as horsewoman; however, it’s her work outside the academic and rodeo arenas, that shows her depth of character, and that made her a standout among the stiff competition at both the state and national pageants.

A number of years ago she partnered with her parents to found the volunteer-run “Hope Springs Ranch,” which provides horse therapy with miniature ponies to children with disabilities and also visits schools, nursing homes and assisted living programs. Inspired by her own family challenges with an older disabled sister and an adopted younger sister who had suffered abuse before coming to the Udell home, Jamie’s passion to help others is personal and deep rooted.

Although admittedly her biggest champion, Jamie’s mother, Beverly contends. “It’s been an education of a lifetime. Dixie State prepared her to conduct or do an interview but the pageant puts it into practice. Jamie is out in the public all the time dealing with all types of people and situations. Those experiences are irreplaceable.”

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“One of my favorite things to do as a Rodeo Queen is work an ‘Exceptional Rodeo’ for kids with special needs. Lucky for me, it is something I get to do often!” — Jamie Udell, DSC Senior, Miss Rodeo Utah, First Runner-Up to Miss Rodeo America 2012

“In the states, I did the reign and career in rodeo pageants, that only someone with her other titles and only since being crowned Miss Utah in July, Jamie has routinely put in 15-plus hour days and spent of a suitcase, smiling and shaking hands with rodeo fans well after midnight when her day began at 5:00 a.m., and postponing her studies and graduation for a year. But the reward has been an invaluable experience, Beverly contends.

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Jamie has flipped pancakes with politicians and shared pizza with peacocks and seen the country as she might never have known without the opportunities that Miss Rodeo has opened up to her.

“Not many people can say they have ridden their horse in a parade in down-town Las Vegas and zip-lined down Fremont Street the next day,” Jamie recalled. “I sat on the back of a bull in the bucking chutes in one state and on the back of an alligator in another. Each place I’ve gone has had something different and unique that made it special to me.”

Upon completion of her reign and following graduation from DSC, Jamie plans to pursue a career as a pediatric dentist and apply for dental school at UNLV.

A number of years ago, she partnered with her parents to found the volunteer-run “Hope Springs Ranch,” which provides horse therapy with miniature ponies to children with disabilities and also visits schools, nursing homes and assisted living programs. Jamie’s passion to help others is personal and deep rooted.

Although admittedly her biggest champion, Jamie’s mother, Beverly Udell said of her daughter, “She is a quiet Doe and one of those rare people who don’t come along very often. She has achieved quite a few things in her life that many don’t know. Her whole mental is service oriented.”

In addition to her work with Hope Springs Ranch and being a devoted sister who has been in many instances “the influence and impact” in the lives of her family members, Jamie is trained as an advanced EMT and volunteers in her small community of Pine Valley, Utah, where she is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

So it would seem, after reviewing the grueling schedule and community outreach that has been required of Jamie as part of her reign and career in rodeo pageants, that only someone with her compassion, commitment, and class could withstand the rigors. Not withstanding her other titles and only since being crowned Miss Utah in July, Jamie has routinely put in 15-plus hour days and spent the majority of the last seven months on the road and in the air representing Utah at rodeos from Florida to Texas to South Dakota and nearly every arena in Utah with the busy summer rodeo season yet to come.
CAMPUSS NOTES

REGENTS APPROVE TWO NEW BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Dixie State recently received Utah State Board of Regents approval to offer two new baccalaureate degree programs in physical science composite teaching and computer science. Classroom for both degrees is currently underway.

The new physical science composite teaching degree program was created primarily for students who wish to become high school teachers of chemistry, earth science and physics. It is also designed for maximum marketability for graduates by offering students the opportunity to earn a traditional physical science composite teaching degree accompanied by an earth science endorsement, both of which are conferred by the Utah State Office of Education. Students who opt for the enhanced plan will be qualified to teach at any grade level (7 through 12) in Utah.

DSC's physical science composite teaching degree will be offered as an interdisciplinary approach to the study of secondary science education. It emphasizes the interrelationship of physics, chemistry, geology, astronomy, biology and mathematics.

Dixie's new computer science degree will prepare graduates for careers in computer programming, software engineering and related fields with emphasis in computer science needs. It will also provide graduates the preparation they will need in continuing their education in graduate programs in computer science and related fields. In addition, Dixie's new computer science degree program will benefit students by making their degree more attractive to employers, which could contribute to industry growth in Dixie's service area by encouraging firms to take advantage of the area, bringing tax revenue and high-paying jobs to the local economy.

“We pursued this computer science degree program in response to comments we received from a number of economic development advisors,” noted Dr. Donna Dillingham-Evans, Vice-President of Academic Services. “This degree is a positive indicator for potential employers and corporations looking to relocate to Washington County.”

DSC OPENS NEW HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Dixie State opened the doors to its new Health and Wellness Center this past September. The larger facility is located just off campus at 34 North 660 East. According to Dr. Beatty, DSC Dean of Students, the center will make available low-cost acute medical services to DSC students, faculty, and staff, provided by three nurse practitioners and Dr. Thomas Bigham, a local family practitioner who serves as a consulting physician. Beatty noted that in addition to providing low-cost medical care, Dixie State will continue to offer counseling and other health services, including limited laboratory testing.

DSC students can utilize medical and mental health services for just $5 per visit, while faculty and staff will pay $20 per visit as part of their health benefit co-pay. For more information, please contact Barbara Johnson at the DSC Health and Wellness Center at 435-622-7755.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM GRANTED INITIAL ACCREDITATION

Dixie State announced in November that its physical therapist assistant associate of applied science degree program (PTA) was granted initial accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The accreditation for DSC’s PTA program is effective through October of 2016.

Graduates of the program will be qualified to work with pediatric to geriatric-age patients, sports injuries, nerve and brain injuries, exercise programs, and must treat interventions performed in physical therapy, under the direction of a physical therapist. Classroom is completed at the DSC Russell C. Taylor Health Science Center, which features classrooms space and lab equipment to simulate a physical therapy clinic.

Dixie’s PTA program received Utah State Board of Regents approval in the fall of 2009, and classroom began in the 2010 spring semester. The first cohort of students graduated in December.

ROTC ANNOUNCES STAFF PROMOTION

Dixie State’s Army ROTC program recently announced that Gerald Williams, who serves as DSC assistant professor of military science, was promoted to the rank of Major. A native of St. George and a graduate of Dixie State College and Southern Utah University, Major Williams has served as the officer in charge of DSC’s ROTC program since 2009.

Following his enlistment into the United States Army, Williams joined the National Guard and was commissioned through the Utah Army National Guard OCS program. He served on the security detail during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and volunteered to mobilize with the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, one of two tours served in that country. Major Williams has earned two Bronze Star medals for his service, and was the recipient of the BIG Bilo Award for leadership and excellence from the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. Dixie State’s Army ROTC program is a reserve branch of Southern Utah University’s program, both of which run through the Utah National Guard. In addition, both DSC and SUU programs are affiliated with the active-duty ROTC program at Brigham Young University. The Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program is a college-based, officer-commissioning program. It is designed as a college elective course that focuses on leadership development, problem solving, strategic planning and professional ethics.

DOCTAH CRACKS THE PBS LIST OF BEST SMALL TOWN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVALS

The DOCTAH Southern Utah Documentary Film Festival was recently listed as one of the nation’s best “Small Town Documentary Film Festivals for 2012,” by the Public Broadcasting System’s (PBS) online POVillon. In all, the PBS list features 12 of the best small town documentary film festivals “for escaping the crowds, paparazzi and hype,” with the criteria of the festival being located in a city with less than 100,000 residents.

DOCTAH is one of five festivals on the list located in the Western United States, including two in Colorado, one in Montana and another in California. “Being selected as one of the nation’s top small-town documentary film festivals for 2012 is a big honor for us,” says Christina Schultz, Dixie State College Vice President of Institutional Advancement and DOCTAH Executive Director. “In only our third year, we feel privileged to be in the company of the other distinguished and established festivals on the list. We strive to engage our community and visitors in the festival, but this demonstrates to us that DOCTAH brings value to the documentary film industry as a whole.”

The Third Annual DOCTAH Southern Utah International Film Festival, presented by Dixie State College of Utah, will take place September 5-8, 2012, in St. George and Kanab, Utah. “Festival goers come for the films, stay for the company, and depend having experienced inspiration,” says Schultz.

The 2011 DOCTAH Festival attracted 325 total film submissions from professions in 42 different countries. With Dixie State College as the presenter, the opportunity to offer an academic component of DOCTAH is created.

DOCTAH welcomes student submissions and provides master class seminars and filmmaker panels whereby students and amateur documentarians can learn the art of filmmaking. For more information on DOCTAH, visit www.doctah.com.

WCRP “Caring for America” co-chairperson Wilma Courtney (center), along with WCRP President Linda Cox and WCRP co-founder Judy Hughes, presents a $5,000 “Embracing Our Heroes” scholarship donation to DSC President Dr. Stephen D. Naladul and DSC VP of Advancement Cristina Schultz (far left).

REPUBLICAN WOMEN DONATE FOR “EMBRACING OUR HEROES” SCHOLARSHIP

Representatives from the Washington County Republican Women’s Club recently visited Dixie State College in December and delivered to school officials a $3,000 donation to the “Embracing Our Heroes” Scholarship fund, which benefits and honors spouses of the servicemen and women of the Utah National Guard 222nd Field Artillery Unit. The scholarship, which is part of the “Caring for America” outreach program, was established at Dixie State in 2007 to honor veterans of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts, with priority shown to 222nd veterans and their families.

The monies will provide financial assistance with college expenses, including tuition, books and college fees primarily to spouses of veterans or active servicemen and women of the 22nd who meet specific academic qualifications and demonstrate financial need. The DSC financial aid office will determine the financial need.

“We are grateful for the WCRP organization’s continued support of our brave servicemen and women and the families they leave behind while they serve our country,” President Naladul said. “We are proud and honored to help those spouses and children meet their educational goals here at Dixie State College and we rely on their successes.”

To qualify for the scholarship, the potential recipient must live in Washington County, be married to a veteran of either the second Iraq War or the conflict in Afghanistan, and must have a 3.0 or higher academic grade point average.

For more information about the scholarship or to apply, contact Sue Peterson in the Financial Aid office at 435-652-7578.

DIXIE STATE COLLEGE GEARS UP FOR ACCREDITATION

Dixie State College will host an evaluation team from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) in October 2012. The evaluators will be on campus for several days to review DSC’s eligibility for continuing regional accreditation.

DSC’s latest full-scale evaluation for regional accreditation review was in October 2002, and a regular interim evaluation was conducted in October 2007. Both visits resulted in a reaffirmation of accreditation. The 2012 comprehensive evaluation will be DSC’s first accreditation review under NWCCU’s new standards which were adopted in 2010.

DSC and NWCCU invite third-party comments concerning the institution’s qualifications for accreditation. All comments must be in writing and signed; anonymous or unsigned comments will not be accepted. All comments should be mailed directly to:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
8060 16th Avenue NE, Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052

To learn more about accreditation, visit the DSC website: http://www.dixie.edu/accreditation/ or the NWCCU website: http://www.nwccu.org/
CAMPUSS NOTES

SCIENCE CENTER GROUND BREAKING

Dixie State College officially broke ground at the site of the campus’ new Edward H. and Idonna E. Snow Science Center during a special ceremony held March 2. Nearly 200 people attended the ceremony, including Dr. Edward H. Snow and members of the Snow family, along with civic leaders and DSC students, faculty, and staff. In addition, representatives from Westland Construction, Utah State Department of Facilities and Construction Management, and benefactors and friends of DSC were in attendance.

Dr. Snow, who along with his wife Idonna are Dixie College alums, told those in attendance how the sciences and technology have become more important in the world and that more of today’s students should be encouraged to pursue their education in those fields. He added that the United States can regain its competitive edge in the world if students become reacquainted with the sciences.

“I met my wife in chemistry class, some of the most important things in my life happened there. Things must have worked out OK,” Dr. Snow said. “We need to encourage everyone to learn science. Science can be fun. I hope this facility can encourage students to take some science classes, even if they are not majoring in science.”

DSC President Dr. Stephen D. Nadauld lauded the many accomplishments and contributions Dr. Snow made during his storied science career, which largely led to today’s digital revolution.

“Dr. Snow’s many contributions could fill many books, but at this time, we must focus on the Edward H. and Idonna E. Snow Science Building,” President Nadauld said. “This building will open up an opportunity for science and chemistry hopefully in the next two years.”

NEW DOG PARK PART OF CAMPUSS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Dixie State students, faculty, and staff banded together to assist in the landscaping of a new dog park currently under construction in Washington City. When completed, the park will feature two canine play areas, including an area for small dogs, and another area for larger breeds. In addition, the park will house a children’s playground and pavilion, along with dog walking trails.

The Campus to Community service program was organized at Dixie State College in 2001. Campus to Community is Dixie State’s version of a nationwide trend known as service learning, designed to get college students involved in service and give them opportunities for practical application of textbook knowledge.

Above: A rendering of the Edward H. and Idonna E. Snow Science Center.

Right: Edward Snow addresses a crowd of DSC faculty, staff, students, and supporters during the groundbreaking ceremonies.

DIXIE SENIOR ALANA LEE COMPETES FOR MISS AMERICA CROWN

Dixie State senior Alana Lee took the Dixie name with her as Miss Nevada 2011 when she competed against 52 other contestants from across the country for the coveted 2012 Miss America crown at the Planet Hollywood Resort last January in Las Vegas. Lee was the first student in Dixie State College’s 100-year history to represent the institution at the Miss America Pageant.

Lee, a 22-year-old mass communication major from Las Vegas, was crowned Miss Nevada 2011 just past July. Since then she spent several months traveling the state and the country promoting her platform of “Patriotism: Rock the Vote,” which included leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Republican Presidential Debate held in Las Vegas last October, among other appearances and activities.

“I was so proud to carry the ‘Dixie Spirit’ with me on to the Miss America stage,” Lee said. “It was very humbling to me to know that I was representing my Nevada family and friends, as well as my Dixie State family and friends, on that stage.”

Lee was crowned as Dixie State’s Homecoming Queen in 2009 and represented DSC at the 2010 Miss Utah Pagent.

NEW DIRECTOR OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

For the first time in almost two decades, Dixie State students welcomed a new director to oversee their campus life and involvement as Jordan Sharp was named DSC’s new Director of Student Involvement and Leadership in December. Sharp replaces longtime Director Donna Stafford, who retired after nearly 20 years of service to Dixie students.

Sharp comes to Dixie after serving as director of sales and marketing at Living Scriptures, Inc., where he still holds the record for the top sales team of all-time. He also worked in public relations and marketing for the Walt Disney Company soon after graduating from Southern Utah University (2005) with a Bachelor’s degree in Communication. He recently completed work on a master’s degree from Park University and is currently finishing up his Ph.D. from Colorado Technical University.

Jordan was involved in student government and activities while at SUU, experiencing that will serve him well as he begins his new position at Dixie State. He and his wife Liz, are the parents of three children.

Above: Despite not making it into the “Final 15” of the competition, Lee just about stole the show when she announced her “candidacy” for the 2012 Presidential race on the nationally-televised broadcast on the ABC Network.
Dixie State tight end Joe Don Duncan enjoyed a banner season in 2011, leading the Red Storm and GNAC in receptions and touchdowns. He is now to turn the heads of many pro scouts heading into his senior campaign in 2012.

“I am extremely excited to join Dixie State College Athletics,” Coach Newren-Harmon said. “I am coming into a very exciting time for Dixie State and look forward to building a solid program.”

Newren-Harmon spent the last four-plus years playing golf professionally on the Duramed Futures, Cactus and Mountain West Conferences’ co-player of the Year in 2007. In addition, she is a two-time winner of the Utah State Women’s Amateur Championship in 2005 and 2006.

“Rachel is the perfect fit for us at our women’s golf program,” Boothe said. “She’ll bring her tremendous collegiate playing experience and professional playing experience, which will set a fantastic example for our young women to follow and strive for.”

STUDENT-ATHLETES SHINE IN THE CLASSROOM

Dixie State Athletic Director Jason Boothe recently reported to DSC’s Board of Regents that Red Storm student-athletes are not only performing at a high level on the court and field of play, but also in the classroom. Last season, Dixie Athletics posted a combined GPA of 2.926 for its 12 intercollegiate athletic programs.

That trend continued this past fall as DSC student-athletes recorded a 2.95 GPA. Dixie State’s men’s basketball team (2.87), women’s basketball team (2.79), volleyball team (2.73) and women’s tennis team (3.00) each earned the prestigious NCAA Public Recognition Award.

“I was extremely excited to see the level of success our student-athletes had in the classroom,” Boothe said. “This is a true reflection of how dedicated our student-athletes are to their academic work.”

Newren-Harmon, who earned a business degree in 2010 with a 3.39 GPA, recorded the highest GPA for any of Dixie State’s men’s teams this past fall. She also posted a 3.39 cumulative GPA at Dixie State.

The Red Storm put the Division I Cougars (coached by Dixie alumnus Dave Rose) by noticing quickly that they weren’t going down without a light as Dixie jumped out to an early 12-2 lead. BYU slowly whittled the deficit down and would eventually take a 41-35 lead at intermission. BYU extended its lead to as many as 11 points early in the second half, but Dixie mounted a furious rally with 12 unanswered points to reclaim the lead at 52-50 with under 14 minutes to play.

The two teams then battled back and forth the rest of the way as the lead changed hands nearly a dozen times over the next 10 minutes, with Dixie clinging to a 78-77 advantage with four minutes to play. However the Cougars proved to be too tough down the stretch as BYU outscored Dixie 19-7 the rest of the way to claim the hard-fought 96-85 victory.

The BYU game served as a precursor of things to come as the Red Storm notched their third-straight 20-win season (20-7) en route to the program’s third-consecutive PacWest title. Dixie State posted a 15-3 conference mark to win the crown outright for the first time in school history, which was also good enough to earn the PacWest’s automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament – the Red Storm’s third trip to the “Big Dance” in as many years. Though Dixie was knocked out in the first round in a heartbreaking 70-68 defeat to Seattle Pacific, DSC has established itself as one of the premiere Division II men’s basketball programs in the western United States.

Head Coach Jon Jankins was named PacWest Coach of the Year for the fourth-straight time, and won his 400th career game along the way with an 83-76 victory over Hawai’i-Hilo back on January 30. In addition, senior point guard Maurice Cole (Nordwick, Calif./12.9 ppg/4.9 apg) earned First Team all-PacWest and second team all-NABC honors, and was named PacWest Player of the Week the three times overall. Cole was joined on the PacWest first team by senior forward Griffin Jones (Cheney, Wash./11.9 ppg/5.9 rpg), while senior forward Solomon Jensen (Cottonville, Utah/9.9 ppg/4.2 rpg) garnered honorable mention recognition.

DIXIE STATE JUNIOR TIGHT END PICKS UP ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Dixie State tight end Joe Don Duncan capped his impressive senior season in style as he was named First Team All-American on both the 2011 Don Hansen NCAA Division II All-America and 2011 FootballHistory.com lists.

A native of Corona, Calif., Duncan caught 64 passes for 949 yards and nine touchdowns, which led all Dixie State receivers and was tops among all tight ends in the Great Northwest Athletics Conference (GNAC). Duncan also led the team with seven receptions with two touchdowns at Western Oregon Oct. 29th. He also led the conference in yards per catch (14.8 ypc), while his 949 receiving yards ranked fourth in the GNAC in yards per catch (14.8 ypc), all this despite missing one game due to injury.

Senior forward Griffin Jones docks on BYU’s Nick Hanauer during DSC’s exhibition game against the Cougars in Provo last November. Jones helped lead Dixie State to its third-straight PacWest title and third trip to the NCAA Tournament this season.
From Dixie College to the Pentagon
A Journey of Service and Dedication

by Amber Rich, ’94

Top: Loretta McArthur and Gerald Schiefer now reside in Pine Valley, Utah, where Gerald serves as the Fire Chief.

After discharge from the Army, the couple returned to Utah where Gerald completed his degree at the University of Utah, but he would soon be called on for his military expertise. He went to work at China Lake, Calif., the Navy’s Warfare Systems Command, which included a roster of 32,000 employees. In addition, he served on the Army’s Missile Advisory Board for 12 years along with a host of other special assignments and projects that included five consultant trips to Vietnam, testing every Navy System before flight, and piloting a Navy jet air balloon to test missile improvements.

After that assignment, Gerald served primarily in the Capital under the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy as the principal on the base downsizing team. Retiring in 1999 as a Vice Admiral after a 42-year career, he was immediately brought back on board as a private consultant to the Office of the Secretary of Defense reporting to the Pentagon.

This body of impressive work garnered Gerald a wall of awards including the highest U.S. civilian service awards. These include the Presidential Meritorious Senior Service Rank Award presented by President Ronald Reagan and the Presidential Distinguished Senior Service Rank presented by President George H.W. Bush. In addition he received the highest Navy Civilian Service awards on two occasions from two Secretaries of the Navy, as well as the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award.

Despite the demands of their professional and family life, the Schiefers still honor their family heritage by continuos service in their church and community. Loretta taught early morning seminary for the LDS Church on both coasts of the country for 15 years in addition to a host of other leadership positions. In California, she was the dedicated director of the Ridgecrest 4th of July Patriotic Pageant and was recognized by the city with an award of service for her stalwart support.

Gerald likewise served faithfully within the LDS Church and was an avid scourer earning the Boy Scouts of America’s distingushed Silver Beaver Award.

Even today at age 77, Gerald serves as the Fire Chief of the Pine Valley Volunteer Fire Department and as an EMT. He also volunteers with the Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service. He jokes, “I probably the oldest fire chief in the country.” However, age has not slowed down these parents of three, grandparents of twelve, and great grandparents of three, who built their home in the mountain community as “a gathering place for their family” who reside throughout the West. Six decades after their initial meeting, Gerald and Loretta are still aspiring to serve and enlist when asked.

Common criticism of solar power investment — like focusing on its expense compared to fossil fuels or worrying about the bankruptcy of Solyndra, which failed — misses very real advancements in the solar technology industry. Atkin said, “Despite the negativity surrounding Solyndra, which ‘bet on a particular technology that wasn’t efficient,’ solar investment as a whole is very strong.”

Atkin said his connections in the industry have sometimes turned into real friendships, and his brother, Jeff Atkin, is the president of Celco, a company that sells portable solar chargers. “I work with and I work for my friends,” Atkin said. “I love it.”

Although he gets his first solar energy work at 16 in St. George, when a friend suggested they make a few extra bucks installing solar panels to heat up swimming pools.

“If you grow up in the desert, you understand the power of the sun,” he said. Atkin has also done extensive work in California, structuring and negotiating power purchase agreements for utilities including Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Southern California Edison Co., San Diego Gas & Electric Co., the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and the Southern California Public Power Authority. He has also negotiated power purchase agreements in other parts of the U.S. and looks forward to expanding his national and international practice.

Atkin met his wife, Ginger Neilson, while they were both students at Dixie State and they graduated together in 1997. Both went on to complete post graduate work — Jeff at Brigham Young University Law School and Ginger at USC Dental School. Ginger practices dentistry with St. George Dental Care, while Jeff commutes to Los Angeles to his law firm. Jeff and Ginger are the parents of two boys, Weston, 4 and Skylar, 18 months.
After his career in Sacramento, Don taught physical education for three more years in Hurricane and then retired. Since then, he and his wife Donna moved back to Sacramento, served an LDS mission, and now work in the temple, and play a lot of golf. The Humors have three children, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

**Nate Stahl**

"Don taught me how to be a leader," recalls former student and current student advisor Nate Stahl. "One day, he kicked me out of class and told me to write a paper on why I should be kicked out of class.

It was a tough assignment, but Don was determined to make sure his students understood the importance of being responsible. He also taught me how to be a good communicator, and how to work well with others. Don's influence extended beyond the classroom, and he was always available to help his students.

"Don was a mentor to me, and he continues to be a role model for me," Stahl says. "He taught me that education is important, and that hard work and dedication will lead to success. I will always be grateful for the opportunities that Don provided me."
One hundred and growing seasons have come and gone, and the once isolated community has become an integral part of southern Utah. Now, in its second century, Dixie State College is branching out to serve a whole new batch of scholars.

In 1911 the citizens of southern Utah planted an institution for the betterment of their community, and the traditions and values that grew around the school are still as important to us today. As we send their children and their grandchildren back to us, they speak fondly of the years they spent in Dixie City. This year the school is branching out in ways both familiar and new, and the once-isolated community has become an integral part of the surrounding world.


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Alumni Chapter Fun!

NORTHERN UTAH BBQ
Saturday, MAY 19, 2012
5 - 7 p.m. at Falcon Park
9150 Peruvian Dr in Sandy (approx. 9000 S. 1600 E.)
Fun, Free Family Event
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Right: Alumni gather at the Northern Utah Chapter event in Salt Lake City. Photos: (l to r) Kalynn Larson, Vala’dee Hafen Tanner, and Julie Barlow Phillips. Tyler and Heather Allen. Former Program Bureau members singing the songs of Dixie; Judy, Earl, and Evan Cudler during dinner at the Lion House.

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Dear Alumni and Friends of Dixie,

With the conclusion of Dixie’s 100th-year celebration, we are beginning to look all grown up! Finally? No, just improving with age! Great and amazing things are happening to our “Dear ‘ol Dixie”. We’re on a fast track to university status, and the campus is changing. With the Holland Building almost complete, a repurposed space for the science building, and new labs underway, there is much evidence that the Dixie Spirit is alive and well.

Much of this success could not happen without the overwhelming support of the alumni, old and new. Along with the support of the alumni, Dixie is being directed by some of the greatest leadership of its time.

Some say leaders are born, but I believe they are taught to be great leaders, and we have had our share come out of Dixie State College. Our amazing faculty have created a place of great learning for students, and now you can take a more direct approach to obtaining Dixie graduates for your business. The internship program is a very needed and viable segment of Dixie’s growth. If you have opportunities for interns in your business, check into Dixie’s Career Center for some of the best-taught graduates you will find.

There is always a need for showing your support for Dixie and Dixie has proven to be a perfect place to donate to. Whether in the form of scholarships, gifts, service or just time at an athletic or cultural arts event, don’t ever think you can’t help.

We as the Alumni Board want to thank you for all your support in the past and as we move to the future. Our job is to ignite the Dixie Spirit in all of us.

— Hal Hiatt, ’93, DSC Alumni President
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