



Provost Perspectives

A newsletter from the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

As we sprint toward the end of 2023, I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for all you do for our University of Utah community. In the sometimes-difficult circumstances we face in our work, I see the gestures of kindness and thoughtfulness that each of you offer as a light in the darkness. I continue to believe that education is the way forward and that the work we do to advance understanding and create new knowledge in our community is worth our time. I'm grateful for each of you. I hope you have a fulfilling holiday break this week, finding rejuvenation with the people and things that bring you joy and gratitude.

- Mitzi M. Montoya



U leaders respond to 'Dear colleagues' letter

On Nov. 7, President Joe Biden and the U.S. Department of Education called on higher education institutions to do more to curb Islamophobia and antisemitism on college and university campuses. See the U's response below, and learn more about the letter [here](#).

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U recognized for sustainability efforts

The U has earned a STARS Gold rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

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Age-Friendly designation bestowed on the U

The Age-Friendly University Global Network Secretariat has designated the University of Utah as an Age-Friendly University because of its unwavering commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment for individuals of all ages. The Age-Friendly University (AFU) Global Network recognizes universities that actively prioritize the needs and contributions of older individuals, fostering a culture of lifelong learning, inclusion, and collaboration.

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Dept. of Art and Art History hosts holiday sale

Don't miss the chance to stop by the Alvin Gittins Gallery between Dec. 6-9 to support the College of Fine Arts' holiday sale. Items for sale will include handmade ceramics, fine art prints, paintings, drawings, and more. All proceeds help support student clubs, travel to conferences, visiting artist workshops, and other student activities.

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