



## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS NEWSLETTER

FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, & STAFF

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Dr. Dennis Bromley

### LETTER FROM THE DEAN



#### This has been a terrific year!

So many stories in this edition describe the success of students and faculty during the 2021-22 academic year. Congratulations to the following: Assistant Professor Hau Moy Kwan, for receiving the Teaching Excellence award given by Salt Lake Community College Foundation Board; Assistant Professor Israt Jahan on receiving the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant to analyze the effectiveness of online teaching and learning at Salt Lake Community College using an e-learning management system; students Angie Philbrick, Mashayla Dalley, Samuel Bailey, Skylee Szoke, Gloria Saputo, and Monica Kastner for being selected as outstanding students in their respective programs, and Brenda Johnson for being selected as the School of Business Graduate of Excellence.

Just recently we received some surprising, good news in terms of how our Culinary Arts program compares to others across the country. Surprising because it was totally unsolicited, we didn't register to participate or have any affiliation with the organization that conducts the annual review and produces the ranking. Congratulations to Associate Dean Jeffrey Coker, Associate Professors James Bielefeld, Cynthia Alberts, Franco Aloia, and Assistant Professor Keri Karabats for your professionalism and quality instruction that has resulted in the Culinary Arts program being

recognized as one of the top 20 programs in the entire country. But wait, there's more: Mashayla Dalley, Tony Tai, Genesis Ruiz, Cameron Christensen, Carson Mercer, all competed and won at the DECA International Conference while Kevin Clark, Ro Malaga, and Beau Colledge were top 10 finalists, with Diana Zahidi and Jiwon Kang earning International Finalist honors. Congratulations to the students on their individual achievements at this, the highest level, and the entire DECA-PBL team for being one of only 3 to win the coveted Presidential Passport Award. I also express deep appreciation and congratulations to the faculty who work tirelessly to help students prepare for the competitive events.

I think it's safe to say that the School of Business leaves a footprint far beyond the boundaries of Salt Lake County. This has been an exciting year, full of surprises. I am excited about the future. We are moving forward towards a building renovation that will greatly improve our instructional space and enable us to engage with students and the community much more effectively.

I am pleased to announce that Fen Rong Liu has joined us as our Project Manager. She will be involved in a variety of projects focused on student retention, event planning, recruitment, and other duties as assigned. We have some intriguing initiatives in embryonic form.

**Stay tuned.**

## CULINARY INSTITUTE

NAMED IN KATOM'S **TOP 20** CULINARY SCHOOLS



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SLCC's Culinary Institute named in the top 20 ranking of culinary schools by Katom Restaurant Supply.

Katom reviewed 700 schools nationwide based on several criteria including:

- **Graduate employment rate** & **Program cost.**

### Top Culinary Schools in 2022

Salt Lake Community  
College

Salt Lake City,  
UT

Read the full article at: <https://www.katom.com/learning-center/best-culinary-schools.html#5>

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## GRADUATE OF EXCELLENCE



### Brenda Johnson, Paralegal Studies

I started my college experience later than most. But it is never too late to learn. I am a widow and I have 2 grown boys and a grandson.

I worked at a job that was unfulfilling for a very long time, just for the security of a paycheck. I was planning on retiring from there. Then they outsourced all of our jobs, I was out of work. I had a decision to make: Am I getting another job I dislike or am I using this time to do what I have always wanted to do. My children were grown up and I now had the time for me. It was an opportunity to go to college and become a paralegal. I did get a lot of push back and discouragement, if you can believe that. The counselor at Work Force Services told me I couldn't do it in 2 years.

I even had an academic advisor at SLCC tell me I couldn't do it. I knew I could. I was determined. I knew it would be hard, but I also know how hard it is to go to work day after day, year after year to a job you don't like. I began taking classes that were required, but not necessarily part of my major of Paralegal Studies. I quickly learned how it is all connected. I learned so much from all the classes I took, I can't even communicate how much I have learned and grown. Just one example, I took a dance and culture class as an elective in my first semester. met students from all over the world I had never been in contact or spoken with in my life. It was such an enriching experience I think about it often what they taught me about myself and the prejudice

that I was not even aware I had. I know I am a better person for it. Meeting and talking with people that are from different backgrounds, experiences, and countries is so self-enriching. I thoroughly and completely enjoyed all my classes, even the math classes. I have always struggled with math and this was no exception. I tried harder than I have ever done; I even hired a tutor to help me with my math. I barely passed my two math classes, not from the lack of trying. That was my lowest 2 grades, all the rest of my classes I received A's. I enjoyed every one of my classes, I didn't even mind the homework. It was all so interesting to me, I couldn't wait for the next chapter. I even enjoyed the tests, because it was a measure for me to see what I have learned or a marker to what I needed to study a bit more.

My education at SLCC has been nothing but a positive experience for me. I am so grateful for it. I never saw myself working for a high-powered attorney charging a boat load of money to get people out of trouble. Then when I graduated I was lucky enough to get an interview with Legal Aid, and I got the position. I am thoroughly content with my job. I enjoy helping people. Seeing the look on their faces or the sound of their voice when you help them is priceless. I am always at ease at work, because when they ask me to do something I am already familiar with it due to my education at SLCC. I still have a lot to learn and always will, but when you enjoy the line of work you're in it isn't work. It has been said, "When you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life." Salt Lake Community College has made that so for me!

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## OUTSTANDING STUDENTS



### Angie Philbrick, Business AS

I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. In my early childhood, I didn't take school all that serious and struggled with getting passing grades.

I was short on my high school credits and didn't complete them until shortly after commencement, so I couldn't walk with my class. At the end of the day, it was more work to go down the path I chose than it would have been for me to just apply myself from the beginning. Right out of high school I started my family and worked full time, but always lacked in education. Because of my missteps, I have always encouraged my kids to get good grades and

teach them the importance of school. In 2019, I decided to return to school after nearly 21 years. My husband and children have been my biggest advocates and have cheered me on throughout my journey. I couldn't have done this without their support and constant encouragement.

After graduation I plan to move forward with my education to earn a bachelor's degree in Business Management at Utah State. I will forever be grateful for the support I have received from the SLCC faculty. A combination of my hard work and their dedication has served me well. This hasn't been easy, but it is so worth it AND... I finally get to walk!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Mashayla Dalley

### Business Management AAS

Hello, my name is Mashayla Dalley I have loved my time here at Salt

Lake Community College. I have had so many opportunities including DECA, PBL, and my work at the Bruin Pantry. I have been the President for PBL at SLCC for 2 years now, and was President of

DECA for one, I have been able to achieve so many things with these organizations on an international level. I have met so many important people while attending Salt Lake Community College, I can't wait to see what's next.

## Samuel Bailey

### Computer Sciences & Information Systems AAS



My name is Samuel Bailey. I have just completed my AAS degree in Computer Science from SLCC in the fall semester of 2021. Since then, I have started my first Programmer/Analyst job and learned just how much more learning there is to do!

It has been such a great experience and my current

goal is just to gain experience in my new job and see where I go from there.

Outside of work I also like to tinker with computer hardware as a hobby. My other hobbies include working on cars or gaming with my wife or friends.

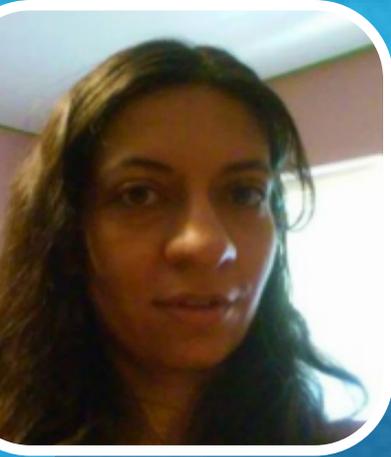


## Skylee Szoke, Culinary Arts AAS

My name is Skylee Szoke, I was born and raised in Utah.

I began attending Salt Lake Community College majoring in Culinary Arts in the Fall of 2019. I've learned a lot since I started, from basic knife cuts to operating a kitchen. There was an overwhelming amount of information taught, but my favorite part of going to school is meeting the unique individuals that always offered a new perspective that you find humbling. I enjoyed every class I've taken, minus

English, which gave me tools I can either use to further myself or aid others. There isn't a "how to correctly adult" manual, I've checked, but the interactions I've had with my Chefs, professors, and other students provided me with the tools to reach my goals and create new ones. After graduation, I plan to experiment with the combinations of herbs and spices to develop recipes so that I may open my restaurant. I would love to travel the world and learn about the culture including the traditional foods made there.



## Gloria Saputo, Paralegal Studies AAS

My name is Gloria G. Saputo, and I am excited to be graduating from the Paralegal Studies Program this semester.

I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, where I have lived all my life. I graduated from Judge Memorial Catholic High School, and I originally started my college career the first year out of high school. However, due to family needs, my degree was put on hold. I was fortunate to meet a mentor a couple of years ago through Utah Community Action who encouraged me to finish my degree and suggested the Paralegal Program based on work experience that I have.

I feel that it has not only given me the path to self-sufficiency that I was seeking, but what seems to be limitless career possibilities. I look forward to using the knowledge I have acquired at Salt Lake Community College to strengthen our local community and to continue to build a great career with the ultimate goal of becoming a Licensed Paralegal Practitioner, an opportunity that would not have been possible without the dedication and generosity of my professors. I feel very grateful and fortunate to have found this amazing program and to all who make it possible, and I thank you for this award!



## Monica Kastner, Accounting AAS

My name is Monica Kastner. I was born in Trujillo, Peru, the eldest child of Mirna and Carlos Benites. I am married to William Kastner creating a blended family of five children. After having my last child, I decided to continue pursuing my education towards my profession and entering the workforce.

I enrolled in Salt Lake Community College as a nontraditional student in the Administration program. Thanks to the motivation of my teachers and the work study group of my classmates, I then focused on an accounting degree. As a part time student, mother, and wife it was a challenge to finish every essay, homework, while keeping up with studying and tests. It took me much longer than I'd hoped for to complete my studies given English was my second language. Thanks to my kids and husband for helping me where I found myself struggling with the grammar.

I enjoyed every moment in school because I learned something from every

lesson, my teachers, and especially my classmates. I even had lunch in the school cafeteria with my son as he was also attending SLCC one semester. That was very nice. Currently, I'm employed in accounts payable for a local construction company. I hope to grow with this company, and I know I will be successful if I do my best work for them. I will always be thankful to this College, my teachers, my fellow students, and my family for all the support they provided me. I also want to thank my parents because as professionals themselves, they always inspired and encouraged me to pursue an education and career. Finally, I want to thank my heavenly Father for the opportunities he's given to me to better myself and for all the blessings he's gifted me throughout my life.



CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES**

**We Wish You Well  
in your Future Endeavors!**



Salt Lake  
Community  
College 

## Israt Jahan

Assistant Professor

Computer Sciences & Information Systems

**AWARD**

# Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Grant

Israt Jahan is an assistant professor in the Division of Computer Science and Information Systems. She was awarded a Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (SoTL) grant. It will support her research on teaching and learning and enhance student learning outcomes. She is going to analyze the effectiveness of online teaching and learning at Salt Lake Community College using an e-learning management system.

Her intent with this project is to construct a model to improve online teaching. With this project, we hope that we would know and understand students' requirements in a class by analyzing the data. In addition, we will have a better learning experience addressing the key factors, and the student's completion rate will be increased meeting the SLCC's 5 strategic goals directly or indirectly.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Hau Moy Kwan, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Computer Science  
School Of Business



**AWARD**

## Teaching Excellence Award

Professor Kwan believes that learning happens best when there is a student-professor relationship. In her 4 years at SLCC and 20 plus years of teaching engineering and computer science, Hau honed her hands-on teaching style to engage students and motivate them to be enthusiastic learners.

Even if Hau's students don't approach her, she sees when they need help. She recalls when one of her international students often seemed sad and frustrated in class. Privately, the student shared that she was overwhelmed by the language barrier and wanted to drop out. Hau, who was born in

Venezuela to Chinese parents, shared her own experience and encouraged the student to not give up. Because of Hau's support, the student successfully finished her studies at SLCC and is now attending the University of Utah.

Hau earned all her degrees at Dr. Rafael Beloso Chacin University, in Maracaibo, Venezuela, including a master's in telematic sciences and a PhD in educational sciences. In addition to her teaching, she worked for five years in the technology industry.

**“I want to give them the confidence to come to me and talk to me, so I can support them”**

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## RECOGNIZING STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE

**CONGRATULATIONS** TO OUR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS COLLEAGUES BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE AT SLCC.

**THANK YOU**  
for  
**YEARS**  
OF SERVICE

Jeffrey Coker – 5 years

Karen Klassen – 5 years

Mark Lengel – 5 years

Jeffrey Stone – 5 years

Whitney Wilkinson – 5 years

Wendy Gunn – 10 years

Eric LeDuc – 10 years

Margarethe Posch – 10 years

Pook Carson – 15 years

(Lawrence) Monte Sleight – 15 years

(Gianming) Jimmy Chen – 25 years

Randal Koziatek – 30 years

Amar Sahay – 30 years



THANK YOU  
for  
**40** YRS  
OF SERVICE



## Lorna Wells Professor

Computer Sciences  
& Information Systems

It's really hard to believe that I have been teaching at Salt Lake Community College for 40 years. I began teaching at Utah Technical College in 1982, before the Business Building was even here. I started teaching soon after receiving my Bachelor's Degree in Business Education/Business Administration and while still working on my Master's Degree in Personal Computers. I started teaching in the Office Administration Department. My first office was a "converted" supply closet. I had no idea at that time how much and how fast technology would change.

I believe that while teaching I have taught at least 50 different versions of software programs. The second year I taught we were very excited to get Wang Word Processors with 5¼ inch floppy disks, replacing the 8-inch size. When the Business Information Technology Department was eliminated over 20 years ago, I was very fortunate to have the Computer Science and Information Systems Department accept me as a faculty member. I served as Department Coordinator several times, and was a nation-wide Faculty Advisor for many years.

One of my main teaching goals is to have students leave my classes learning something that will be helpful to them in their lives. I love it when I see a new concept "click" for students. I truly love teaching and am very grateful that I made it my career choice. I am very grateful for the many colleagues and great staff that I have been fortunate to work with.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and my extended family. I am married and have three adult children. I like traveling, listening to music, and going to plays. I am very active in my church and have served in many varied positions there.

Looking forward to seeing you in the new academic year!

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