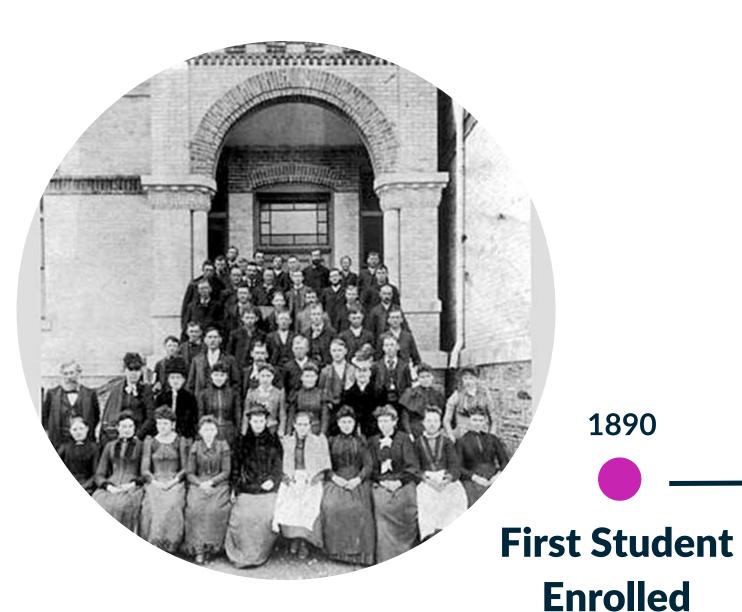
HISTORY OF WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY AT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY



When classes at the Utah

students, 106 men and 33

is registered as the first.

2012

Agricultural College began in

1890, the college enrolled 139

women. Miss Vendla Berntson

Domestic Arts Manual Training

A two-year companion course on Domestic Arts Manual Training is offered "for the benefit of those young women who do not wish to take the studies of the regular College Course, but desire to devote more time to the subjects

of special interest to women."

The Sorosis Society

The Sorosis Society, a women's club focused on literature and culture is founded; in 1934 it evolves into the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Suffrage Parade

A suffrage parade held in Washington, D.C., the day before the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson in 1913 receives national attention when spectators in the largely male crowd attack the marchers.

First Woman's **Advisor**

The first "Woman's Advisor," Hazel Love Dunford, is hired in what is dubbed an "innovative move" by UAC administration.

Utah Votes to Ratify 19th **Amendment**

The Utah State Legislature votes to ratify the 19th Amendment, which would became law on August 26, 1920. However, full electoral equality was still decades away for many women of color.

1919

First African-American Woman Graduate

UAC Alum Mignon Barker Richmond is the first African-American woman to graduate from a Utah college. She goes on to a successful career as a professor of textiles and clothing at the University of Utah and dedicates time to community and civic involvements, including serving as Vice President, and later, President, of the Salt Lake Chapter of the NAACP; membership on the boards of the Utah Community Service Council; and on the



Peggy Menlove Researches **Women's Center**

Peggy Menlove (Walker), student activist, organizes teams to count the usage of the TSC third-floor women's restroom to gather data that the space was underused and could be revamped into a Women's Center.

First Women's **USU Affirmative Studies Course**

Action Plan

Inaugurated

1974

Betty Ford

Dedicates

Women's Center

for Lifelong

learning

The first Women's Studies course is taught, without pay, by a team of faculty members, including Alison Thorne, on the topic "Evolution of the Female Personality."

2014

Same-sex

Marriage

Legalized

2018

Drag Show

1972

Women Earn \$0.58 on the Dollar

At this time only three rank of professor, in contrast to 147 men.

1971

women hold the academic

Larzette Hale Appointed Head of the School of **Accountancy**

Larzette G. Hale appointed as head of the School of Accountancy, a position she holds until 1990. She is, at the time, the only African American woman to hold both a Ph.D. and CPA.

Rally for ERA

1971

Women on campus rally for ERA with Bella Abzug as the speaker.

First Woman Natural Resources

Graduate

1958

The first woman to graduate from the College of Natural Resources, Carolyn deRoos, receives a degree in game management in fisheries and wildlife.

Women Career Conference Organized

1949

Dean of Women Ione Bennion, organizes a conference to help women students with career possibilities and to network with women's groups throughout the state.

May Swenson **Graduates**

1934

English student May Swenson graduates. She would go on to become known as one of America's best contemporary poets offering a new perspective on the human condition, death, sexuality, and the art of poetry.

Sterilization Law Passed

Utah State Legislature passes a sterilization law, providing for the possible sterilization of state inmates afflicted with "habitual sexual criminal tendencies."

1983

Science and Engineering Women in Science and Engineering (later Society of Women

Engineers), a student

club, is formed.

1976

Women in

Poet Maya Angelou presents at Convocations

2012

First Woman Dean

of Engineering

Christine Hailey named the

first woman Dean of

Engineering.

Angelou is an American poet, singer, memorist, and civil rights activist, whose career will span more than 50 years.

Women and **Gender Research Institute Forms**

1984

The Women and Gender Research Institute forms to encourage research on all subjects by women and on gender-related topics.

Gay and Lesbian **Community Council of Utah Founded**

1986

The GLCCU is established to foster communication between the queer community and law enforcement in Utah, with programs and activities geared around outreach, anti-violence and AIDS awareness.

First Woman Student Body President

Michelle Henrie elected Student Body President, the first woman in the institution's history.

First Clothesline **Project Held at USU**

As part of the observances of National Domestic Violence Month, the Women's Center at Utah State University participated in the national Clothesline Project.

H.B. 366 ("Recognition of Marriages")

1998

The State Legislature passes a bill that prohibits state recognition of same-sex marriages that were performed in other states and nations. It is the first such law in the United States.

First National **Coming Out Day** celebration at USU

1998

First Gay Pride Day held at USU held a year later.

Theta Nu Xi Established

The multicultural sorority, Theta Nu Xi, is established. Theta Nu Xi's goal is to provide a place for women who think alike. The sorority's values are the pillars of sisterhood, scholarship leadership, service and multiculturalism

2000

Sappho Becomes a Student **Organization**

2001

Gay and Lesbian Student Resource Center (GLSRC) Opened at USU



"Take Back the 2016 Night" Held

"Take Back the Night" organized by the USU chapter of I Am That Girl, an annual event to end sexual, relationship and domestic violence in all forms.

2014

Students Rally against Violence

Anita Sarkeesian cancelled her speech at USU after her and the staff at the Center for Women and Gender received death threats. Student rallied to show their support.

USU Residence **Life Hosts First**

The Center for Intersectional Gender It is aided by the Women and Gender Program in the Inclusion Center that focuses on student support.

2020

Center for Intersectional Gender Studies Founded

Studies is founded and offers minors and certificates as well as funding and research.

Women and Gender Issues Society

2022

Previously named Perspectives, the Women and Gender Issues society officially changes their name to better reflect their mission.

at USU

Silence" march on the USU campus quad with

over 300 in attendance to bring awareness of

Utah's anti-trans legislation.

2011

The GLBTA Center becomes a part of the new Access and Diversity Center

2011

Center for Women and Gender Founded

The Center for Women and Gender merges three gender programs under one house. Ann Austin is named founding Director.

Love Is For **Everyone (L.I.F.E.)**

2006

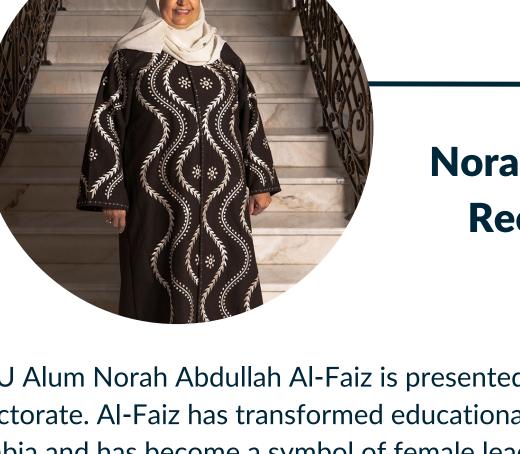
Love Is For Everyone (L.I.F.E.) a gay straight alliance/USU club was formed by Dan Allred and Matthew Hollen. This club later becomes the Queer Student Association.

Women's **Basketball Returns** to USU After a 16-**Year Absence**

2003



Gender program in the Inclusion Center continue the long history of collaboration Diversity, Equity & Inclusion **UtahState**University®



Norah Abdullah Al-Faiz First Vagina **Monologues Held Receives Honorary Doctorate**

USU Alum Norah Abdullah Al-Faiz is presented with an Honorary Doctorate. Al-Faiz has transformed educational policy and practice in Saudi Arabia and has become a symbol of female leadership in the Islamic world. She was named one of TIME Magazine's "2009 TIME 100" for being one of the most influential people in the world. Al Faiz earned a mastern's in Instructional Technology in 1982.

2022 "Break the Silence" March

Gala held at USU The Queer Student Alliance hosts a "Break the

LGBT+ and Allies and the Women and and support to serve students and promote gender equity at USU.



Women's Legislative Council.

