

## President's Report – March 2019

### Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community

1. The 2020 rankings for U.S. News & World Report's "Best Graduate Schools" are out. Professional university programs in business, education, engineering, law, medicine and nursing, including specialties found in each college, receive a rank each year from U.S. News. However, other university programs are ranked every few years.

#### Here's how the U performed:

- David Eccles School of Business
  - Entrepreneurship moves up seven spots, landing at No. 17
  - Full-time MBA comes in at 54th
  - Health Care Management: ranks 43rd
  - Part-time MBA leaps 16 spots from No. 60, to No. 44
- College of Social Work comes in at 44th
- School of Medicine
  - Medical primary care climbs five spots from 26th to No. 21
  - Medical research moves up three spots, to 38th
  - Physician Assistant ranks No. 4, up from 5th
  - Public Health comes in at No. 89
- College of Education ranks 64th
- College of Nursing
  - Doctor of nursing practice ranks 21st
  - Masters ranks No. 30
  - Nursing informatics ranks 6th
- College of Engineering moves up three spots to No. 55
  - Biomedical engineering/bioengineering ranks 38th
  - Chemical engineering ranks 56th, moving up 5 spots from last year
  - Civil engineering is up two spots, coming in at No. 65
  - Computer engineering ranks 49th
  - Electrical/electronic/communications engineering ranks No. 62
  - Materials engineering lands at No. 57, jumping seven spots
  - Mechanical engineering moves up a spot, to 65th place
- The S.J. Quinney College of Law climbs to 47th
  - Environmental law moves up one spot, to No. 8
  - Health Law ranks for the first time in its history, coming in at 36th
- Public Affairs moves up four slots to 68th

The rankings are based on a number of factors including expert opinions about program excellence and statistical indicators that measure the quality of a university's students, faculty and research.

2. The John R. Park Debate Society hosted the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championships on March 14-17, 2019 at the University of Utah. Featuring 34 universities and colleges, the event marks the culminating competition for the season in the team's primary debate event. Five teams representing the University of Utah participated in the tournament that featured more than 200 debaters. After three days of competition, the University of Utah emerged as the 9th ranked team both at the tournament and in the organization's season-long sweepstakes competition. With this achievement, the University of Utah earned the distinction of being the only program to maintain a top 10 ranking in both tournament and season-long competition over the last five years.

## COMPLETE RESULTS

### Overall Awards

9th Place - Season Long Sweeps - University of Utah  
9th Place - Tournament Sweeps - University of Utah

### Debate Awards

NPDA All American - Averie Vockel  
NPDA All American - Shad Wojciechowski  
Double Octafinalists - Averie Vockel & Shad Wojciechowski  
Triple Octafinalists - Chris de Freitas & Ashton Poindexter

3. The John R. Park Debate Society attended for the first time the National Speech Championships held on March 22-25 at Oakland University in Auburn Hills, Michigan. The event included competition in twelve public speaking events and marked the beginning of the national championship season for the Debate Society's public speaking competitors. At the tournament, the team earned two semifinals appearances, four quarterfinals appearances, and its first top 20 finish in public speaking competitions since adding that category of competition to its competitive roster just 6 years ago. The team will continue its series of national championship tournaments in Clemson, South Carolina at the U.S. Universities Debating Championships on April 12-16, 2019.

## COMPLETE RESULTS

### Overall Awards

20th Place - University of Utah

### Debate Awards

Semifinalist - Extemporaneous Speaking - Grace Osusky  
Semifinalist - Extemporaneous Speaking - Shad Wojciechowski  
Quarterfinalist - After Dinner Speaking - Shad Wojciechowski  
Quarterfinalist - Communication Analysis - Grace Osusky  
Quarterfinalist - Dramatic Interpretation - Zac Ray  
Quarterfinalist - Impromptu Speaking - Vivian Lee  
Novice Finalist - Informative Speaking - Vivian Lee

4. The College of Nursing clinical staff are recognized:

Gillian Tufts has received the 2019 American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence from Utah. She will be honored at the upcoming 2019 AANP National Conference.

Jennifer Clifton has received the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (AACN) 2019 Certified Nurse Award in the Family Nurse Practitioner category.

Denise Ward has received the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (AACN) 2019 Certified Nurse Award in the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner category.

5. At the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) 2019 Annual Meeting in March. The University of Utah College of Pharmacy was the winner of the 2017-2018 APhA-ASP Operation Diabetes National Award. In addition, the college was one of only two schools that were invited to present at the Operation Immunization Workshop, in order to highlight their successful and innovative Operation Immunization program.