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Here's the current list of UAD Board members:

- Kim Smith, President
- Philippe Montalette, Vice President
- Pamela Mower, Secretary
- Stephen Persinger, Treasurer
- Brandon Bowden, Member at Large
- Brooke Grossinger, Member at Large
- Liz Jarashow, Member at Large
- Ashli-Marie Grant, Member at Large
- Martin Price, Member at Large

Upcoming UAD events!

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President's Corner

Raising the Bar

UAD is constantly focusing on raising our standards and keeping our Deaf and Hard of Hearing community prosperous and thriving.

With a theme from the last conference like “**United We Thrive**”, It's obvious that at UAD as the organization, we are continuing to thrive. UAD has been keeping the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community stick to the concept of unity. And, we know that our journey as an individual or as a group will never end as we continually raise the bar.

This pursuit of unity is reflected on the new directions that the UAD Board members are working on. This is the passion that drives us to consistently improve which is applied to our focus on prosperity of each individual in Utah. There is no greater priority than keeping our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Utahns united in every aspect of their lives.

As the newly elected President, there is no greater honor to serve UAD and the community. Since the election, it has been a whirlwind for me to be on fast-track to being President, but I have learned a great deal how unique Deaf and Hard of Hearing Utahns are. I'm very humbled to learn that I'm the 2nd Deaf Woman to be elected as President since 1915. And, I have been in awe with the outpouring of support from all of you in getting my presidency up to speed.

With all of that being said, this enables me as the President to present new ideas and strategies for UAD to embrace the concept of unity we all should thrive. I have given thoughts to what I want to accomplish in my two-

Join UAD Membership

When you see the UAD board members, please thank them for the work we have done so far. With this great team we've been able to do more than we originally expected. Thank you everyone who's a member of UAD and for your continuous support. If you're interested in becoming a member, you can sign up here: <http://uad.org/register/individual-membership/>

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year term and here is what I have come up with:

- **Membership Growth** - In order for the association to remain vibrant and active, we need to focus on the membership drive and provide the benefits of membership due. This applies to new ideas to attract younger generation.
- **Educational workshops** - Workshops are always educational in every aspect of each individual. Mentoring is the key concept to the success of passing the torches to younger Deaf/Hard of Hearing generations. This has not been put into practice for generations. It is time to put mentoring program into action.
- **Social and Cultural events** - American Sign Language is the most diverse and vibrant language in the world. Perseverance of ASL is crucial in Deaf culture. With today's technology, we are able to use ASL as our primary language to deliver the messages through video by means of social media and other types of communication. In addition, social interactions are the most integral part of culture. The concept of "Deaf Club" in the old days should be revived in a different fashion.
- **Advocacy** - Empowering and maintaining our civil rights is the utmost duty of UAD. Creating allies with organizations, businesses, Utah legislators, advocates and Utahns is the first direction UAD will maintain for many years to come.
- **Special Interests** - With the flux of unique Deaf/Hard of Hearing individuals, special interests should emerge within the UAD organization. This will create safe space for LGBTQs, Cochlear Implants, People of Color (POCs), Deaf-Blind, Deaf Women, and all other walks of life. In addition, this will generate the growth of Deaf/Hard of Hearing population by attracting out-of-state people to move into Utah.

Indeed, it will take a village to make these happen! Come and join us to make these ideas and strategies a reality so we all can be united to thrive together!

Kim Smith, President
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To a Higher Glory

January 4, 2019 - Michael Stohel, 63, passed away in Salt Lake City. He worked for about 42 years for Deseret Industries and with Deseret Manufacturing. His last position at Deseret Manufacturing was making name tags for service missionaries. Michael loved working there and would be delighted when a member of the family came to volunteer for the day. On those days they wouldn't get back to work until he had introduced us to all of his co-workers. He loved his job so much that he was happy to spend four hours every day riding buses and taking Trax to and from work. Interment took place at Redwood Memorial Cemetery.

January 6, 2019 - John Alexander Cabbage, 90, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side. He attended the Montana School for the Deaf for 9 years, then the Idaho School for the Deaf for 2 years when his family moved to Idaho. John continued his passion for sports beyond high school, for the rest of his life. He was involved in the Idaho Athletic Club of the Deaf (IACD) as a leader and athlete for most of his life. He played on teams representing Idaho in deaf basketball and softball tournaments all over the Pacific Northwest for 30 plus years. He is survived by his wife, Nelly. A celebration of life is planned in the near future.

February 7, 2019 - Donna May Hardy, 83, passed away surrounded by her family. Accomplished and talented, she was an engaging conversationalist, curious and in awe of the world. An avid reader, and part-time genealogist, she also enjoyed fishing and being in the great outdoors. A watchful gardener, she loved to nurture and care for all expressions of creation. She enjoyed her many dogs over the years and was always looking for a reason to smile or laugh; she usually found one. She is survived by her husband, Max Hardy. Interment took place at the Memorial Redwood Cemetery in West Jordan.

May 18, 2019 - Jeremy Pickett, 43, passed away of degenerative heart failure. Jeremy was originally from Canada and lived in Salt Lake City before marrying Heather of Apple Valley (near St. George) and moving to St. George. He and Heather later moved back to Lethbridge, Alberta area where his family lives. Even though his health was deteriorating for several years he considered his life to be rich and full. Besides people, Jeremy loved hockey and until the end, he was updated with the latest stats on the Calgary Flames. Jeremy is interred at the Barnwell Cemetery.

June 9, 2019 - Carol Wilson, 85, passed away from causes incident to age. She was a wife, a mother of two girls and two boys and a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She came to Utah from Rock Springs, WY when she was five to attend the Utah School for the Deaf, attending there through her high school graduation. Carol remained in Ogden throughout her life. She worked for American Linen, IRS, the Forest Service for ten years, but spent most of her work life at HAFB, retiring after twenty years of civil service. She loved cats and always had a pet cat. Interment took place at Ogden City Cemetery.

June 28, 2019 - William Quigley, 91, after a struggle with kidney disease. He and his wife, Kleda, served two LDS missions overseas; one to Leeds, England and one to Bangalore,

India. William was a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 23 years old. He was very active and loved the church. He loved serving the LDS church in whatever way he could, including: temple work, home teaching, and serving the LDS deaf community. Interment took place in Murray City Cemetery

July 4, 2019 - Kenneth Kinner, 86, died peacefully in his sleep. His career in printing included positions with the Salt Lake Tribune (4 years) and the Ogden Standard Examiner (44 years), where he finally retired after 57 years in the industry. He played an integral role in establishing leadership positions for deaf members in the Ogden Branch for the Deaf and held many leadership callings. Ken served two terms as Branch President, 1969-1975 and 1994-1999. He served on the Utah Association of the Deaf Board for 19 years and Ned C. Wheeler Scholarship Foundation for the Deaf for 37 years. He was an admired and well-respected member of the Utah Deaf community. He is predeceased by his twin sister Kay, and survived by his wife, Ilene, and children Deanne Montgomery of Jerome, ID and Duane Kinner of West Jordan. Interment took place at the Centerville City Cemetery.

July 12, 2019 - Kleda Quigley, 89, peacefully passed away Friday evening, July 12, 2019, after a long struggle with heart and lung challenges. She was predeceased by her husband, William, two weeks previously. She and her husband, Bill Quigley, served on two LDS missions overseas; one to Leeds, England and one to Bangalore, India. Kleda was very dedicated to the LDS Church as well as the LDS Deaf community in Salt Lake City. Interment took place in Murray City Cemetery.

July 16, 2019 - Shanna Mortensen, 88, passed away gently and peacefully. She attended the Utah School for the Deaf, where she developed and cherished many friendships. One friendship would develop into a love story when she met W. David Mortensen, who later became her husband. Shanna received a Presidential award from the Utah Association of the Deaf for her work as an advocate and in support of her husband whilst he worked tirelessly bringing about change and awareness in behalf of the deaf community. She is survived by a daughter, Kristi Mortensen of West Jordan. She is buried beside her beloved husband at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

July 19, 2019 - Carol Mathis, 79, passed away. She was a daughter of Jack and Vida White, long time residents of Salt Lake City, and the mother of Dan Mathis of Syracuse. An interesting note is that she worked as a lab assistant at the Wenger Labs. Carol's first language was ASL. As a young daughter she established relationships with the Deaf community that continue to this day, years after her parents' passing. Interment will be at Wasatch Lawn in Salt Lake City.

August 31, 2019 – Loretta Crawford, 63, was married to David Thompson of Ogden, and they had a daughter. She was later married to Robert Cole and had four sons. Loretta relocated to her hometown, Ely, from Utah with her four boys to provide them a better life. After residing in Ely for most of her life, she relocated to Preston, Idaho to enjoy peace and rest. Despite a difficult life with much sorrow and pain, Loretta lit the room with her kindness, forgiveness and boundless love. Interment took place in the Preston Cemetery.

News of Note

Here's an update on PIP by Stephanie Morgan

PIP's toddler group is having a large number of parents joining. There are 3 locations (Ogden, Salt Lake City, and St. George) and in January we will have Springville! PIP will be offering music therapy during toddler group starting this fall. The music therapy will have visual and tactile tools so all kids can participate regardless of their auditory access.



The UAD Bulletin welcomes news of new babies, weddings, deaths and notable events in this space.

Contact Valerie Kinney at valerie.g.kinney@gmail.com or 801-784-6962 and give her all the details.

Former President's Final Update

Stephen Persinger

It was a pleasure serving you as a President of UAD for the last 4 years. Here's some updates that we've announced at our recent UAD Conference 2019. We now have a total of 136 members! It was about 86 when I started in 2015 then in 2017 it went up to 112. So we're talking about a 58% increase in the last 4 years!

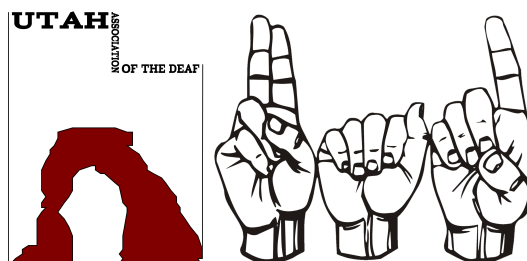
We have one UAD Representative on the SLC Accessibility Council along with one representative from Div. of Services of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH). It has been decided that the new upcoming airport will have VRS apps on all iPads throughout the airport, a visual PA system, captioning on all TVs and T-Coil installed at various gates. We're now working with them on getting their local channel captioned.

Here's a summary of some events we've hosted in the last two years with Adam Janisieski, Brandon Bowden and Erin Watkins on the events/fundraising committee. Hedy and Heidi movie night, ASL Skate Night, Deaf Friendship Day at Lagoon, Deafhood 101, Deafhood 201, Jersey Mike's Sub Fundraiser, Chick Fil A Fundraiser (x2) and Yard Sale (x2).

We're excited to let you know that we've been advertising on the BlipBoard from Sept 5th to 30th.



This will help educate the public on the importance of having a language foundation especially in our deaf children. Thank you Brandon Bowden for helping out with the design. We're working on a new website! So due to that, we've decided it's time to create a new logo as well. So throughout the design process and narrowing it down, then letting the UAD members have the final say...here's what our new UAD logo looks like!



As you can see the famous Delicate Arch from Arches National Park is creating a bridge from one end to another. That's a symbolism of what we do in the world we live in with the challenges all around us.

Now as for the website...you can get a sneak peek by watching the video [here](#). We're now working on the backend - payment system, membership database, online directory and email blast system. Once all of that is done then we'll go LIVE with the website. This is something we're all looking forward to. This will give us a clean fresh look. :)

Our UAD board (2017-2019) were: Adam Janisieski (Vice President), Ashli-Marie Grant, Brandon Bowden, Erin Watkins (Secretary), Greg Jones, Mary Beth Baierl, Pamela Mower, Philippe Montalette (Treasurer) and Stephen Persinger (President). Please thank them all for their work they have done for the last two years.

New UAD board (2019-2021) are as following: Ashli-Marie Grant, Brandon Bowden, Brooke Grossinger, Kim Smith (President), Liz Jarashow, Martin Price, Pamela Mower (Secretary), Philippe Montalette (Vice President) and Stephen Persinger (Treasurer). Please welcome the new board! A special recognition - this is the 2nd time in Utah history since we've had a woman as our UAD President - Kim Smith! The first female President was in 1909 and her name was Elizabeth Delong!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as UAD President for the last 4 years. I'm now happy to pass that on to Kim Smith and see what we will do in the next two years! Please consider becoming an UAD Member at just \$10 a year by signing up online [here](#).

Thank you,
Stephen Persinger
Former President of UAD

2019 UAD Conference

Pamela Mower

As you may know, our UAD Conference was on September 7, 2019 and it was successful! From comments made, all attendees indicated that they enjoyed the conference!

Our **conference keynote speaker** was **Jeff Pollock**. He gave an inspiring presentation regarding "*Unity in Utah: United We Thrive*" and challenged us to look at how we continue to be united as a Deaf Community in Utah.

We'd like to thank all of our workshop speakers who did a great job!

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

- Alvaro Garcia and Jimmy Linares (Deafies in Drag) "Fabulous Deaf Queer Life"
- Brooke Grossinger and Jennifer Pfau "Leadership Starts Within Us"
- Chip Royce "Advancing Communication Equity"
- Cody Simonsen "What Do Interpreters and Deaf Really Want?"
- Dale Boam "Federal Laws and How to Use Them"
- Dawn Duran "Navigating the Legal System While Utilizing Interpreters"
- Jared Allebest "Legal Stuff That Every Deaf Person Should Know"
- Jodi Becker Kinner "Accolades of the Early Utah Deaf Women's History"
- Lance and JanaLee Pickett "Smart Finance At Any Income"
- Sandy Scott and Vicky Floyd "Ways to Improve Our Sense of Unity/Community"
- Stephanie Mathis "Becoming a Trauma Informed Community"

♣We also want to thank the following for sponsoring us-

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We also had the privilege of seeing 4 awards being presented!

President's Award was presented to **Ron Nelson** to recognize his involvement with the Deaf community and many ways he showed support of Utah Association of the Deaf and our community.

Golden Hand Awards were presented to the following individuals for their advocacy of our deaf community and being great examples:

- **Joel Coleman**
- **Matt Willahan**
- **Michelle Tanner**
- **Pamela Mower**



Last but not the least; I want to thank our UAD Board for their hard work in preparing for this conference. Thank you!

- Adam Janisieski
- Ashli-Marie Grant
- Brandon Bowden
- Erin Watkins
- Greg Jones
- MaryBeth Baierl
- Philippe Montalette
- Stephen Persinger

Thank you all for attending our UAD Conference and we hope to see more of you at our next conference!



USD Update

Michelle Tanner

This school year promises to be full of many great activities. We recently hosted our College and Career Readiness Day. Many individuals came out to support this event from colleges and businesses. We are incredibly grateful for their support of our students. A special shout out to Emily Tanner for coordinating the logistics to make this successful. At USD, we know that the goal is to start our students out on the right track for adult life.

We are partnering with the National Technical Institute for the Deaf to provide two STEM days for our students. On October 2nd the NTID will host a STEM day for the middle school students. The following day on October 3rd, the NTID will teach the high school students STEM activities. These events are valuable to promote science, technology, math, and exploration of the world.

Two weeks later, on October 16th - 18th, USD is hosting DeafTown for all middle school and high students. This activity will focus on employment, advocacy, and independent living skills. Two other schools of the deaf will be joining us. They are the Rocky Mountain School of the Deaf and the Colorado School for the Deaf. This is the first time for this activity in Utah, and we hope to have the support and participation of the Deaf Community. If DeafTown is successful, we hope to expand this in future years.

In November USD is hosting the American Sign Language Round Table (ASLRT). This meeting includes ASL Specialists from all over the country that teach deaf and hard of hearing students at schools for the deaf. This is a fantastic opportunity for ASL Specialists to collaborate and get specific training on how to better teach ASL to our students. We hope to end the event by having attendees spend time at the Bazaar on Saturday.

In December we will be focusing on the opening of the new school in Springville. The building should be completed by December 23rd. During the Winter Break, we will move from the Orem portable to the new facility. We intend to start school on January 6th. Stay tuned for Open House dates. This is an exciting expansion of our program in this area.

At the end of January, USD will be hosting the Western States Basketball Classic. This annual tournament is the culmination of the basketball season and a highlight for our students. Again, we will need the support of the Deaf Community to ensure the success of this tournament.

This is also the year that USDB has to complete its accreditation. This process and observations will happen in February. There is a great deal of preparation work before this visit by the AdvancEd team. We will seek feedback from stakeholders, including the Deaf Community, as we progress through this accreditation process.

Finally, in March our juniors and seniors will be flying to India to study aboard for 12 days. This is a tremendous learning opportunity for our students that provides a learning experience that can be gained in no other way. We are grateful for the USDB enrichment funds that allow events like this to happen.

There are lots to do this school year, so hang on! We will be sincerely grateful for any support Deaf Community members can offer us.

JMS Update

Aimee Breinholt

We have had a wonderful start to the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you all who came to support our 20 year anniversary. We were thrilled to have our founders, MinnieMae Wilding-Diaz and Jeff Allen attend. Joe Ziedner, a key leader in the early years of JMS also attended. We recognize the dedicated hours and vision these leaders had. JMS would not be here without their dedication. It has been a wonderful 20 years full of learning and growth. Happy birthday JMS!

This past week, we celebrated Deaf Awareness week. Our students worked hard to share their experience and knowledge with the hearing community. Our high school students presented to classes at Skyline High School and Olympus High School. Middle school students created a video that has been shared with Evergreen Jr. High students. Our 6th grade class presented to Millcreek City staff at city hall. The same evening, our girl scouts troop posted the colors and lead the pledge of allegiance at the city hall meeting. Millcreek City council recognized JMS through a shared proclamation. We were honored to participate with Millcreek City. This is not all. Our kindergarten/1st grade students made a trip to Rose Creek Elementary to present to their 1st grade classes. Our 2nd & 3rd grade classes presented to our staff at USD. Our preschool classes created a video that was shared on Facebook. If you haven't had a chance to see that please visit our Facebook page. We are proud to share our knowledge and celebrate our cultural heritage!

On September 26th our secondary students had the opportunity to participate in a college and career day. They were able to meet with several deaf professionals as well as talk with representatives from various universities and colleges. This is a great introduction for students and they look forward to what the future holds for them.

Student activities are in full swing. We have our after-school activities running on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This month our reading clinic will start. Tutors have been training with staff from the U of U reading clinic. High school students have been participating in screening tests for the Academic Bowl run by Gallaudet University. We have made it into regionals. An excited team will head to Hawaii later this year to compete. The Shakespeare team is wrapping up their final rehearsals and are headed to Cedar City to compete October 4th and 5th. Break a leg, drama team! Our girls volleyball team is wrapping up their season. We have 2 final home games on October 4th and 9th. Please come cheer our girls on!

We have some exciting events coming up. NTID is hosting a STEM day for middle school and high school students in the first week of October. USD is hosting DeafTown where students will have the opportunity to learn about interests and job skills as they "run" a town.

Once again, I would like to thank our community for the support you give to the school and most importantly the students. It truly takes a village to educate a child. We are grateful for the unity we feel from you.

Flash News:

The UAD board has agreed that we will publish UAD Bulletin 3 times a year of instead 4 times a year. It will be January, May, and October every year.

Etcetera

The UAD Bulletin is available online to everyone. For more information, you may contact the editor, Philippe Montalette, at 801-331-5533 or events@uad.org.

We are working to update the Facebook page for Utah Association of the Deaf. To see what is coming up, check the flyers within the UAD Bulletin.

Join us in Facebook, type in search "Utah Association of the Deaf".

Want to learn a little about Utah Deaf history? There is a website, <http://www.utahdeafhistory.com/>, titled Utah Deaf Historical Digital Library, where you can read various articles – Utah Association of the Deaf, National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Gallaudet University (Utah connection), Deaf Latter-Day Saints, and more. Jodi Kinner spent several years of spare time to develop these articles and is commended for her devotion to the project. If you would like to contribute information or pictures that are missing from any of these articles, please contact Jodi at JodiBKinner@gmail.com.