



THE UTAH COALITION FOR CIVIC, CHARACTER AND SERVICE LEARNING: PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT TO UTAH'S SCHOOLS K-16 IN ACCOMPLISHING THEIR BASIC CIVIC MISSION

Calendar of Events:

May 22, 2007

Press Conference to Announce
Collaboration Between the Utah
Coalition for Civic, Character and
Service Learning and the Utah
Commission for Civic and
Character Education; Utah State
Capitol Complex, East Building,
Olmstead Room

June 25-27, 2007

"The Branches of Civic Engagement:
A Civics Workshop for Teachers and
Pre-Service Teachers," Utah Law and
Justice Center, Utah State Capitol
Complex, State and Federal Courts
(Co-sponsored by the Utah State
Office of Education) Register at
[www.solutionwhere.com/provo/cw/
showcourse.asp?535](http://www.solutionwhere.com/provo/cw/showcourse.asp?535)

October 30, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Dialogue on Democracy:
Featuring Lee Hamilton; Rice Eccles
Stadium, University of Utah

Coming in 2008:

State Conference on Civic,
Character and Service Learning,
and "Smart and Good Schools:
Excellence, Ethics and Engagement,"
in collaboration with Granite and
Salt Lake City School Districts



Christine M. Durham
Chief Justice
Utah Supreme Court

Dear Community Members,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to the Utah Coalition for Civic, Character and Service Learning, which is a network of organizations, universities, state and federal agencies committed to helping Utah schools K-16 in accomplishing their basic civic mission. The Coalition serves as a clearinghouse for information and resources on civic education, character education and service learning, and is also a provider of high quality staff development activities and events. This statewide initiative is leading the charge in a new call to action in educating for civic understanding, engagement, character and service.

Years ago, when you reached a new community or city, you knew that you had reached it not because of a sign welcoming you or because of a visitor's bureau, but instead because each new community was marked by its primary institution—the schoolhouse. The Utah Coalition for Civic, Character and Service Learning believes the schoolhouse remains a fundamental community marker, and our one institution charged with passing on our democratic vision as a nation. The Coalition brings together our network of partners to provide the best parts of our talents, our professions, and our organizations to the classroom for students to learn from and be inspired by.

The ideals of American government are honed in legislative chambers with debate, and in courtrooms with persuasive argument, but the ideals of America are perhaps most enlivened and awakened in our classrooms, in our parks, and around our dinner tables. We believe in the strength and character of this country, its principles and ideals, so we ask you to consider joining with us both in spirit and in action to ensure that Utah maintains a civically-engaged, dialogue-based community, that educates for both academics and citizenship.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for this important undertaking.

***"Only a life lived
for others is a life
worthwhile."***

– Albert Einstein





What The Utah Coalition for Civic, Character and Service Learning Is:

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- ▶ Network of Organizations, Agencies, and Universities Committed To Helping Schools K-16 Accomplish Their Basic Civic Mission
- ▶ Clearinghouse of Information and Resources on Civic Education, Character Education and Service Learning
- ▶ Provider of High Quality Staff Development Events and Activities
- ▶ Statewide Initiative Leading the Charge in A Call to Action for Civic Engagement, Civic and Character Education and Service Learning in our Schools and Communities

Members of The Utah Coalition for Civic, Character and Service Learning

Administrative Office of the Courts | American Dream Foundation | College of Education at the University of Utah | First Amendment Center | Utah 3 Rs Project | Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah | League of Women Voters | Learning for Life | Boy Scouts of America | National Center for Community of Caring | National Energy Foundation | Office of the Lieutenant Governor | Salt Lake Center for Engaging Community | United States District Court for the District of Utah | Utah Campus Compact | Utah Court of Appeals | Utah Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge | Utah Law-Related Education Project | Utah League of Cities and Towns | Utah School Boards Association | Utah State Bar | Utah State Board of Education | Utah State Legislature | Utah's Legislators Back to School Program | Office of the State Superintendent | Utah State Office of Education | Utah Supreme Court



Where We've Come From:

- ▶ 2003 to the Present: Annual National Congressional Conferences are held in Washington, D.C. that succeed in sparking a nationwide movement to re-focus on civic engagement and civic education in the U.S.
- ▶ 2003: The Utah Coalition for Civic, Character and Service Learning is created and the Civic and Character Education in Schools Bill is passed by the Utah State Legislature and signed by the Governor
- ▶ 2005: The Utah Commission on Civic and Character Education Bill is passed by the Utah State Legislature and signed by the Governor, creating a seven-person Commission charged with providing leadership for the state's commitment to civic and character education in the public schools, institutions of higher education and the larger community.

Did You Know? *This initiative enjoys support from the highest levels of leadership across all three branches of state government, and is a bi-partisan effort as well!*

"The Mission of the Coalition is to instill in K-16 students the desire to become engaged citizens, who, with their community partners, are endowed with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and confidence to participate fully in democratic life. The collaborative effort of the Coalition is intended to increase community awareness of this civic education work and the need for engaged citizenship."

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