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Spence Eccles, center, surrounded by family and U leaders at the ribbon cutting of the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House. L to R: Former U President David Pershing; U President Ruth Watkins; Alumni Board President Joe Sargetakis; Alumni House Transformation Chair Michele Mattsson; Eccles children Katie, Spencer, Lisa and Hope with families; Alumni Assn. Executive Director John Ashton; and The MUSS President Michael Holzrichter.

## U Celebrates Opening of Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House

**I**n the words of University of Utah President Ruth V. Watkins, less than three weeks after officially taking office: “What a fantastic way to start a presidency!”

Thanks to a \$4 million lead gift from the Spencer F. and Cleone P. Eccles Family and the added generosity of many alumni and friends, President Watkins joined with alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff on April 18, to dedicate the U’s spectacular new gathering place in the heart of campus—the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House.

“Named for someone so dear to our hearts,” said President Watkins, “I know this ‘house’ will be far more a ‘home’ for the thousands of us who count the University of Utah as a treasured part of our lives.”

The 17,000-square-foot expansion nearly doubles the size of the headquarters for the Alumni Association and its multiple boards, now serving 270,000 alumni worldwide through outreach, service, scholarship, and education programs. Throughout the building’s interior, the design and furnishings reflect the essence of its namesake’s gracious hospitality, warmth, and elegance.

“Cleone’s love for the U and interest in the success of its students were boundless,” said Spencer F. Eccles. “Beginning with our student days when Cleone and I first met, our family’s affection for our alma mater has never wavered ... and the Alumni Association has been at the heart of our involvement over these many years.”

The building’s new exterior features exquisite native Utah stone, and its spacious floor-to-ceiling windows, patios, and step-out balconies offer spectacular views, including of the iconic Block U. Expanded conference and reception areas offer more opportunities for meetings and special events, and a “garden level” is home for The MUSS and student boards. The beautiful, second-level ballroom, offering dining for up to 400 guests, promises to be a popular new venue for campus or private events such as weddings, graduation celebrations, and reunions.

“During Mom’s years of service on the Alumni Board, we experienced first-hand her great enthusiasm for all things ‘Utah’ and the treasured friendships she made with fellow board members and the entire U community,” said daughter Katie Eccles Burnett, speaking on behalf of her sisters, Hope and Lisa, and brother Spencer P. Eccles. A former Young Alumni Board President herself, Katie added, “Mom’s work on behalf of the U’s students and alumni meant so much to her! Our family is so pleased that this lovely building honors her and her extraordinary example and commitment to the U.”

Additional major donors to the project include O.C. Tanner Charitable Trust, George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, Kem and Carolyn Gardner, University Federal Credit Union, Jeff and Helen Cardon, Dr. Ezekiel R. and Edna Wattis Dumke Foundation, Kay and Zeke Dumke, Jr., Ronald E. Henriksen, Sorenson Legacy Foundation, U Alumni Association, and The MUSS.

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## Eccles Alumni House *Continued*

A beautiful glass donor wall, visible from both the interior and exterior of the building, pays tribute to all those contributing \$1,000 or more. With campaign efforts continuing through the end of 2018, space has been saved to add even more contributors as the Alumni Association nears its \$11.4 million fundraising goal.



*The Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House pays tribute to its namesake's devotion to the University of Utah and her fellow alumni. As a U student, Cleone developed enduring friendships and met her lifelong love—Spence—with whom she shared a deep loyalty and dedication to the U for more than 50 years. She was actively involved on campus, dedicating countless hours as vice president of the Alumni Association Board and serving as a valued member of the U's Board of Trustees—always “putting the students first” in every thoughtful decision she made.*

*Cleone, who lost her battle with cancer in 2013, enriched the U through her commitment to education, gracious hospitality, and genuine warmth and elegance. Her legacy will now live on in the new Alumni House bearing her name ... a welcoming place to gather in the heart of her beloved alma mater.*

## Intermountain Healthcare Gifts \$15 Million for New U Medical School

**T**he University of Utah has received a 15 million-dollar gift from Intermountain Healthcare to fund a new planned medical education building, replacing the venerable 52-year-old U School of Medicine building.

Intermountain Healthcare's senior management team and board bestowed the gift as an expression of gratitude for the U's commitment to providing high-quality medical education in the state of Utah and surrounding region and for educating the majority of physicians who practice here.

“Intermountain Healthcare is committed to advancing medical education in our state, working with the University of Utah,” says Marc Harrison, Intermountain president and CEO. “It's an important part of our charitable mission to support the education of physicians and other medical professionals, and the university plays such a critical role in that work and does it exceptionally well. We greatly value the cooperative and collegial relationship our two institutions have had through the years, in which we strive together to improve medicine and health care for the people of Utah.”

“The decision to support the new education building reflects the collaborative relationship and genuine friendship that exists between our respective institutions,” says former U President David W. Pershing. “This gift will have a lasting impact for decades to come, as we strive to provide the very best in medical education for our students.”

“This transformative gift reflects our shared commitment to the health of people in our state and in the region,” says A. Lorris Betz, interim executive dean of the U's School of Medicine, senior vice president for health sciences, and CEO of University of Utah Health. “Together our institutions work to train some of the best and brightest students in the country. We are incredibly grateful to Intermountain Healthcare for sharing a mutual vision to transform medical education with this gift.”



Marc Harrison, President and CEO, Intermountain Healthcare and Lorris Betz, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and CEO, University of Utah Health admire a painting by Dave Meikle, in honor of Intermountain Healthcare's support for the Medical Education and Discovery Building.

The 52-year-old School of Medicine building is outdated, seismically unsound, and must be razed in the coming years. To train the physicians of the future, the new education complex will be a home for medical students and include programming designed to catalyze health care innovation and education.

The new Medical Education and Discovery (MED) building is part of a larger health sciences campus transformation and is one of the most ambitious building projects to ever take place at the university. The project includes an ambulatory care complex, the Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital, and the Medical Education and Discovery building. Construction on MED is expected to begin in 2019, and is scheduled to be completed in 2022.

# Gary and Ann Crocker Science Center

## Opening the doors to a new generation of scientists



Photo by Trevor Muhler

Friends and colleagues gather with the Crockers to celebrate the opening of the Crocker Science Center. L to R: Henry S. White, U President Ruth V. Watkins, David Pershing, Pierre Sokolsky, Spence Eccles, Dinesh Patel, Gary Crocker, Ann Crocker, Gov. Gary R. Herbert, Mary Jane O'Connor-Ririe, and Kirk Ririe

**W**ith much fanfare, University of Utah President Ruth V. Watkins, former U President David W. Pershing, and College of Science Dean Henry S. White hosted on April 20 the long-awaited ribbon-cutting celebration to mark the dedication of the spectacular new Gary and Ann Crocker Science Center. Located within the George Thomas Building on Presidents Circle, the repurposed and expanded space is the new campus home to the College of Science's research, education, and commerce projects and the fortunate students and faculty who bring it all to life.

- The research component draws on faculty and students from all four departments in the college—biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics & astronomy—to study the basic machinery of living cells.
- The education element provides undergraduate students with abundant laboratory opportunities and regular interaction with faculty.
- A commercial “incubator” brings together scientists in the college with people in local industries to develop ideas with commercial potential.

“This modern science hub is ready to serve new generations at the University of Utah,” says White. “The building has been completely renovated to become a world-class science education and research center.”

Lead donors of the renovation project are Gary and Ann Crocker. “Ann and I are confident that this science center will be an engine of creativity that will bless and enrich the lives of

Utahns for generations to come,” says Gary, president of Crocker Ventures and chairman of Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, a research firm specializing in developing drugs for the treatment of cancer.

The project also received \$34 million from the State of Utah, as well as generous donations from additional benefactors, including The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, Kirk Ririe and Mary Jane O'Connor-Ririe, Harris Simmons and Amanda Pahnke Simmons, the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, the Lawrence T. & Janet T. Dee Foundation, The Semnani Family Foundation, Dinesh and Kalpana Patel, Grandeur Peak Global Advisors, and numerous other friends of the College of Science.

Built in 1935 as the university's library, the building was named for George Thomas, eighth president of the University of Utah, who served from 1921 to 1941. It later housed the Utah Museum of Natural History and then Tanner Dance. Science students began taking classes in the space in January.

“We extend our sincere appreciation to Gary and Ann for their visionary leadership for this project—and to the many generous donors who have made this inspired transformation possible,” says President Watkins. “The benefit to our entire campus community—and especially to our science students and the faculty who will learn, teach, and do research here— will extend generations into the future.”

### WHAT GOES ON INSIDE?

**The Henry Eyring Center for Cell and Genome Science** is where researchers develop strategies to visualize, probe, and manipulate the microscopic workings of cells to understand how genetic information is translated.

**The Center for Science and Mathematics Education** involves students from all backgrounds to succeed in science disciplines by improving the quality of K-12 instruction in Utah, increasing access to high quality math and science experiences, and improving the academic success and career readiness of undergraduate students in these disciplines.

A new \$5.9 million, **cryo-transmission electron microscope (cryo-TEM)**, made possible in part by a \$2.5 million grant from the Beckman Foundation, lets student and faculty researchers image three-dimensional structures of biomolecules with atomic resolution, providing insights into their biological functions in humans.

**Specialized devices, precision instruments, and controlled spaces**— or “core facilities”— serve the diverse needs of research faculty across campus and provide tools for scientists in physical science, life science, medicine, and engineering.

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## President Ruth Watkins



University of Utah President Ruth Watkins

The University of Utah is delighted to welcome Ruth Watkins as the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the University of Utah. President Watkins has served as senior vice president for academic affairs at the U since she arrived on campus in August 2013 after 20 years in faculty and leadership roles at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She officially began her tenure as president on April 2, and will be inaugurated on September 21.

Watkins received a bachelor of arts in speech-language pathology from the University of Northern Iowa, and her master's degree and doctorate in child language from the University of Kansas.

Watkins is the first woman to serve as president of the university in its 168-year history. Jerilyn S. McIntyre served as interim president of the U twice, for two months in 1991 and all of 1997.

Watch for an in-depth profile of President Watkins in the summer issue of *Continuum*, due out in June.

## In Memoriam

The University of Utah is mourning the recent loss of three exceptional friends of our campus community—**Ian Cumming, Ezekiel “Zeke” Dumke, and Jon Huntsman.**

**Ian Cumming**, who died on February 2, was former chair of the board and CEO of Leucadia National Corp. He generously shared his time, business acumen, wisdom, and financial resources with the university and leaves a tremendous legacy across our campus and to the people of Utah. Ian didn't relish the spotlight, but enjoyed knowing he was making a difference. To celebrate his wife Annette's 60th birthday, he gave her the gift of a legacy to the next generation of nurses and to the community—when he announced a \$5 million gift to the College of Nursing, Annette's alma mater, for the renovation of the building that now bears her name. His donations to the David Eccles School of Business were transformational and included the lead gift for the C. Roland Christensen Center building, named for his favorite professor at Harvard, where he earned his MBA. Ian also gave generous support to research initiatives at the John A. Moran Eye Center, where he served on the advisory board. His remarkable generosity will be greatly missed and we are genuinely grateful for the significant legacy he leaves on our campus.

**Ezekiel ‘Zeke’ Dumke, Jr.**, who shared a passionate commitment to the university with his wife, Kay, died on April 14. As an enthusiastic promoter of Utah tourism, Zeke founded Bullfrog Resort on Lake Powell. He was one of the founders and president of Western States Management and helped to establish the University of Utah Hospital Foundation, the Salt Lake Rotary Foundation, Dumke Insurance Agency, Western States Thrift, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Utah, and several mining companies. With his wife, he co-founded the Katherine W. and Ezekiel R. Dumke, Jr. Foundation in 1988 and gave generously to support dozens of university programs, including Red Butte Garden, our gymnastics team, University of Utah Health, and our campus art and cultural programs. Kindness, curiosity, and a deep respect for education and philanthropy were core values that guided Dumke's life. He welcomed new ideas and loved asking questions, and he pushed those he worked with to expand their thinking in order to address the problems of today as well as of the future. His enthusiasm and energy were unmatched, and he leaves the university better for it.

**Jon M. Huntsman, Sr.**, a passionate supporter of the U, died on February 2. His vision and generosity will benefit cancer patients, their families, and people throughout Utah and the nation for generations to come. At the U, he and his wife Karen supported the basketball programs, student scholarships, and most recently, the creation of 26 presidential chairs—including 12 established last fall for our medical school—to support the work of talented faculty members. But curing cancer, the disease that so cruelly affected Jon's own family, was his ultimate goal, and he saw his entrepreneurial success as a means of facilitating this fight. He established the Huntsman Cancer Institute in 1993 and lived to see the opening of its fourth phase last year—the Primary Children's and Families' Cancer Research Center. Jon's fight to defeat cancer goes on and the university is fortunate to be a partner with the Huntsman family in continuing this noble endeavor. The University of Utah remains committed to Jon's goal of eradicating cancer and to the success of the remarkable institute that bears his name. It is his legacy and one that will benefit generations to come.

# Cross Pollinating the Arts and Humanities

## With a unique grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation



This image of merged elements from the Utah Museum of Fine Arts (Albert Bierstadt, *The Sentinel*, late 19th century) and the J. Willard Marriott Library (Rogers, H. D. *Territory of Utah*, 1857, Special Collections) suggests the potential of joint research and engagement initiatives between the museum and the library, made possible by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant.

*A graduate student is investigating representations of Native American culture and its transformation over time. Using the joint UMFA-Marriott Library catalog search, she is able to access Euro-American representations of American Indians in oil and in bronze, nineteenth-century ethnographic plate books with prints by George Catlin and Karl Bodmer, and photographic albums with images by Edward Curtis and William Soule. In addition to the iconographical evidence, she successfully accesses maps and other archival material and later, oral histories to provide an additional documentary dimension to her research.*

**T**he conceptual scenario above describes an example of the types of projects that could benefit from a unique, \$500,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York City. The J. Willard Marriott Library and the Utah Museum of Fine Arts have been awarded the grant that will provide partial funding for a four-year, innovative collaboration that will transform how the library and museum work together. The joint research and engagement initiative, called “Landscape, Land Art, and the American West” will establish the U as a global resource hub for artists and scholars studying the West and create ongoing access to the remarkable collections, resources, and knowledge available at both institutions.

As leaders in the region for scholarly research, exhibition design, and collections care, the library and museum curate extensive—but separate—holdings related to environmental and cultural histories of the Intermountain West. This project will increase the visibility and value of these overlapping collections by developing shared technology to promote the discovery and use of both collections, thereby enhancing faculty and student research.

This one-time grant—the largest Mellon Foundation grant the U has received and the only Mellon grant awarded to the U in the arts and humanities—is intended to support structural change to sustain the UMFA and Marriott Library collaborations well beyond the grant period, which runs from January 1, 2018 through 2021. The grant will be matched by \$200,000 from the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and additional support from across campus, including from the colleges of Fine Arts, Health, Humanities, and Mines and Earth Sciences.

### Two additional conceptual scenarios describe the kinds of projects that could be supported by the new grant.

An undergraduate taking a women’s studies course is interested in writing a term paper about the everyday life of early twentieth-century women. She begins by looking at documents from the Marriott Library’s Aileen H. Clyde 20<sup>th</sup> Century Women’s Legacy Archive, examining personal journals, correspondence, and household ledgers. Feeling that her understanding of the period is limited, she takes her research to the Utah Museum of Fine Arts to explore artwork by and depicting women during the period.



A researcher is exploring Land art and the ways in which naturally-occurring and anthropogenic changes in the landscape have altered the appearance of chosen sites. He turns to the UMFA to examine drawings and plans by artists as they developed their projects. Interested in pursuing historical evidence about the boundaries of the Great Salt Lake, the researcher visits the library, where he draws upon antiquarian material (such as dispatches from early expeditions visiting the Salt Lake Valley in the 1840s) to place the alterations of these features into a wider historical continuum.

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## National Advisory Council Welcomes Four New Members

The University of Utah's National Advisory Council is comprised of a distinguished volunteer corps of prominent alumni and friends. Established in 1968, the council serves the university through its advice and involvement in areas ranging from alumni programs and fundraising to legislative relations and student affairs. Four new members began their terms in April.



**Cathy Angstman** is senior vice president and financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the U in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in finance and management and received an MBA in 1980. As a student, Cathy served two internships with the Hinckley Institute of Politics, was a member of the Beehive Honor Society, served with ASUU, and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She is a former member of the Young Alumni Board, the College of Business Alumni Board, Red Butte Garden's board of advisors, and is a longtime member of the Crimson Club. Cathy has served as chair of United Way's Women United for the past three years and currently serves on its board of directors.

**Jack Buttars** is president and CEO of University Federal Credit Union, which currently provides financial services to more than 93,000 members. He received his bachelor's degree from the U in 1996 and an MBA from Westminster College in 1999. Jack is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Association of Credit Union Internal Auditors. At the U he has served on the boards of the Alumni Association and Pioneer Theater Company, and in 2010 chaired the homecoming committee. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors for Undergraduate Advancement and most recently was appointed co-chair of the Union Visioning Task Force. Locally, Jack is involved with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, and the "Warm the Soles for Kids" program, which provides shoes to needy children in the Salt Lake area.



**Molonai Holo** is president and CEO of Pure Energy Capital, a venture capital and hospitality development firm in Salt Lake City. He was born in Futu'mu, Tonga, where he lived with five siblings until 1970, when the family moved to Utah. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from the U in 1991, where he served as student body president and received a football scholarship. He graduated in 1993 from Arizona State University with an MBA, and in 1995 received a master's degree in international management from Thunderbird International Business School. He graduated from Harvard Business School OPM (Owner/President Management) Program in 2002 and in 2006, in partnership with the Hinckley Institute of Politics, created 20 scholarships and 15 internships for Pacific Islander students in honor of his father, Daniel Holo.

**Janice Ugaki** is president and co-founder of Firmseek, a marketing and technology company based in Washington, D.C. Janice also lectured at Harvard Law School, designed and taught courses at Harvard College, and worked in the corporate departments of law firms in Tokyo, New York, San Francisco, Boston, and Salt Lake City. She received her juris doctorate from Harvard Law School and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. She graduated *summa cum laude* from the U with honors bachelor's degrees in finance and political science, and a minor in Japanese. Janice co-chairs the U's Honors College National Advisory Board. She has served on the College of Science Advisory Board, and as an adjunct professor in the Honors College, and was a member of the U's Presidential Search Committee.



# Nature All Around Us—A Wild Idea

## Natural History Museum of Utah meets Alternative Visions Fund challenge grant.



Illustration by Emily Szalay.

Last fall, the Natural History Museum of Utah announced a wild idea—an ambitious initiative called Nature All Around Us to encourage Utah residents to explore and record the nature in their own neighborhoods. As part of the project, the museum will develop an in-house special exhibition and a variety of citizen science programs across the state to help spark curiosity for the natural world and to commemorate the museum’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in fall 2019.

The project caught the attention of the Chicago-based Alternative Visions Fund, which issued a challenge grant to match gifts made in support of the initiative, dollar for dollar, up to \$500,000. With the tremendous support of more than 300 museum friends from throughout Utah and the country, the museum fulfilled the challenge grant bringing the total raised—including the Alternative Visions Fund’s match—to just over \$1,000,000.

The Alternative Visions Fund donors are “delighted that the match challenge was met and hope that because of the challenge more people, especially families, will attend the Natural History Museum of Utah’s exhibits and events and be aware of this magnificent educational resource in Salt Lake City.”

According to Sarah George, executive director of the museum, the Alternative Visions Fund helped the museum to aim high. “We were able to build tremendous momentum and drive great awareness for Nature All Around Us. We were also thrilled that a number of supporters made first-time contributions to the museum as a result of this ambitious challenge grant.”

One of those first-time contributions came from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion Energy.

“We’re very pleased to support this project and partner with so many other wonderful donors to help Utah residents discover the amazing biodiversity in the cities and towns throughout our state,” says Debra Hoyt, senior philanthropy coordinator with Dominion Energy Services.

In addition to first-time gifts, Nature All Around Us garnered tremendous support from other longtime museum champions, including the Dick and Timmy Burton Foundation, the Janet Quinney Lawson Foundation, My Good Fund, and, in memory of Margo, the family of Fred and Margo Silvester, among many others.

With this remarkable initial support, museum staff are working on concepts to fully develop the Nature All Around Us project that will include:

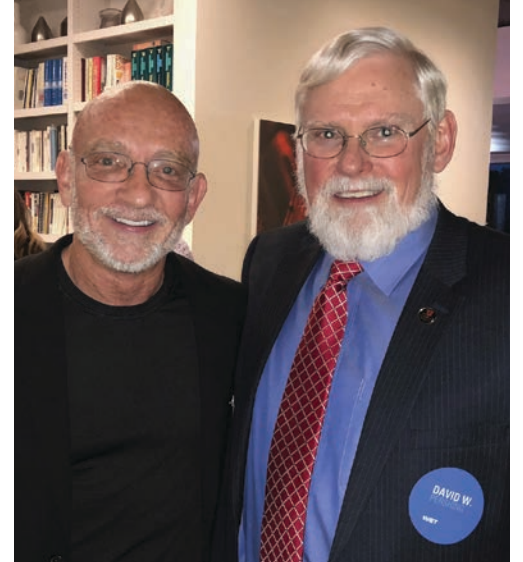
- *Creating a lively interactive special exhibition to highlight the dynamic and diverse ecosystems in Utah’s cities and towns.*
- *Inviting Utah residents to discover and record the wild plants and animals living in their communities through the museum’s successful Neighborhood Naturalists citizen science program.*
- *Debuting a citizen science workshop that will teach K-12 educators how to showcase the biodiversity of school yards, backyards, and neighborhoods.*
- *Calling for photographers—professional and amateur—to submit their best photos of nature in their city or town.*



# U Alum Mark Fuller Hosts Event at WET

Approximately 100 U alums, parents of alums, and admitted students who are considering attending the U, gathered in Burbank, north of Los Angeles, on March 6, when U alum Mark Fuller HBS'76, founder and CEO of WET, also known as WET Design, hosted the group for a tour of his award-winning workshop. The tour included a demonstration of his dancing water fountains, fire and ice effects, and water jets shooting hundreds of feet into the air.

The tour was followed by a reception with Fuller. Among those attending were new U President Ruth Watkins, former U President David Pershing, Darryl Butt, dean of the College of Mines and Earth Sciences, and Rich Brown, dean of the College of Engineering. "It's so cool to see alumni like Mark who value the education and experiences from their time at the U and are willing to share their success and give back to the university," says Kevin Stoker, regional and chapter program manager for the Alumni Association. WET has created some of the world's most famous water features—including The Fountains of Bellagio in Las Vegas, the Dubai Fountain in the United Arab Emirates, and the 2002 Olympic Legacy Fountain in downtown Salt Lake City. "This event in particular helped us to connect not only with alumni but with potential students too," says Stoker.



WET founder Mark Fuller and former U president Dave Pershing tour Fuller's WET workshop with U alumni and friends, in Burbank.



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