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Biologist Denise Dearing Awarded Governor's Medal for Science and Technology

The Governor's Medal is the state's highest civilian award, celebrating distinguished service and significant contributions to science and technology. Since 1987, this medal has recognized individuals like Dearing for their impact and achievements. [>Read full story in @ the U](#)

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Cecil Samuelson, MD

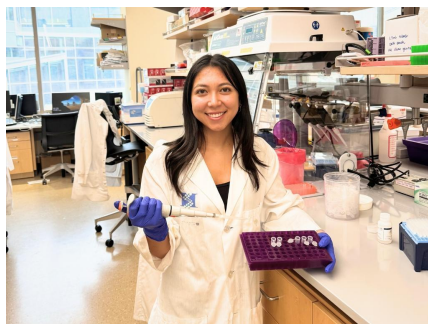
A three-time U alum with a BS in biology, Dr. Samuelson served as a rheumatologist, medical school dean, and vice president of health sciences. He later joined Intermountain Health's leadership, was called to the LDS Church's First Quorum of the Seventy, and served as president of BYU. [>More](#)

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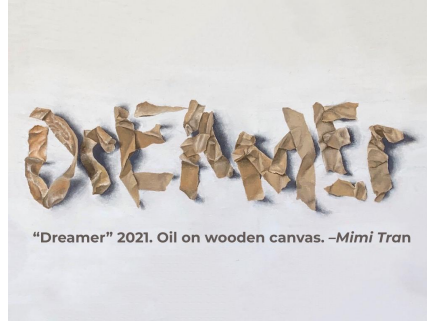
Biologist and Olympic Hopeful

Sydney Brooksby began college in renal failure but chose determination over defeat. During a genomics course, she developed a gene-editing research proposal for Turner Syndrome, the condition she was born with. [>More](#)



Innovative Research and New Questions

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Science, Art, and the Smile

"As the first in my family to pursue a college degree, I carry with me the hopes and dreams of my family." From refugee roots to aspiring dentist, Mimi's journey is shaped by resilience, creativity, and a deep commitment to learning and caring. [>More](#)



Finding Her Stride at the U of U

Veronic Boire is from Quebec, Canada and is the first in her family to attend college. She thrived as a U of U cross-country athlete and biology major. Next stop, a Master's from the University of Texas and career in college athletics administration. [>More](#)

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