SIX COMMITMENTS

The University of Utah president and trustees recently signed a new compact with the community. The compact includes six commitments that capture the U’s statewide responsibility to lead, partner, educate, research, and serve. It also affirms the U’s role as an academic health system serving all of Utah. This summary builds from the six commitments by summarizing the U’s engagement with Carbon, Emery, Grand, San Juan, and Sevier counties.
The University of Utah welcomes the partnership it shares with Utah State University. We also value the interconnection with the five school districts serving Carbon, Emery, Grand, San Juan, and Sevier counties. We seek to be leaders and stewards of a unified statewide approach to educational success as each school shares its unique educational offerings.

Southeastern Student, Staff, and Patient Reach

The University of Utah teaches, employs, and provides patient care to many Carbon, Emery, Grand, San Juan, and Sevier county residents.

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Source: University of Utah

University of Utah Coal Country Partnership

An example of public university service

Over the past three years, and with the support of the Alliance for the American Dream/Schmidt Futures, the University of Utah joined with local leaders to raise incomes and diversify the economy in Carbon and Emery counties. The Coal Country Strike Team Partnership includes these successes:

- **Scholarships** – 137 student scholarships to train and retrain Utah’s coal country workforce.
- **Teacher training** – Grants to Carbon and Emery School Districts to help fund high-quality computer and information technology teacher training.
- **Placemaking** – Grants to Price City and Castle Dale City to assist with downtown beautification and Main Street revitalization.
- **Tourism infrastructure** – Grants to Carbon and Emery counties and Helper and Green River to assist with tourism infrastructure.
- **Co-working space/entrepreneurism** – Funding to renovate co-working spaces that support remote work and local entrepreneurship.
- **Marketing** – Assistance with small business global marketing and business outreach.
- **Housing** – Assistance with land and materials for a sweat-equity housing construction program.
- **Tech industry** – Signing of a charter with Silicon Slopes that creates a Silicon Slopes East Chapter.

The effort serves as a national model for how a public university can organize a multi-disciplinary, data-driven, and mission-focused “Strike Team” to help coal-dependent communities.

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
The University of Utah owns and manages more than 550 buildings totaling 16.5 million square feet of institutional space, in 14 counties and 33 cities throughout Utah, extending into six other states and Washington, D.C.

Southeastern Utah
- Range Creek
- Richfield Data Center
- Bonderman Field Station at Rio Mesa
- Moab Regional Hospital
- Desert Trails Apartments
- School of Dentistry Residential Apartment
- School of Medicine Residential Apartments
- Castleview Dialysis Center

University of Utah Initiatives in Southeastern Utah

Medical Education
The University of Utah’s Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Program supports undergraduate nursing students gaining clinical experience at Carbon Medical Service in East Carbon, Wayne Community Health Center in Bicknell, and Utah Navajo Health System in Blanding.

Opioid Epidemic Treatment
The U’s College of Nursing collaborates with the Utah Center for Rural Health, the Southern Utah Area Health Education Center, and the Utah Rural Opioid Healthcare Consortium housed at Southern Utah University to address the opioid use disorder epidemic. This partnership is working to fund clinics in Carbon and Wayne counties to utilize RNs as case managers for substance use disorder treatment.

Dementia Caregiving
University of Utah Health through the Utah Geriatric Education Consortium has partnered with San Juan County Senior Services Utah Navajo Health System to provide dementia caregiver conferences and education.

"Utah State University shares a research mission with the University of Utah. As Research I institutions, we bring in over $850 million of research grants and contracts each year to the Beehive State. This research leads to discoveries that improve lives and create Utah jobs."

Noelle E. Cockett, President, Utah State University
We, the trustees and president of the University of Utah, affirm the role the U plays as the flagship university in our state. This statewide responsibility requires us to deliver excellence in teaching, research, patient care, and community service. It also requires us to collaborate with our sister institutions of higher learning as we help individuals and communities prosper. In our pursuit to become a top 10 public university with unsurpassed societal impact, we make six commitments to Utah:

1. COMMITMENT to lead – Founded in 1850, we stand as Utah's longest-serving, largest, and most prominent institution of higher learning. We represent Utah in the prestigious Association of American Universities and are recognized as a Tier 1 research university. We aim to become a national model of an equitable and inclusive campus where diversity thrives. We improve health and well-being with our top-ranked health system; we compete in the Pac-12 “Conference of Champions”; we contribute to the economy as the state's largest employer; and we serve as state stewards of outstanding cultural assets. We fly Utah's flag.

2. COMMITMENT to educate – We extol the promise of education to confer substantial individual and societal benefits and contribute to a better world. We focus on student achievement knowing that our efforts will help increase our students' lifetime earnings, enhance their social mobility, and help them live happier, healthier, and more fulfilling lives. We serve as the state's dental school, law school, medical school, pharmacy school, comprehensive cancer institute, and mental health institute, and confer more than half of the state's graduate degrees. We inspire lifetime success through learning.

3. COMMITMENT to research – We produce two-thirds of the state's public university academic research, including pathbreaking studies and critical discoveries that prolong and improve people's lives. The co-location at the U of a comprehensive research university and an academic medical center makes the U one of fewer than 12 equivalent institutions in the country. We innovate, improve lives, and change the world.

4. COMMITMENT to serve – We embrace a statewide service mission that fosters community success. Our societal impact stretches far and wide, including neighborhood partnerships, volunteer service projects, interdisciplinary service teams, contributions to public policy, health charity care, community centers, arts and cultural experiences, and numerous institutes, centers, and programs that help Utah prosper. We embed ourselves in the social, economic, and cultural fabric of Utah and fulfill our responsibility as a model public university. We impact Utah through service.

5. COMMITMENT to patient care – We provide excellent care for over two million patient visits annually. Staffed by more than 23,000 professionals in five hospitals and 12 community health centers across the state, U of U Health serves as a nationally recognized and transformative health care system and regionally as a provider of world-class care. We train the majority of the region's physicians, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, and other health professionals. We care for the health and well-being of Utahns.

6. COMMITMENT to unify with sister institutions – We seek to be leaders and stewards of a unified statewide approach to educational success. We support the leadership of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) and collaborate with sister institutions in both higher and public education to serve Utah. This unified approach maximizes the beneficial impact as each school shares its unique educational strengths for the greater good. We partner as we lead, educate, research, and serve.