Raising Girls to Become Leaders

Competence, Confidence, & Courage

Utah Women’s Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
CB 101, Clark Classroom Building, Utah Valley University

Speaker

Dr. Susan R. Madsen
Founding Director,
Utah Women &
Leadership Project

Event Information

The evening will begin with a 30-minute keynote by Dr. Madsen about raising girls to become leaders. This will be based on her own research, as well as the latest research of others on this topic. She will also share resources that can enrich influencers’ efforts. Attendees will then enjoy hearing from a panel of women leaders (see following page for brief bios) who have raised daughters and worked with young women in various ways through the years on finding their voices and becoming more influential. A question and answer segment is planned at the conclusion of the panel. Women (12 years and older) and those who influence them are invited (this means men are welcome too)!

Panelists

Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Retired Utah State Representative & Public Affairs Consultant

Abby Cox
Community Volunteer & Wife of Lt. Governor Spencer Cox

Jeanette Bennett,
Owner & Editor,
Utah Valley Magazine & Community Leader

Michelle Kaufusi,
Mayor of Provo, Former School Board Member, & Football Fan

Our evening will conclude with light refreshments as attendees dialogue about what they have learned. The event will live stream (more info to come). Video recordings of the event will be available at www.uen.org and also rebroadcast on UEN-TV channel 9.1. Come listen, ask questions, and learn!

RSVP at www.utwomen.org
Speaker & Panelist Bios

Susan R. Madsen, Orin R. Woodbury Professor of Leadership and Ethics & Founding Director, Utah Women & Leadership Project, Utah Valley University

Dr. Madsen is an organizational leadership professor in the Woodbury School of Business at UVU and the Founding Director of the Utah Women & Leadership Project. Susan is a well-known global scholar and sought-after speaker, having authored or edited six books and publishing hundreds of articles, chapters, and reports. Dr. Madsen serves on many nonprofit, community, and education boards and committees. She received a bachelor’s degree from BYU, masters from Portland State, and a doctorate in human resource development from the University of Minnesota. She and her husband Greg are the proud parents of four adult children and two grandchildren.

Abby Cox, Wife of Lt. Governor Cox & Community Volunteer

Abby Palmer Cox grew up in Mount Pleasant, Utah, just five miles south of Fairview where she lives today with her husband Spencer Cox and their four children. Abby attended Utah State University and graduated with a degree in Special Education with a dual emphasis in Early Childhood and Severe Disabilities. Abby spends her time serving in her community and currently sits on the KUED Advisory Board and KUED Executive Committee.

Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Retired Utah State Representative & Public Affairs Consultant

Utah native, Rebecca Chavez-Houck holds a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication and a Master of Public Administration (MPA), both from the University of Utah. She represented Salt Lake City’s District 24 in the Utah House of Representatives from 2008-2018, focusing primarily on public policy related to health and human services as well as voter engagement and access. She served as House Minority Whip (2014-16) and House Minority Assistant Whip (2012-14).

Jeanette Bennett, Editor and Owner, Utah Valley Magazine & Community Leader

Jeanette Bennett is a magazine publisher, mother of 5, and cheerleader for young women. Jeanette used her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Communications from BYU to become an entrepreneur two decades ago. She’s the editor of Utah Valley Magazine, BusinessQ, Utah Valley Bride, and Prosper. In 2018 she was named Top Woman Entrepreneur in Media by Folio in New York City. She’s a regular presenter at the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations.

Michelle Kaufusi, Provo Mayor

Michelle Kaufusi is a lifelong Provo resident who went to Brigham Young University on an academic scholarship, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in global studies and local government. After she met her husband in college she married and became a mother of two girls and three boys. In November of 2017, she become a trailblazer when she was elected the first female mayor in Provo City’s history. Previously, Michelle served for six years as a member of the Provo School Board.

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