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USU Moab Sees 1.3% Undergraduate Enrollment Growth for Fall 2025

By Marcus Jensen News Coordinator, University Marketing and Communications

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

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



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.



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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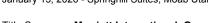
ABOUT WALT

Walt Dabney is a retired park professional with a 43 year career spanning both the National Park Service (NPS) and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

A Texas A&M graduate, he began as a ranger-naturalist in Yellowstone and went on to serve in key leadership roles across iconic parks.

Known for his expertise in law enforcement, search and rescue, fire management, and public land policy, Dabney now teaches at leadership institutes and universities and frequently speaks on the history of America's public land.

Learn more about Walt at americaspublicland.com Instagram: @therangerwalt







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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 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

Moderator Doug Miller, Panelists: Lithium

BLM/DNR, Jess Housekeeper, Valar Atomic



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