

President's Report – November 2017

Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community

1. For the seventh straight year, *The Princeton Review* ranked the University of Utah as one of the top 25 schools in the country in 2018 for entrepreneurship education in a new survey released November 14, 2017. Led by the David Eccles School of Business and its Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute, the University of Utah ranked No. 15 for undergraduate and No. 23 for graduate programs. The *Princeton Review* surveyed more than 300 schools offering entrepreneurship studies for the rankings. The data collected for this year's rankings are from the 2015-16 academic year, which precedes many recent developments at the University of Utah.
2. The University of Utah David Eccles School of Business MBA program jumped 10 spots in the *Bloomberg Businessweek* Best Business Schools rankings released November 16, 2017, placing the Eccles School at No. 56 in the country and No. 8 in the West. The Eccles School Full-Time MBA program also saw a significant jump in job placement rankings, vaulting nearly 20 spots from No. 50 to No. 33, giving it the highest job placement ranking in the state and No. 5 in the West. *Bloomberg Businessweek* rankings are based on data compiled from more than 600 recruiters, 10,000 alumni, and 9,000 recent graduates of full-time MBA programs.
3. The University of Utah College of Nursing has received the American Association of College of Nursing's (AACN) inaugural "New Era Award," which recognizes the nursing education institution that has made the most strides integrating into an academic health center. The award—the first of its kind—stems from a 2016 report from Manatt Health, "Advancing Healthcare Transformation: A New Era for Academic Nursing." The report found several gaps within academic health systems, including limits that prevent nursing colleges from functioning as true partners, missed opportunities and insufficient resources. AACN challenged its member institutions to reverse those trends. In a 50-page report, University of Utah College of Nursing administrators documented their efforts to form strong partnerships within the U Health system. Award recipients were measured against six criteria, including enhancing the clinical practice of academic nursing, investing in nursing research programs, and partnering in preparing the nurses of the future. The University of Utah College of Nursing has a robust faculty practice that generated over \$5 million in revenue in fiscal year 2017. The nurse midwifery practice delivers about 500 babies each year at the University of Utah Hospital. College of Nursing researchers are solving important patient problems such as symptom management for patients with cancer undergoing chemotherapy. The College of Nursing remains in the top 20 for NIH funding for colleges of nursing.
4. Christopher Hacon, University of Utah mathematician, was awarded the 2018 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics at a ceremony in Silicon Valley on December 3rd. The awards ceremony, hosted by Morgan Freeman, was broadcast from NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, CA. The broadcast can be found on the Facebook and YouTube platforms of "Breakthrough Prize" and "National Geographic." The Breakthrough Prize, first awarded in 2012, was founded by tech executives including Google's Sergey Brin, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and 23andMe's Anne Wojcicki. The prizes, awarded in physics, life sciences and mathematics, honor important and recent achievements in fundamental science. Previous laureates include physicist and author Stephen Hawking, 2017 Nobel laureate and Utah native Kip Thorne, and gene-editing pioneers Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier.