

President's Report – January 2017

Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community

1. Startups and entrepreneurs may want to look to the University of Utah for growing young talent. LendEDU, a student loan refinancing website, recently ranked the top 50 colleges in the country for how well they support entrepreneurs. The University of Utah topped the list, ranking above the University of Iowa, the Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the University of California in Los Angeles within the top five. The University of Utah and its Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute specifically earned the high rankings. According to LendEDU, the university offers about 40 courses specifically related to entrepreneurship along with below-average tuition and fees of \$12,222.
2. Michael Zhao, Salt Lake City native and senior in mathematics pursuing an honors degree at the University of Utah, has received the prestigious Churchill Scholarship to study at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. Zhao becomes one of only 15 students nationally to receive this award and is the second Churchill Scholar for the U. The Churchill Scholarship, established in 1963 at the request of Winston Churchill, provides undergraduates with outstanding academic achievement in the science, technology, engineering and math fields the opportunity to complete a one-year master's program at the University of Cambridge. Students go through a rigorous endorsement process in order to apply, but only after their home institution has been vetted with the Churchill Foundation. The U was recently added to the foundation in spring 2014, and last spring it received its first Churchill Scholar, Mackenzie Simper, also a mathematician. The scholarship has been called "the most academically challenging of the U.K. scholarships."
3. Ten University of Utah Health Care clinics were among the state's 46 physician office practices honored with the 2016 HealthInsight Quality Award. HealthInsight, a nonprofit, community-based health care consulting organization, recognized practices that have achieved top-level performance (above the 75th percentile) on a least six (or four for pediatric clinics) quality and/or patient experience measures or that have demonstrated a 15 percent absolute improvement on quality and/or patient experience measures within the last two years.

University of Utah Health Care recipients of the 2016 HealthInsight Quality Award:

Centerville Health Center, Centerville
Greenwood Health Center, Midvale
Madsen Health Center, Salt Lake City
Parkway Health Center, Orem
Redstone Health Center, Park City
Redwood Health Center, Salt Lake City
South Jordan Health Center, South Jordan
Stansbury Health Center, Stansbury Park
Sugarhouse Health Center, Salt Lake City
Westridge Health Center, West Valley City

4. No one in the organ transplant community was expecting it — not surgeons or program leaders — but in January, the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) released its inaugural

rankings of the nation's transplant programs. University of Utah Health Care finished No. 5 of 146 liver programs and No. 8 of 269 kidney programs. In addition to ranking every U.S. program from best to worst, SRTR assigned each a rating of 1-5. The U earned a 5 in both liver and kidney transplantation, which means that patient outcomes were "better than expected." A score of 3 means a program's outcomes were about the same as expected; a 1 means worse than expected.

5. As American Skin Association (ASA) celebrates 30 years of promoting good skin health through research and education, they continue their long history of awarding significant grants by announcing the funding of 18 critical research grants for 2017. Funding has been awarded in a variety of concentrations, including melanoma, non-melanoma skin cancer, psoriasis and inflammatory diseases, vitiligo and pigment cell disorders, and childhood skin diseases.

ASA Research Grant for Quality of Life/Health Services/Outcome Studies

Aaron M. Secrest, MD, PhD

University of Utah Dermatology

The Effect of Pain and Pruritus on Quality of Life in Patients with Autoimmune Bullous Disease

ASA Hambrick Medical Student Grants Targeting Melanoma & Skin Cancer Research

Ms. Amanda Truong

University of Utah School of Medicine

Investigating Enhanced Melanoma Invasion as an Emergent Property of Targeted Therapy Resistance

Distinguished Visitors to Campus and Research

1. Known for creating a viral Facebook page and becoming a best-selling author, the Humans of New York creator will be coming to the Beehive State to speak at the University of Utah. Brandon Stanton launched Humans of New York in 2010, which has since garnered more than 18 million likes on Facebook, 578,000 followers on Twitter and a No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling novel in 2015. The Humans of New York project features portraits and stories of people from the streets of New York, and since launching, has expanded to featuring people from around the world. Stanton will speak at the University of Utah on March 9 at 12 p.m. at Kingsbury Hall. Tickets are free and will be available to University of Utah students starting Feb. 1 at the Kingsbury Hall box office. On Feb. 8, ticket availability will be opened to faculty, staff and the general public. There will be a limit of two tickets per person.
2. Associate Professor of History Matt Basso is the state scholar for the Smithsonian Institution's The Way We Worked, a Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibition. The exhibition began its year-long Utah tour with a grand opening at the Ogden Union Station Saturday January 28, 2017. Presented by the Utah Humanities Council, the Smithsonian Institution, and communities statewide, the Ogden portion of the tour takes place from January 28th through March 18th.