

Education Happenings

USU Moab Sees 1.3% Undergraduate Enrollment Growth for Fall 2025

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As many colleges around the country are seeing declines in enrollment, Utah State University Moab is celebrating a 1.3% increase in undergraduate enrollment this fall — an achievement that reflects the university’s commitment to the local community and its student-centered approach.

“USU Moab offers an exceptional student experience, and this continued growth is a testament to how our community views USU,” said Samantha Campbell, interim associate vice president for USU Moab. “We put our students first and our faculty and staff make it their priority to deliver quality education alongside personalized student support.”

USU Moab serves Grand County, offering small class sizes, hands-on learning opportunities, and faculty and staff whose mission is to help students succeed. USU Moab is dedicated to a supportive environment where students can thrive, find their passion and achieve their potential.

USU Moab is committed to making higher education more accessible to residents of Grand County. This is highlighted in recruiters’ efforts to reach students, offer personalized advice and building strong relationships within the community and with individuals. USU Moab is closely connected to the region and is a trusted source for education within the community.

USU Moab offers a vast array of relevant programs and technical education that also provide flexibility for local residents and working professionals. Academic advisors are available to answer questions and to help people get started.

“We have a team that is ready to help find a program that works for you,” Campbell said. “Our students routinely tell us how supported they feel here, and that is something we take pride in. Come see how USU Moab can help you take that next step in your educational journey.”

Located in the outdoor recreation paradise of Moab and boasting one of the greenest buildings on any USU campus, Utah State University Moab offers students the personalized attention and small class sizes of a small-town college with the

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resources of a large university. With programs such as Nursing, Elementary Education, Recreation Resource Management and Social Work, technical education in Health Professions, Automotive and Business, and degree options ranging from associate to doctorate degrees, USU Moab offers programs that help fuel local economies and empower individuals and their communities. Learn more at moab.usu.edu.

The History & Future of America’s Public Land

DISCOVER THE UNTOLD STORY...



Many Americans use public lands for recreation and business but don’t understand where they came from or why they are the birthright of every citizen.



Join Walt Dabney – former National Park Service Superintendent and Texas State Parks Director for an eye-opening talk on how America’s public lands came to be, why most are in the West, the economic value of these lands, and what we all stand to lose if they are transferred out of our common ownership.



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DATE: Wednesday December 3rd, 2025
TIME: 6pm
LOCATION: St. Francis Episcopal Church, 250 Kane Creek Blvd

Grand County Business Summit

January 15, 2026 - Springhill Suites, Moab Utah



Title Sponsors: **Marriott International, Grand County and Southeastern Entrepreneurial Network**
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Theme: Gateway Community Excellence

When government agencies and local elected officials are coordinated with tourism officials and businesses – gateway communities thrive. This conference brings together speakers from these categories to discuss best practices and explore opportunities in the iconic gateway community of Moab, Utah.

Welcome and Moab Chamber Updates

Staff and Board Members will present Chamber Economic Development Initiatives, Business Support Programs, and Community Engagement Opportunities.

Plenary Session Presenters

Presentations will consist of individual speakers, panel discussions and fireside chats.

Speakers:

Federal Land Manager and Business Perspectives

- Kevin Lilly, Acting Assistant Secretary Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of Interior
- Heather Allison, Vice President of Luxury Sales, Marriott International
- Robert Spendlove, Senior Economist Zions Bank

State of Utah Perspectives

- Redge Johnson, Director of the Governor’s Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office
- Stephanie Frohman, Associate Director Janet Quinny Lawson Institute for Land, Water, and Air USU—2025 Report to the Governor and Legislature on Gateway Communities
- Natalie Randall, Managing Director, Utah Office of Tourism
- Doug Miller, President SEEN USU Eastern - Grand County SWOT Analysis
- Jason Curry, Director Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation

Local Perspectives

- Local elected officials, County and City Committee Members and Staff

Break Out Sessions

A1.Supporting Entrepreneurship
Moderator Todd Thomposon, Panelists Rebecca McCallister, Sarah Barstow
A2.Growing Our Recreation Assets
Moderator Brendon Cameron, Panelists Jennifer Jones-BLM, Lena Pace-NPS, Brian Murdock-USFS
A3.Community Give Back
Moderator UNA, Panelists: Zacharia Levine Synergy, Colin Topper

B1. Housing Pipeline Discussion- Confirmed
Moderator Rarni Schultz, Panelists Kaityn Meyers, Cory Shurtliff
B2. Workforce Development Opportunities
Moderator Autem Hirschfeld, Panelist Jeremy Spaulding GCHS, USU
B3. Resource Extraction and Regional Energy Update
Moderator Doug Miller, Panelists: Lithium BLM/DNR, Jess Housekeeper, Valar Atomic

The Chocolate Drops, Maze District Canyonlands National Park



Moab Church Services Directory			
Assembly of God 1202 South Boulder Avenue	435-259-7747	Community Church 544 MiVida Drive	435-259-7319
Bahá’í Faith	435-650-5778	Episcopal Church of St. Francis	435-259-5831
Canyonlands Fellowship 420 MiVida Drive	435-260-2434	Friends in Christ Free Lutheran Church 1240 South Highway 191	435-259-4378
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints		Grace Lutheran Church 360 West 400 North	435-259-5017
First & Second Wards 475 West 400 North	435-259-5566		
Third, Fourth & Fifth Wards 701 Locust Lane	435-259-5567		
Jewish Interfaith Beit Moabi	435-260-0241	Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses 25 Dogwood Ave	435-259-8166
Moab Baptist Church 356 West Kane Creek Blvd.	435-259-8481	Not So Churchy in Moab	970-213-8208
Quaker Meeting 239 West Center St.	775-442-1298 text only		
River of Life Christian Fellowship 2651 East Arroyo Rd.	435-259-8308	St. Pius X Catholic Church 122 West 400 North	435-259-5211
Seventh Day Adventist 4581 Spanish Valley Drive	435-259-5545	The Church of Christ 456 Emma Boulevard	435-259-6690