

- We play an important role in Utah’s economy by training and educating students to work in critical fields and industries. These fields include jobs in the state’s fast-growing manufacturing and technology sectors, as well as the health care and transportation industries.
- One of our major goals is to align our programs to support Utah’s workforce needs. We do this through workforce training, which focuses on certificate and degree programs, and by creating industry partnerships. Our aim is for SLCC graduates to be the most sought-after candidates for hiring.
 - To maximize our positive impact on the economy and to ensure exceptional graduates, we work directly with industry in training and educating our students. Examples of industry partnerships include [Cummins](#), [Stadler Rail](#), [Intermountain Healthcare](#), [Kenworth](#), etc.
 - We also consult with [technology companies](#) and [others](#) in providing state-of-the-art facilities and cutting-edge curricula.
 - SLCC students have an impact on the economy that cannot be underestimated. More than 85% of our students plan to stay in Utah to work and raise families, and providing top-notch education ensures Utah will have the workforce it needs for continued economic growth.
 - We also strengthen Utah by supporting small businesses through our Miller Business Resource Center.
 - At our Miller Campus in Sandy, we provide entrepreneurial training and a business incubator, and we are one of the few community colleges to partner with the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses training program.
 - Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program is often referred to as a mini-MBA and is designed to help small business owners gain practical skills in topics such as negotiation, marketing and employee management.
 - Participants also receive tools and professional support to develop customized business plans and help in accessing capital to take their companies to the next level.
 - Our business incubator, also known as “The Mill,” supports local entrepreneurs through training and mentorship through the critical start-up phase. The Mill also provides physical office space with open work areas, cubicles and closed-door offices to many new businesses.
 - The Miller Campus is home to the Salt Lake Region Small Business Center, which is open to all and offers personalized consulting in management, financing and marketing. It also provides businesses with needs assessments, feasibility studies and help in accessing capital.
 - Our Salt Lake Center has provided counsel and training to more than 500 clients and has directly resulted in the creation of nearly 400 jobs and more than \$25 million in new revenue. We also operate a similar center in Park City.
 - Because the word “community” is the most important word in our name, we strive to be a force for good in the lives of our neighbors, especially those who might have difficulties accessing education.

- Since 2017, we've been educating incarcerated individuals through our Prison Education Program (PEP) at the Utah State Prison. Currently, more than 600 students participate in the program, and in the spring 2020 the PEP will see its first graduates, with 11 students earning an AS in General Studies.
 - SLCC also proudly offers a Refugee Leadership Program for both youth and adults.
 - This program is offered at our Miller Campus and is designed to help refugees navigate the complexities of living in the United States.
 - 27 youth and 23 adults completed the most recent program, and they came from the countries of Afghanistan, Bhutan, Central African Republic, Congo, Liberia, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan.
 - Refugees learn about community building, public speaking, family budgeting and structure, conflict resolution, domestic violence, civic responsibility, networking, marketing, career readiness, community fundraising and government. The youth program teaches motivation, relationship building and group dynamics.
- SLCC is proud to contribute to the community in ways that go beyond the classroom.
 - We have a vibrant art collection and beautiful gallery spaces that we gladly share with the public.
 - Our permanent art collection has nearly 400 works, including fine art prints, sculptures, tapestries, installations, etc., which are on display throughout several of our campuses.
 - Multiple exhibitions take place each year at the George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Art Gallery and the LED Exhibition Wall in the Edna Runswick Taylor foyer at our South City Campus.
 - Each year we present our President's Art Show, a juried exhibition featuring nearly 100 artworks exclusively created by Utah artists, including SLCC students, alumni and employees.
 - SLCC also has an outreach program geared toward elementary and middle school students called The Beloved Community Photography Project. To honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision for societies that embrace cooperation, unity and connection, we provide photography training and cameras to students, who then go into their communities to take photos. The photos are then displayed in an exhibition at the Eccles Art Gallery.
 - Our institution is also home to the historic and highly regarded Grand Theatre at our South City Campus, which regularly hosts important community events, lectures, concerts and award-winning theatre presentations.
 - Built in the 1930s as part of Salt Lake City's South High School, the theatre has been renovated by the college and combines Depression-era charm with the latest in lighting and sound technology.
 - Six SLCC productions, ranging from dramas to comedies to musicals, are presented each year at the Grand. The Grand is also made available for community theatre productions, forums, lectures and other events.
 - We engage in outreach to K-12 students through our Grand Youth Theatre camps, theatre workshops and after-school programs. At these events, students can learn about the technical and performance facets of theatre production.

- We have a Community Writing Center that is open to the public and provides coaching to those wanting to improve their writing, complete a writing project or explore new modes of expression. The Center is located at Library Square Plaza in Salt Lake City.
- SLCC hosts several community events that are open to everyone.
 - The Tanner Forum on Social Ethics is held each fall and brings nationally and internationally recognized speakers in the area of social ethics to SLCC. The Tanner Forum provides opportunities for the students, faculty, staff and the wider community to come together and examine critical issues in contemporary social ethics. Past speakers have included NPR’s Mara Liasson, former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich and CNN Commentator Van Jones.
 - In cooperation with Westminster College, we present an annual Martin Luther King, Jr. keynote address at the Grand Theatre. Past presenters include author W. Kamau Bell, poet Nikki Giovanni and two members of the Exonerated Central Park Five. The keynotes are free and open to the public.
 - Since 2013, SLCC’s Grand Theatre has served as a screening location for the internationally recognized Sundance Film Festival.
- Our institution has a long history of service to the greater community. We believe that “community” is the most important word in our name. Part of our institution’s vision is to strengthen the communities we serve through the success of our students. We believe institutions of higher education have a responsibility to cultivate an engaged citizenry, so we are dedicated to empowering our students and faculty to realize they have the knowledge and skills to affect positive change in their community.
- As a demonstration of our commitment to community, for 25 years SLCC has been home to the Thayne Center for Service & Learning. The Thayne Center connects its more than 100 community partners with students, faculty and staff seeking service-learning and leadership opportunities. Service opportunities through the Thayne Center include: [Alternative Spring Break](#); [Community Work Study](#); [AmeriCorps](#); [Bruin Food Pantry](#); [Civically Engaged Scholars](#); [SLCC Gardens](#); [Student Leaders in Civic Engagement](#); and [SLCC Serves](#).
- The Thayne Center was named for notable poet and author Emma Lou Thayne (1924-2014), whose influence helped SLCC chart a successful and prolific course of community service. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the college in 2003.
- We also encourage our employees to help others by providing all staff members with 24 hours of paid leave each year to use for community service. Recent figures show that more than 580 hours/year of service have been donated by SLCC staff.
- SLCC encourages volunteerism throughout the community through its Days of Service program. Each year, the college holds several Day of Service events, where students, faculty and staff can participate in service projects for community organizations.
 - In the fall of 2019, more than 250 members of the SLCC community donated over 450 hours during the school’s Day of Service. Volunteers engaged in a variety of jobs, including meal preparation, reading stories to children and general housekeeping. Service partners included Esperanza Elementary School, Catholic Community Services, Maliheh Free Clinic, Dual Immersion Academy, YMCA, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Youthlinc, Clever Octopus and Bad Dog Arts.
 - Additional SLCC Day of Service events are scheduled through 2020.