

19/20 Annual Report



Office of
ENGAGEMENT

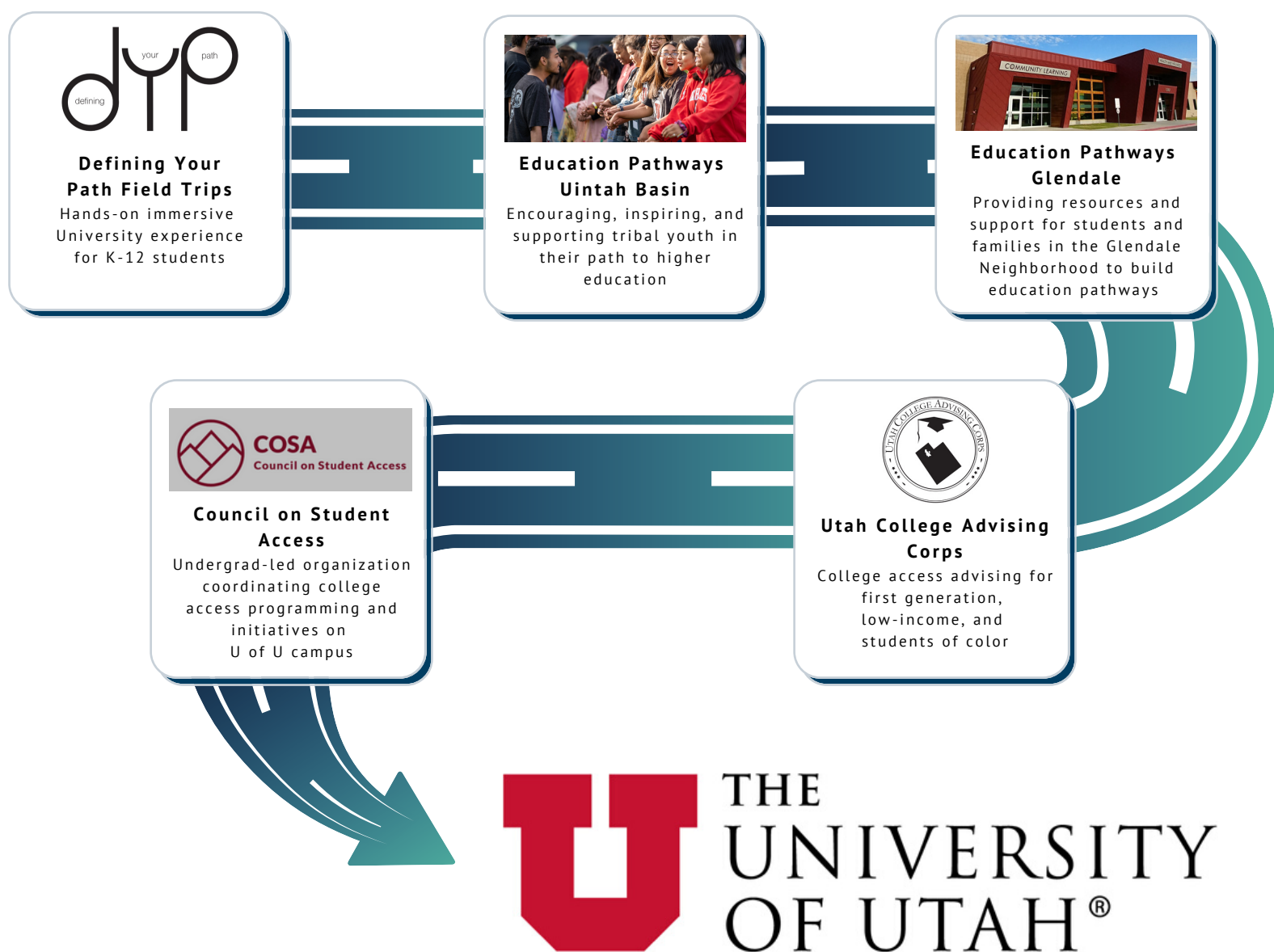
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Engaging the K-12 Community in
Higher Education



Out of the Pipeline and on to the Pathway: The Office of Engagement's Person-Centered Approach to Accessing Higher Education

The University of Utah's **Office of Engagement** connects the community with promises of higher education from preschool through high school. First, by helping young people IMAGINE and believe they can go to college, then by mentoring and preparing them through the process, and finally by assisting them to DO. Our programs foster real achievement through counseling, mentoring, and connecting students to supportive college resources.



Defining Your Path | DYP

The Office of Engagement invites K-8th grade students to connect and engage with higher education through the *Defining Your Path* Field Trip Program. Field trips to the University of Utah are valuable learning experiences that spark students' interest and help enlighten the path to higher education. Visiting campus helps to eliminate the intimidation and pressure that many students associate with going to college. Through a constructivist approach, students engage in hands-on learning activities, interact with college students and faculty, and set goals to reach higher education. This year DYP continued its partnership with the Utah Cultural Celebration Center and Granite School School District, and collaborated with 40 academic departments and student support services to facilitate meaningful college exploration experiences.

37

CAMPUS FIELD TRIPS

52 field trips planned during 2019/20.

3,372

STUDENTS VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

with DYP during the 2019/20 academic year.

260+

HOURS CONTRIBUTED BY UNDERGRAD VOLUNTEERS

to facilitate meaningful college exploration.



Education Pathways: *Uintah Basin*

In collaboration with the Ute Indian Tribe Education Department the University of Utah takes an active role in providing post secondary school planning to the Ute Indian Tribe students in the Uintah Basin. Our goal is for every student upon graduating from high school to have a post secondary school plan, whether that be employment, a community college or technical college or a four year college here in Utah or beyond.

“Going to college will be scary and exciting. Moving to a new city and living on my own, away from my family, will be very intimidating and exhilarating at the same time. What I’m most excited about is having new experiences and meeting new people. I’m excited about getting a degree, and really accomplishing something by doing so.”

- Incoming Freshman, University of Utah

54

STUDENTS

receiving college counseling to attend community college, professional training, 4 year college and graduate school.

22

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

who were able to visit colleges as part of organized orientation trips.

83

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

completed by Ute Indian Tribe students.



Education Pathways: *Community Learning Center*

The Glendale-Mountain View Community Learning Center (CLC) sits between Glendale Middle School and Mountain View Elementary School to build a community school campus on the Westside of Salt Lake City. With approximately 60 different partnerships, the CLC provides access to resources and services to students and their families in the areas of early childhood education; youth academics and enrichment; adult education and enrichment; and health and wellness. The University of Utah, through the Office of Engagement, forms an integral role in the CLC's reach. With a full-time Education Coordinator placed at the CLC students and their families get direct one-on-one support in building and/or continuing their education pathway.

3

SCHOOLS

worked with directly including their teachers, administrators, staff, and students to build education pathways

1,500+
STUDENTS

reached by community organizations and partners including the Office of Engagement

11,079
DOLLARS

earned in scholarship money Glendale community members through AmeriCorps



Utah College Advising Corps | UCAC

The Utah College Advising Corps (UCAC) is a University-based college access initiative. UCAC seeks to help Utah students from low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented backgrounds attend college. UCAC advisers work alongside high-school staff to assist students in navigating admissions applications, financial aid forms, scholarship applications, college entrance exam registration & preparation, and identifying first-year programs at the institution they will attend.

"Having a college adviser at Granger High has been very helpful for all students and counselors. Our college adviser has been able to follow up with our seniors after UCAW and FAFSA Nights. She's able to give individualized meetings to address different needs. We are grateful for all she does for our students!"

- Uotelose Havea, Counselor, Granger High School

34

HIGH SCHOOLS

across the state of Utah, 11 in the Salt Lake Valley and 1 in St. George.

10,500+

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

has a 1:1 meeting with UCAC advisers during the 2019-20 school year to receive college advising.

25,000+

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

submitted by students in UCAC schools



Council on Student Access | C.O.S.A.

The Council on Student Access (COSA) works with K-12 students from historically underrepresented communities and helps them identify and access their passions within higher education. By enlisting current U of U students who are passionate about college access and seek to contribute to meaningful academic experiences, COSA is able to facilitate purposeful interactions between enrolled college students and young, future college students and encourage them to pursue their unique goals. Each academic year, members of COSA identify communities in need of meaningful mentorship and provide support in their journey to college. During the 2019/20 fiscal year, COSA acted as main support for the *Defining Your Path* Field Trip Program and worked closely with the Uintah Basin Ute Tribe and Promise South Salt Lake (After-school Program).

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COSA MEMBERS

from Undergraduate Studies Programs.

20

UTAH TITLE 1 SCHOOLS

reached for meaningful mentorship experiences.

100+

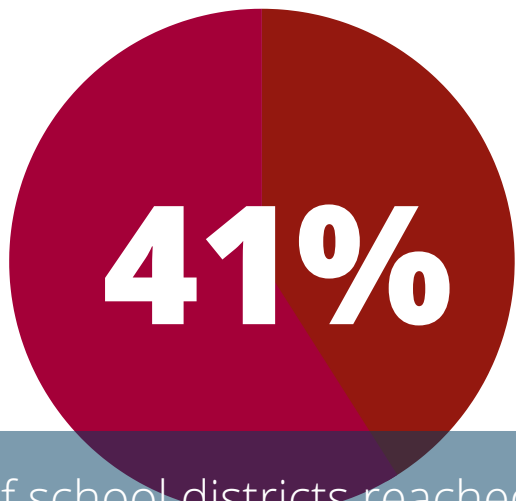
VOLUNTEER HOURS

completed by COSA members.

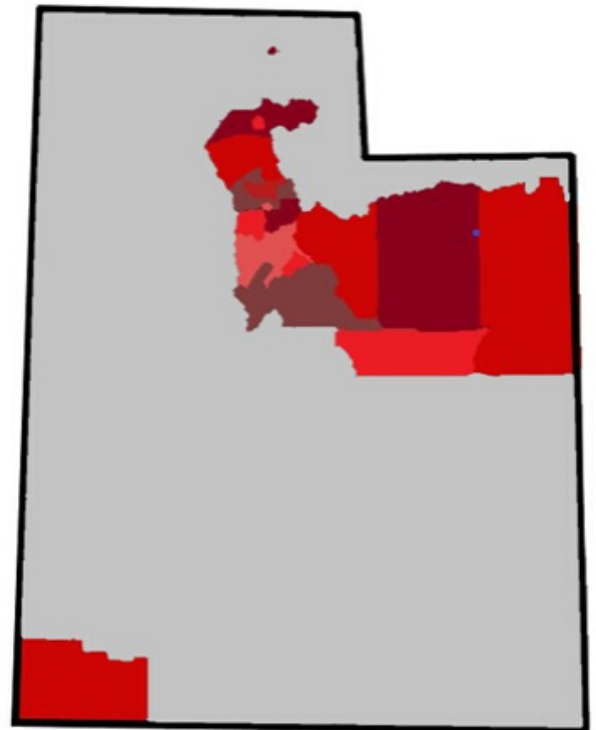


2019-2020 Schools and Students by the Numbers

| PROGRAM | # OF STUDENTS SERVED | # OF SCHOOLS & ORGS SERVED | # OF DISTRICTS SERVED |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| DYP & COSA | 3,372 | 30 | 12 |
| Uintah Basin | 64 | 7 | 2 |
| CLC | 1,500 | 3 | 1 |
| UCAC | 10,547 | 34 | 11 |
| Totals | 15,483 | 72* | 17* |



Of school districts reached by a staff of 9 in the Office of Engagement, with the help of teachers, community partners, U of U students, volunteers, and AmeriCorps members.



*Total number of schools and districts are non-duplicated

2019-2020 AmeriCorps Service by the Numbers

The Office of Engagement is supported by AmeriCorps members who earn educational awards by serving in Utah schools and communities. AmeriCorps is a voluntary civil society program supported by the U.S. federal government, foundations, corporations, and other donors that engages adults in public service work with a goal of "helping others and meeting critical needs in the community."

