



# Disability awareness on campus

A student's perspective on  
disabilities, visible and invisible

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Live SLCC lawnmowers  
help campuses stay green

## Parking services adjusts costs

Fees change to offset  
free student transit

# » What's Hip, Hot, & Happenin' on Campus «

## ALL WEEK

### Utah Women Making History Exhibit

**When:** All day

**Where:** South City Campus, George S. & Dolores Dore Eccles Gallery

### Disability Awareness Week

**When:** All day

**Where:** All campuses

### Ladies in Motion Panel

**When:** 1 - 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** TR Campus, Student Event Center

### Shot Party

**When:** 12 - 2 p.m.

**Where:** Jordan Campus, Health Sciences Building, lobby area

### Film Auditions

**When:** 2 - 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** South City Campus, Sound Stage, room 1-046

## THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup>

### Film Auditions

**When:** 1 - 6 p.m.

**Where:** South City Campus, Sound Stage, Room 1-046

### Salsa with Salsa

**When:** 6 - 8 p.m.

**Where:** South City Campus, Multi Purpose Room

## FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup>

### Keynote Speaker: Thomas J. Tobin

**When:** 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Where:** TR Campus, Oak Room

### Grant Writing Basics - 5 Part Workshop; Part 3

**When:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Where:** 210 E. 400 South #8

## SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup>

### Experimenting with Hybrid Writing - 7 Part Workshop

**When:** 1 - 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** 210 E. 400 S. #8

### SLCC Women's Volleyball v. Laramie Community College

**When:** 12 - 1 p.m.

**Where:** Scottsbluff, Neb.

### SLCC Men's Soccer v. College of Southern Nevada

**When:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Where:** Henderson, Nev.

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# Student Association President Mary Flanagan resigns

*Mary Flanagan submitted her letter of resignation last week as she steps down from her position as SLCC Student Association President. Flanagan served for three weeks, and is followed by former executive Vice President Mason Bancroft.*

Dear Students of Salt Lake Community College, Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from my position as Student Association President and Member of the Board of Trustees at Salt Lake Community College. My last day of service will be September 13, 2019. Mason Bancroft will be taking on my role as President and Trustee and I have no doubt he will be an incredible asset to the institution serving in this capacity.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the students for giving me the opportunity to serve in this position, although for an unexpectedly short amount of time. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving here and appreciate all the opportunities you have given me. This has been an extremely hard decision to make, but I have decided it is best for me to move on to my next challenge.

I plan on doing anything I can to help with the transition, including wrapping up my responsibilities and training other team members to ensure the best experience for the entire student population. If I can be of any other assistance during this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for the opportunity, and I wish Salt Lake Community College and its students all the best in the future, as I will always be an avid supporter of this incredible institution. Go Bruins!

Yours sincerely,  
Mary Flanagan Nyman.



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# Opinion But you don't look sick: living with an invisible disability

**Amie Schaeffer**

Assignment Editor

I hate parking lots. They have become a trigger of my inner rage. I have been known (to my children's horror) to get in a shouting matches during drop off and pick up at their schools. While not a proud parent moment, this has become a reactionary gesture. What I have come to realize, is that I go into parking lots playing both offense and the defense.

I have Multiple Sclerosis, an autoimmune disease that attacks your brain, spinal cord and ocular nerves. I was diagnosed at 28 years old. At the time of onset, I had lost much of my mobility, my words jumbled, I suffered small seizures and my cognition was shot. I was dealing with a level of fatigue I didn't know possible. Now, after a lot of physical therapy and more meds than I can count, I am physically functional most days.

This week SLCC kicked off Disability Awareness Week. According to Kelly Williamson, an accessibility advisor at the Disability Resource Center, most of the students they serve have a hidden disability like Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism or mental health issues.

"We tend to think of people who are blind or in a wheelchair, but this is not always the case," explains Williamson. Hidden disabilities can carry a stigma of laziness or lack of motivation which can make it difficult for people to reach out for help because "they have the option of not disclosing."

It was a difficult decision to swallow my pride and admit I needed a handicap parking permit. At first, I felt embarrassed. I could feel the stares. Then came the confrontations. People try to call me out because I'm not in a wheelchair, and I don't have a cane or grey hair. People park in and behind handicap parking spots and fight me when I tell them to move.

What people can't see is I have what is called, "drop foot." My right foot can drag and not clear things. I have tripped going up more stairs than I care to admit. The whole right side of my body is tight, spastic and feels like it is on fire. My fatigue is still my biggest battle, and most days I lose.

This is just one of several diseases in which symptoms are not always visible.

Williamson says, one goal of Disability Awareness Week is to level the playing field for those with disabilities by giving them the tools and resources they need. The center, she says, hopes to "...humanize disability because it affects everyday people living everyday lives."

For a list of the week's activities, or for information on the Disability Resource Center, go to [slcc.edu/drc/daw.aspx](http://slcc.edu/drc/daw.aspx). As for me, I will continue to practice my breathing techniques and stay out of parking-lot brawls.



Not everyone with a handicap parking permit has a visible disability.



A group of SLCC peer action leaders demonstrate adaptive bicycles at the Disability Awareness Week Assistive Technology Fair.



# SLCC goats, experts in their field

**Carly Gooch**

Staff Writer

Yes, that's a goat mowing the lawn at the Jordan Campus.

Salt Lake Community College has been using goats to eat and trim grass in hard to reach places. They belong to farmer Ryan Schmidt and are being kept on SLCC's Jordan Campus.

The goats graze for free and, in return, SLCC gets to use them as lawnmowers. This mutually beneficial relationship helps defray landscaping costs while helping the environment.

"We had been farming the lands before the state bought it, and they asked us to continue farming until they needed to use it," Schmidt says.

■ Photo by Kameron Howell, Jordan Facilities Manager



The goats are kept at the Jordan Campus where they free graze.

The goats move around several times per year, making stops at other SLCC Campuses. Currently, they graze primarily on a large hill at the backside of the stadium at the Jordan Campus, under the watchful eye of Kameron Howell, the Jordan Campus facilities manager.

"The hill is too steep to mow—and it's a pretty big hill," Howell says.

These lawn mowing goats are just one of the many green initiatives SLCC pursues. Joel Evans, the grounds manager for SLCC, says they are working on eliminating turf in favor of decorative rock to cut down on water consumption.

"This will end up replacing over two acres of high-water use," says Evans.

SLCC is also upgrading the irrigation control platform to an evapotranspiration (ET) based watering method for the plants on campus. "The ET system adjusts water on a daily basis based on what the weather is like," Evans says. "There's potential to save a lot of water there."

In addition to the water savings, SLCC is also making strides to minimize their carbon footprint.

"Right now, we have five solar arrays across campuses," says SLCC's Energy Manager Michael Peterson.

While the panels only cover a small portion of energy usage, Peterson says the new Westpointe Center produces more energy than they use during the sunniest parts of the year, which makes its way back to the power grid through Rocky Mountain Power.

"We also have seven electric car charging stations with an eighth one on its way for the AAB building [in the Taylorsville Redwood Campus]," Peterson continues.

Currently, there are two charging stations at the Westpointe Center, and one charging station at the Miller, Jordan and South City campuses respectively. Other projects, (some of which have not yet been approved), include re-commissioning HVAC equipment to improve efficiency, channeling non-culinary water from the Jordan Canal and replacing stadium lights with LED lights.

If you want to learn more about Schmidt's goats, visit his website at [Local-harvest.org](http://Local-harvest.org).

■ Photo by Kameron Howell, Jordan Facilities Manager



Six of the seven goats at the Jordan Campus have had babies.



# Civic engagement builds community at SLCC

**Ashley Stenger**

Staff Writer

From Aug. 21 through Sept. 9, Salt Lake Community College hosted the Community Engagement Fair. The event held at the Jordan, South City, Taylorsville Redwood and West Valley Center campuses introduces students and staff to SLCC's diverse partner organizations.

The Community Engagement Fair is organized by SLCC's Thayne Center for Service and Learning, a department that heavily focuses on promoting student engagement within the community. Some community partners at this year's fair include the Natural History Museum of Utah, Youthline and the United Way of Salt Lake.

"[The Thayne Center] has relationships with over 100 community partners," says the center's Community Partnerships Coordinator, Rebecca Van Maren. "There are a lot of ways that a student can create change within the community."

The Thayne Center aims to help students integrate classwork with time spent volunteering through service-learning classes. SLCC students can enroll in a variety of different service-learning courses, varying between areas such as art, business, education and more.

By participating in opportunities provided by the Thayne Center, students who want to engage with the community have the resources to do so.

"Everyone is just super welcoming," says Talon Garner, an SLCC student and sustainability lead in the Student Leaders in Civic Engagement (SLICE). "It is really helpful to work with people who are both educated about the community and really want to make a difference," adds Garner.

■ Photo by Ashley Stenger



The American Chemical Society provides SLCC students with the opportunity to experience chemistry beyond the scope of the classroom.

■ Photo by Ashley Stenger



The Community Engagement Fair coincided with the fall Club Rush in order to promote further participation in the SLCC campus community.

Promoting and encouraging acts of civic engagement can strengthen the community at large, Van Maren says. By taking part in these activities, students can make personal connections and increase their awareness of important social issues.

In addition to the impact students can make on their community, there are underlying individual benefits of being part of a social cause.

"Having a community can be life-saving," says Brandon Devlin, the Volunteer and Community Resource Manager at the Utah Pride Center. "Being able to talk with other people who have gone through the same experiences that you have can really help you make sense of what you're feeling and what you're going through."

SLCC's Thayne Center will host the next Community Engagement Fair in January 2020. You can find more information at [slcc.edu/thaynecenter/](http://slcc.edu/thaynecenter/).



# Parking fees **increase**, defray cost of OneCard transit

**Noah Lewis**

Editor-In-Chief

With fall semester classes well underway, the last thing anybody needs is a parking ticket.

“We don’t want students to worry about parking,” says Rick Medley, manager of Parking Services at Salt Lake Community College. “We would rather have them focus on their education.”

Medley, who works closely with the college’s public safety and business administrators, has helped usher in some changes, some of which pertain to parking fee structures.

According to Parking Services Supervisor Clay Ollila, the annual parking permit will maintain its price of \$45. However, the new set of fee changes means single day permits increase from \$1 to \$2, 30-day permits increase from \$5 to \$10, and semester permits increase from \$20 to \$23. The weekly permit has been abolished entirely.

“The change around the daily permits were made so that online pricing would fall in line with kiosk prices,” Ollila says.

Ollila suggests that, at minimum, students buy a semester permit, which reduces the chance of receiving a ticket when a 30-day permit expires.

Meanwhile, the 30-day permit fee change was spurred by some permit buyers taking advantage of the system, choosing to renew consecutive monthly permits instead of purchasing one for the semester.

“It wasn’t fair to those who purchased a semester pass for there to be a loophole, so [the increase] effectively closed that loophole,” says Medley. “It’s definitely a deterrent.”

While a semester pass may suit some students permit from a financial perspective, Medley says there’s advantages with an annual permit.

The annual permit gives the permit holder three semesters of parking, and it is \$1 less than purchasing two semester-long permits and \$24 less than three consecutive semester permits, notes Medley.

He remains adamant that Parking Services does not anticipate more fee changes.

“We don’t have future plans to raise prices any further,” he says, “and we certainly don’t want students to pay an astronomical fee.”

The increase in parking permit prices has another purpose.

Four years ago, Utah Transit Authority established a partnership with colleges and universities in Utah that provided free bus and transit passes to active students. In exchange for complimentary student passes, UTA enacted a transportation fee on these schools, one of which was SLCC.

“Someone has to pay for [the transit passes], so some of it rests on tuition dollars and some on parking services,” says Medley.

Prior to the UTA partnership and transportation fee, the day and month permits had never been raised, adds Medley.

Medley also says the goal at Parking Services is for students, faculty and staff to have a smooth customer experience. One of the keys to this is the online portal, rolled out by Parking Services in 2017.

“For the sake of time and convenience, the process is 100% easier than what we had before,” says Medley.

“Even with a negative experience – meaning someone’s been cited – once they see the ease of the system and how they can navigate it on our their own at whatever time they want, it takes some pressure off,” he says.

The online portal to purchase and manage parking permits can be accessed at [my.slcc.edu](http://my.slcc.edu).



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At Salt Lake Community College, students now will pay \$23 for a semester parking permit.



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