

Institutional Quality and Excellence – Talking Points – 2023-24

- SLCC fosters academic excellence by [employing exceptional and caring faculty to educate our students](#).
 - Many of our faculty members have been educated or have taught at top schools, including Harvard, Princeton, Pepperdine, Northwestern, Columbia and Cornell.
 - SLCC faculty members are involved in research in a variety of fields including ecology, mathematics, geology and occupational therapy, and many are regularly published.
 - Our faculty are constantly looking for ways to improve the student experience. Examples include:
 - [Developing real-life settings for students to gain hands-on experience in their fields](#). These include our occupational and physical therapy clinic, dental hygiene clinic, culinary kitchen, etc. Students also get the opportunity to engage in field work through internships, competitions, study abroad programs, etc. Examples include our involvement with [SkillsUSA](#), student-led shows and competitions, our Washington D.C. Internship program, [construction and building projects](#) with Habitat for Humanity, etc.
 - SLCC also offers several [Community-Engaged Learning programs](#). The Community-Engaged Learning program is offered through the [Engaged Learning Office](#) and incorporates critical reflective thinking and civic engagement into academic coursework by means of integrating service opportunities with nonprofits, and governmental/educational community partners.
 - Our faculty members also explore new approaches to promote student success. For example, our Math Department noticed that the grades students received on their first test in any given class set the tone for the rest of the semester. In response, the department developed a new program where students who struggled on their first math test were provided with extra assistance in order to increase their chances of successfully completing the class.
 - Faculty have also led the way in developing curriculum that uses free [Open Educational Resources](#) to keep textbook costs low for students.
 - SLCC Faculty are also committed to developing tutoring services for students, including the [STEM Learning Resources Center](#), the [Student Writing & Reading Center](#) and workshops in a variety of subjects.
 - SLCC also seeks endowed faculty, which provides us with talented instructors known for pursuing big ideas and innovative teaching methods. It also helps attract diverse faculty who can serve as mentors and direct initiatives that are important to SLCC's mission.
 - Having stellar faculty members ensures our students are well-prepared to transfer to a four-year college or enter the workforce and begin making significant contributions to Utah's economy. [We particularly focus on training students in high-demand fields](#) (welding, diesel technology, health care, etc.) that help the state fulfill its workforce needs as well as provide good-paying jobs for our graduates.

- SLCC operates state-of-the-art learning facilities for students so they can be prepared for the rigors of the modern workforce.
 - Examples of our excellent learning facilities include:
 - [Center for Arts and Media](#), which features a television production studio, a film stage, a recording studio and an on-campus radio station.
 - [Healing Arts Lab](#), where students perform assessments and interventions on lifelike mannequins that provide immediate and realistic feedback for the student.
 - [Culinary Institute](#), which is a free-standing facility with modern commercial kitchens, multiple classrooms, a computer lab, a demonstration kitchen and a dining room. Here, students receive classroom education and on-the-job training in the hospitality industry.
 - [The Mill](#), where local entrepreneurs can connect with the college for education and assistance to grow their businesses. The facility features a [business incubation center](#), a [conference facility](#), [workspace](#) and a [Veteran’s Business Center](#).
 - [Westpointe Workforce Training & Education Center](#) is our newest learning facility and provides leading-edge training spaces for students who are preparing for careers in the diesel, welding, composites, commercial driving and machining industries.
 - Coming in 2024, a new [Virtual Film Studio](#) will be available to SLCC film students. SLCC will be the first college in Utah to offer this innovative technology.
- SLCC also operates [Salt Lake Technical College](#), designed to provide technical education and training to help students develop skills employers consider essential. Through Salt Lake Tech, the college serve thousands of students who have a wide range of educational and career goals.
- SLCC is proud of its small class size – our average class is 18, and this affords instructors with the opportunity to know each of their students and provide an individualized learning experience. Students have better access to instructors, better grades and a better overall experience.
- The college has a unique and inclusive [Honors Program](#). SLCC’s program is designed to involve students that are not [traditionally served by similar programs](#), including low income, first-generation and racially-minoritized students .
- According to College Express, [SLCC is 6th in the nation for awarding associate’s degrees](#).
- Over the years, the college has won several awards recognizing our commitment to education and to our students. These include being designated as one of the country’s Best School for Vets by the *Military Times* as well as *Washington Monthly* naming us as one of its “Twelve Most Innovative College for Adult Learners.” In 2022 and 2023, SLCC was also recognized by *Newsweek* as one of [the top Online Schools in the United States](#).
- Many faculty, staff, student clubs and departments have also earned accolades, including:
 - [SLCC Wins Three National Writing Awards in One Year](#)
 - [Marian Taylor-Howe Receives UWHEN Special Recognition Award](#)
 - [Ashley “AC” Cox Honored with PGA Award](#)
 - [Manager of Special Projects Awarded for Work in Education, Culture and the Arts](#)
 - [Journalism Assistant Professor Receives National Recognition](#)
 - [College Lands Two National Awards from Campus Pride Index](#)
 - [College’s American Chemical Society Chapter Win National Award](#)
 - [SLCC Ranked Number 1 as Most Affordable LGBTQ+ College](#)
 - [Four SLCC at SLCC Bring Home NASPA Awards](#)

- [SLCC Ranked in Top 20 Culinary Schools](#)
- [SLCC Leader Selected as One of USA Today's Women of the Year](#)
- Our [athletic teams](#) have achieved great success over the years. Many teams have played in regional and national championship games, and some student athletes have found success in the professional sports world. In 2021, our [Women's Soccer Team finished second](#) in the NJCCA tournament, and our [Men's Soccer Team earned a National Championship](#) that same year.
 - Information on athletic titles and championships can be found at [Bruin SWAC Championships](#), [Region 18 Titles](#) and [Bruin National Championship and Runner-Up Finishes](#).
- SLCC's commitment to excellence is manifest by the success of our students. Some examples include:
 - [Student's Fashion Project Goes Viral](#)
 - [Meet Our Students: Kimani Griffin – USA Winter Olympian](#)
 - [Honors Students Present Research at Western Regional Honors Conference](#)
 - [Soccer Goalkeeper to Represent Team USA in "Deaflympics"](#)
 - [Brandon Loveall and Jane Seegmiller Named as 2022 New Century Scholars](#)
 - [SLCC Recognizes Exceptional Young Alumna](#)
 - [SLCC Student Erin Jackson Wins Olympic Speedskating Gold](#)
 - [Fashion Institute Alumna Earns Place in Paris Fashion Show](#)
 - [Filmmaking Alum Lands Fellowship at Prestigious AFI in Hollywood](#)
 - [SLCC's Goldman Sachs Business Graduates Reach \\$1B Milestone](#)
 - [Student Eyes Paralympic Games, Fencing Success in Tokyo](#)
 - [Then & Now: Alumni Stories](#)