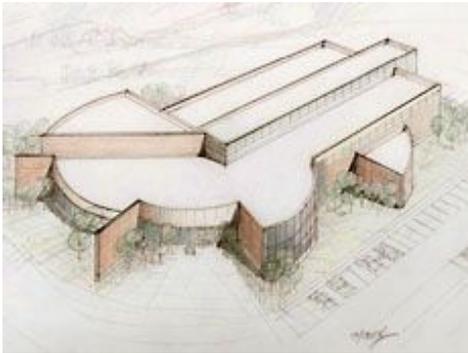


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Three Great Gifts for Utah State University



An architect's rendering of Uintah Basin Campus Center



Jon and Karen Huntsman announce \$26 million gift.



Emma Eccles Jones reads to students.

Utah State University had a record year in fundraising thanks to many generous donations from givers at all levels. USU President Stan L. Albrecht announced in March 2007 that the university would launch a comprehensive campaign with a goal of raising \$200 million to fund people, programs and places at the university. Now, nine months into the campaign, the outpouring of support has exceeded all expectations.

The campaign reached momentum in October 2007 with a \$15 million gift from Marc and Debbie Bingham for the Uintah Basin Campus, followed by a nearly \$26 million gift from Jon M. Huntsman in early December 2007 to start the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at USU. The year has topped off with a \$25 million gift from The Emma Eccles Jones Foundation that is going to support USU's College of Education and Human Services.

USU Receives \$15 Million Gift for Uintah Basin Campus Center *(October 2007)*

Utah entrepreneur and businessman Marc Bingham and his wife, Debbie, donated \$15 million to Utah State University's Uintah Basin campus to fund construction of an Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center.

The building will become a state-of-the-art, high-tech educational facility to train students in business, entrepreneurship, accounting, engineering, water management, natural resources, environmental policy and other programs.

"Mr. Bingham's contribution will have lasting effects on the educational culture and environment in the Uintah Basin," said USU President Stan L. Albrecht. "It will raise the level of education and the quality of life in the

Basin. But, most important for the community, it will support Utah State University's broader effort to help the Basin recruit its own, educate its own and return them to the local community as educated citizens, business people and leaders."

The design and programming phase of the Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center begins in fall 2007 with construction starting in early 2008 and occupancy expected in 2009.

The building will create a dynamic new research component for the Uintah Basin, Albrecht said.

Huntsmans Give Nearly \$26 Million to Utah State University (*December 2007*)

Jon M. Huntsman announced that he and his wife, Karen H. Huntsman, are giving nearly \$26 million to Utah State University.

USU President Stan L. Albrecht said \$25 million will go to the School of Business, and approximately \$1 million will be used as scholarship support for USU students from Armenia.

In recognition of the gift, the College of Business has changed its name to the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business.

Albrecht called Huntsman one of the nation's outstanding leaders and philanthropists.

"We are deeply appreciative of the Huntsman family and their dedication to higher education in Utah," Albrecht said. "The impact of this generous gift will be felt not only by the College of Business but by the entire university. The Jon M. Huntsman School of Business will help our students prepare to become tomorrow's leaders — locally, regionally, nationally and globally."

Jon Huntsman praised the university and its College of Business.

"Utah State University is a beautiful and most-unique academy for higher education in America," Huntsman said. "Our family is deeply honored to be intricately bonded with its school of business. We shall provide every possible means to continue its growth toward a world-class institution."

The Emma Eccles Jones Foundation Gives \$25 Million Gift to USU's College of Education and Human Services (*December 2007*)

Utah State University announced that The Emma Eccles Jones Foundation is making a \$25 million gift to USU's College of Education and Human Services. The gift will be used for construction of an additional education and research building and to fund a number of endowed professorships in early childhood education.

“The College of Education and Human Services is already renowned nationally, and this gift culminates a long-term relationship between the College, the Foundation, and its founder, Emma Eccles Jones,” said USU President Stan L. Albrecht.

“Jones’s legacy is one of dedication to the education of teachers and children,” said Albrecht. “This gift is a fitting tribute to her.”

“This College is among the elites in the country in both academics and in the impact of its programs on people in our state and across the nation,” said Albrecht. “This gift will allow the College to continue to excel — and continue the work that Emma loved.”

Carol Strong, dean of the College, said this significant gift reflects the strengths of the programs and the commitment of faculty in the College to making a difference in peoples’ lives.

Strong said the support of The Emma Eccles Jones Foundation has been a key factor in the national accolades the college has received. For the past nine years, the college has been ranked in the top two percent of graduate programs nationally by *U.S. News and World Report*. This past year, it ranked 26th in a field of more than 1,200 colleges of education, and was second in the nation in research funding generated by its faculty.

