# Student Engagement

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## **Student Engagement**

The Student Engagement Department at Utah Tech strives to enhance students' college experiences through meaningful co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Engaged students tend to achieve higher grades, develop valuable skills, build networks, form lasting friendships, and report greater satisfaction with their college journey.

The Student Engagement Department also trains and advises leaders in the Utah Tech Student Association (UTSA) Student Government branches, the Resident Housing Association (RHA) and the Spirit Squad (Stampede, Cheer, Dance, and the Mascot) on campus policies and promotes an engaging campus environment.

## **Utah Tech University Student Association (UTSA)**

All fee-paying students at Utah Tech University are members of the Utah Tech Student Association. The UTSA Student Government's mission is to provide learning, service, and extracurricular opportunities, provide leadership training, boost school spirit, foster unity, connect new students with campus traditions, and represent the student body. Its leadership branches include the Executive Council, Academic Senate, Clubs, Student Life, Marketing, Service, and the Stampede.

#### **Executive Council**

The Executive Council consists of the Student Body President and five student Vice Presidents over the Academic Senate, Clubs, Student Life, Marketing, and Service.

#### **Academic Senate**

The Vice President of Academics and the Student Senate serve as the mouthpiece for students and advocates for the students' collective academic interests at Utah Tech University. The delegation consists of student representatives from the seven major academic colleges on campus and the graduate studies program.

#### Clubs and Belonging

The Clubs branch oversees 100+ active clubs on campus. Led by the Vice President of Clubs and multiple club representatives, this branch is here to support club growth and help students find a place to belong. Clubs cater to students' cultural, professional, service, and social needs. Joining a club is a great way to connect with other students and enhance your college experience. If you can't find a club that interests you, starting your own is easy!

#### Student Life

The Student Life branch of UTSA, led by the Vice President of Student Life and 4 Event Directors, brings excitement and energy to campus! This team keeps Utah Tech traditions such as Homecoming, D-Week, and the Foam Dance alive while constantly adding fresh, fun events like Lantern Fest, Dew Pong, and concerts. With at least one exciting event each week throughout the year, Student Life ensures there's always something to look forward to!

#### Marketing

The Marketing branch is dedicated to informing Utah Tech students how they can make the most of their university experience. Through creative advertising and eye-catching design, they shine the spotlight on campus life. Led by the Vice President of Marketing, the team includes 4 Marketing Managers, 3 Graphic Designers, a Social Media Manager, a Content Creator, and an Administrative Assistant—all working together to connect students to the ways they can be involved at Utah Tech.

#### Service

The Service Branch of UTSA is all about giving back and creating lasting impact! Led by the Vice President of Service and their team of Service Leaders, the Service Council organizes exciting volunteer opportunities that foster values like citizenship and teamwork. With weekly service projects, large-scale Campus to Community initiatives, and life-changing humanitarian experiences offered during Fall, Winter, and Spring Breaks, volunteering has never been easier or more fun!

## Stampede

The Stampede brings the ultimate fan energy to Utah Tech athletic events! We cheer loud, proud, and rowdy to support our student-athletes and create an unforgettable game day experience. Join the Stampede and make the most of your time at Utah Tech—let's get loud together!

### **Resident Housing Association (RHA)**

RHA plays an important role in enriching campus life for students living in on-campus housing by offering a variety of events and programs throughout the year. Whether it's social gatherings, themed nights, or community-building activities, RHA helps create a sense of belonging and support, making the on-campus living experience both memorable and enjoyable.

For more information on UTSA Student Government and student involvement, please visit our **website** (https://utahtech.edu/thedixielife/) (following this link will take you out of the University Catalog).

## Welcome Message from the 2025-2026 UTSA President

Hey Trailblazers! This is Bella, your Student Body President, and I want to welcome you to Utah Tech. I am grateful for all the opportunities, connections, and experiences UT has provided me, and I want to share them with all students. My goal is to help students utilize our resources, unique polytechnic education, and chances to be involved. I also want students to have a sense of belonging and to create collaboration on and off campus by connecting with the community.

During my first year, I knew there were a lot of decisions about my career and future that I wouldn't know the answers to yet. The one thing I did know was the decision to be involved on campus. Not only would it be fulfilling, but it would provide me with social, learning, and service opportunities. Most importantly, being involved led me to feeling a sense of belonging on campus. Utah Tech provides different ways for students to be involved! There is a place for every student. I encourage you to get involved.

There are opportunities for everyone across campus, but feel free to come find me and my team in the student government room located on the second floor of the Gardner Student Center. UTSA is a student association designed to serve students; we would love to help you! You are also welcome to come talk to me about questions, comments, or concerns you may have about campus. I plan to listen to your needs and be an advocate for all current students. I'd love to meet you!

Let's have a great year. GO TRAILBLAZERS!

Bella Estes