Vice Provost Janis Boettinger has a long list of roles and achievements at USU. She is a professor of soil science, has served as interim vice provost of the School of Graduate Studies, is the executive director of the Office of Global Engagement, and serves on the university’s Diversity and Inclusion Task Force.

Boettinger is known for serving her community both on and off campus. She is dedicated, volunteering with a number of organizations and nonprofits, and she supports many local fundraisers. This past year, she helped raise funds and awareness to support individuals that were out of work because of COVID, playing an important role in the community COVID-19 relief effort that is this year’s recipient of our Community Award.

Within the Office of Global Engagement, she helped advocate for support and funding for international students in need during COVID, also encouraging others to donate. She champions diversity efforts on our campus that support international students, and she works to educate our campus community about the challenges international students face. To support those students further, she created an advising position that assists all international student associations.

Boettinger’s contributions to both the university and USU’s international students are immense. From providing fundamental structure, support and services to international students, to working with President Noelle Cockett to help steer the university through the pandemic, Boettinger has contributed to the well-being of the USU community – and our greater community – in a variety of ways that have high and wide impact.