

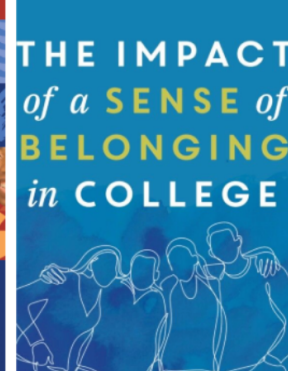
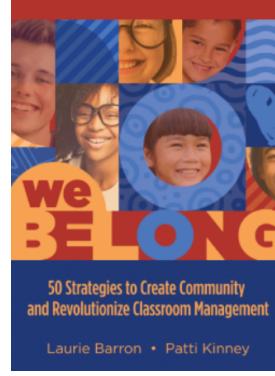
## Provost Perspectives

A newsletter from the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Welcome back to spring semester! We're starting 2024 off with a bang and a batch of potentially messy weather on its way. As these storms arrive, I urge you to take note of the [guidance](#) recently issued to campus regarding inclement weather. When considering how to respond to weather-related disruptions, please prioritize safety, flexibility, empathy and communicate with the appropriate personnel. We may experience some bumps in the road this semester, caused by weather or any number of unforeseen circumstances. Whatever is ahead, let us remain focused on the purpose of our being here. Let us support student success, further our research, and serve our state by impacting lives for the better.

- Mitzi M. Montoya

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## Presidential Scholars are announced

A top researcher in prosthetics, an expert in environmental health and public health challenges, a prominent neuroscientist and a distinguished leader in the field of chronic diseases in vulnerable populations have been selected as the 2023 cohort of Presidential Scholars. The associate professors will receive this designation for three years.

[Read more](#)

## Suggested reading: 5 books on belonging

The J. Willard Marriott Library issued a reading list of five compelling books about belonging within classrooms. The list, which offers insights and inspiration for fostering inclusive and connected educational spaces, was curated by librarian Allyson Mower. The books discuss definitions of elements that comprise belonging, basic tips and best practices, and more.

[Read more](#)

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## Academic Leaders meeting to address hiring changes

The Office for Faculty has planned a special Academic Leaders Online meeting to discuss changes in the U hiring process. The meeting will take place on Zoom from 12-1:15 p.m.

Search committee chairs are especially encouraged to attend the meeting. Human Resources teams are available to assist in designing job postings and potential interview questions. For more information, reach out to [officeforfaculty@utah.edu](mailto:officeforfaculty@utah.edu).

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## Spring semester Interfaith and Cultural calendar

All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to review [upcoming interfaith and cultural dates](#). The University of Utah respects the right of all students and employees to observe their religious holidays and cultural observances. To live up to our commitment to create a sense of belonging and safety on campus we must make room for those of diverse faith practices as well as those who do not observe or practice as a personal choice.

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