



Bruins for the win

Men's basketball hangs on to undefeated title

Exonerated

Activist and social reform leaders to speak at Black History Month event

Strange love

Delivering kindness via letters to strangers this Valentine's Day

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

ALL WEEK

The Fantasy of Fashion

When: All day
Where: TR and South City campuses
(Markosian Library and South City Library)

2020 Beloved Community Photography

When: All day
Where: South City, George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Gallery

WEDNESDAY 12th

2020 Beloved Community Photography Exhibit/Opening Reception

When: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: South City, George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Gallery

Professionalism, Safety and Inclusion in the Workplace

When: 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Where: TR Campus

Swoop into the U transfer event

When: 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Where: TR Campus

THURSDAY 13th

Fempowerd

When: 2 - 3 p.m.
Where: South City, GSSRC, 1-140

The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)

When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: South City Campus, Grand Theater

Utah State University Transfer Event

When: 9 - 12 p.m.
Where: TR Campus

Valentine's Day letter-writing event

When: 9 - 11 a.m.
Where: South City, GSSRC, 1-140

FRIDAY 14th

Valentines's Day

SATURDAY 15th

SLCC Women's Basketball vs College of Southern Idaho

When: 1 p.m.
Where: TR Campus

SLCC Men's Basketball vs College of Southern Idaho

When: 3 p.m.
Where: TR Campus

MONDAY 17th

President's Day

No Classes, College Closed

TUESDAY 18th

MLK 2020 Keynote: Exonerated Central Park Five – Yusef Salaam & Raymond Santana

When: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Where: South City Campus, Grand Theater

» For more information on these events, visit globeslcc.com/calendar



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'Exonerated Five' to speak at MLK keynote event

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Staff Writer

On a mid-April night in 1989, 28-year-old investment banker Trisha Meili went for a jog through New York City's Central Park. Several hours later she was found gagged, bound, brutally beaten and on death's doorstep, showing overwhelming evidence of a sexual assault. The image shocked a fearful and racially divided city—a young, well-to-do white woman holding a prestigious station in life had been severely violated.

That same night, a large group of young men from East Harlem entered Central Park intending to terrorize park-goers and harass, rob and physically harm passersby. These crimes paled in comparison to Meili's condition, however.

Police, upon discovering Meili, lead a highly concentrated investigation. Hoping to produce swift results, police revisited the group of men, arresting 14 of them in connection to Meili's rape as well as a number of other serious crimes.

In the police department's eagerness to name perpetrators in the case, they also wrongfully charged five teens who were in the park that night.

EXONERATED CENTRAL PARK FIVE



YUSEF SALAAM & RAYMOND SANTANA

Innocent and wrongfully convicted as teenagers by New York City, Yusef and Raymond were incarcerated for years before finally being exonerated and their names cleared. Hear their powerful tale of redemption and liberation – documented in the Netflix miniseries "When They See Us" – and learn what they are doing to reform the justice system.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
7-8:30 P.M.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS AT: [BIT.LY/SLCC-CENTRALPARKS](https://bit.ly/slcc-centralparks)

THE GRAND THEATRE
1575 SO. STATE ST., SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Photo by Jared Stanger

Salt Lake Community College presents the Exonerated Central Park Five. Yusef Salaam and Raymond Santana are two of the five wrongly convicted and incarcerated for over two decades.



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Raymond Santana, Yusef Salaam and Kevin Richardson and Stephanie Jenkins, Ken Burns and David McMahon accept the Peabody award for the documentary "The Central Park Five".

Kevin Richardson, Korey Wise, Antron McCray, Raymond Santana and Yusef Salaam were all apprehended and interrogated in connection with Meili's battery and rape. The boys were between 14 and 16 years old and would ultimately be convicted, spending roughly the next two decades in prison.

In the wake of the court proceedings, they received the notorious moniker, "the Central Park Five". Ultimately, a confession to the beating and gang-rape of Meili was coerced by detectives, leaving the boys wrongfully convicted for the crime.

The detectives in charge of the investigation so were hasty to pin blame on someone that the boys falsely confessed in an effort to relieve themselves of grueling interrogations. The five were not guilty, however, and in 2002, DNA evidence reinforced a recommendation from the District Attorney of New York County to drop all charges against them.

The DNA found traced back to murderer and serial rapist Matias Reyes, who subsequently admitted to Meili's rape and beating.

Now known as the "Exonerated Five," the group does extensive charity and prison-reform work. In 2014, the five received a settlement of \$41 million from the City of New York and an additional \$3.9 million from the state, according to the *Daily Mail*.

Thanks to initiatives like the Innocence Project, a non-profit focused on the exoneration of wrongly convicted individuals through DNA, more resources are being allocated to freeing the innocent. Even so, 28% of wrongful convictions result from a false confession, according to InnocenceProject.org, and more than 69% of wrongful convictions result from eyewitness misidentification. According to UtahNow.com, the five have since "committed themselves to advocating and educating people on the issues of false confessions, police brutality and misconduct, press ethics and bias, race and law and the disparities in America's criminal justice system."

On Feb. 18 at 7 p.m., Salaam and Santana of the "Exonerated Five" will appear at the Grand Theatre as part of SLCC's Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Keynote.

» Game on!

Photos by Mary Stagg

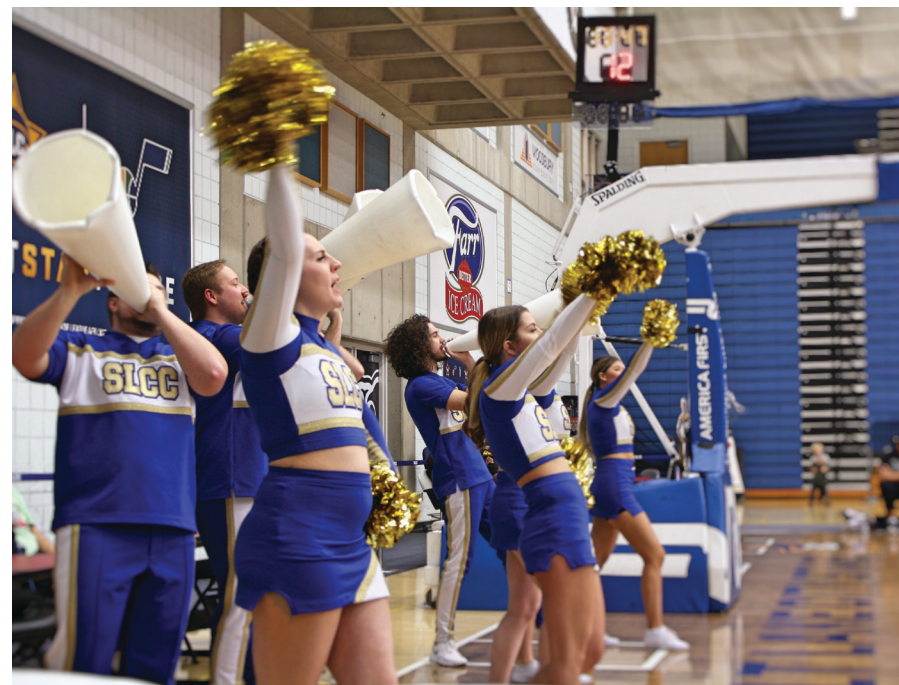
Men's Bruin basketball team celebrated its win against Utah State University-Eastern in the Feb. 6 season conference at home. The next home game is Feb. 15 at 3:00 p.m. against Southern Idaho, and the regional tournament runs Feb. 27, 28 and 29.



No. 32 Matt Gray leaps to shoot as two USUE players make attempt to block.



No. 5 James Lee passes the ball to an open taeammate.



Salt Lake Community College's cheer squad rallies during the home game at the Taylorville Redwood Bruin Arena.



Celebrating the season conference win with a team photo.



No. 4 Christian Popoola found an opening and went for it.



No. 32 Matt Gray dribbles, looking for a chance to score.

Amid shelter closing, SLCC amps up support of basic needs

Tamra Rachol

Staff Writer

Despite a long history of concerns with the downtown shelter, The Road Home, Salt Lake City selected the organization to run the largest of three new homeless resource centers.

Volunteer Coordinator Susannah Brooks responded to public criticism of the decision to use The Road Home to run the Salt Lake City Men's Resource Center. "If you have any questions, come volunteer," she says.

Brooks provided *The Globe* with a tour of the new facility. With free laundry rooms, a volunteer-based barbershop, two classrooms and a computer lab, this new facility appears to be an upgrade from what many staying at the shelter are accustomed to. Brooks also says The Road Home has hired extra staff members, specifically for veteran clients.

"They deserve their benefits, and we are committed to helping them receive them in full," Brooks says.

Brooks says she believes one of the biggest struggles for those experiencing homelessness is "a lack of affordable housing in Salt Lake."

While she admits there are several factors that contribute to the problem, Brooks hopes to see more affordable housing built in the city in the near future.

The Globe spoke to some clients staying at The Road Home men's facility. One resident, who asks to remain unnamed, says he never used The Road Home's services prior to the opening of the new center due to its reputation of being a dangerous environment.

While he says he is grateful for the center, he sees of room for improvement.

"The resources that were promised to us are still unavailable, and the provided shuttle system runs at such odd times that getting to a job interview or downtown to utilize other resources is extremely difficult," he says.

"We're only given 15 minutes with the caseworkers, and the computer lab is still just a room full of desks, so searching for a job that fits our skill set is impossible."

The closing of the downtown shelter also presents concerns for Salt Lake Community College campuses, especially those closer to the city center.

"We saw a major influx [of those experiencing homelessness on campus] in the beginning, but it quickly tapered off with the addition of the winter shelters," says SLCC Public Safety Director Shane Crabtree.

"Students need to understand it's not illegal [for them] to be on campus. The buildings are state-owned, and we cannot make them leave unless they're doing something unlawful. We also have several students currently experiencing homelessness, and we want them to feel safe and welcomed on campus as well."

Crabtree says he wants to make sure all students have a safe learning environment free of property theft and other petty crime. The South City Campus has added a safety officer to ensure there is always a security presence during campus hours.

"Take care of your things and don't leave valuables visible inside your cars," he says.

Crabtree stresses that if any student feels unsafe walking to their car, they should use the buddy system or call for a campus escort.

SLCC also provides a food pantry for students and staff in need, but Thayne Center Director Sean Crossland says the pantry is not enough.

"It's a great resource but can't support a student in crisis," says Crossland.

Crossland says he's excited to announce that the Thayne Center is in the process of requesting a new coordinator for the Basic Needs Task Force. Responsibilities would include organizing and maintaining the food pantry as well as gathering new resources and creating an efficient referral system with a systematic approach.

"The pantry needs more help; it's just not sustainable in the long run without it," Crossland says.

Crossland also asks for student support as the center seek the funding needed by reaching out to the Student Fee Board and its director Dr. Chuck Lepper.

"Please voice your opinions. This is a challenging process with a lot of competing priorities," says Crossland.

Crossland hopes to have the new position staffed by the end of the summer.



Tents line the block around Salt Lake City Public Library, which sits across the street from the downtown SLCC campus.

Sign up to volunteer

Sign up to volunteer at the Road Home online or by emailing at volunteer@theroadhome.org.

Shelter needs include gently used or new items, plus size men and women's clothing, children's clothing, thermals and warm layers, shoes and belts. Food needs include perishable and non-perishable made-in-commercial kitchen candy, granola bars, cupcakes and other desserts.

The Bruin pantry is partnered with 211, a nationwide, United Way directory. Students in crisis are urged to utilize this resource.

Send love to a stranger this Valentine's Day

Heather Graham

Staff Writer

The Salt Lake Community College Gender and Sexuality Student Resource Center, in collaboration with the Culture Collective, are inviting the public to join in a free Valentine's Day letter-writing event. Hosted at the GSSRC (room 1-140 at the South City Campus) on Feb. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m., this event will provide all of the materials needed to write love letters from one stranger to another.

"It's a unique experience that allows you to share a positive message for someone you don't know, who might need it. It also makes you reflect on what you would need [or] want to hear if you were getting a love letter," says Timothy Langan, SLCC business major and peer mentor at the GSSRC.

This letter-writing event is part of a series of similar events planned by the Culture Collective to help spread positive energy in the world, by coming together to write love letters to strangers who might need a kind word.

"I'm hoping it's a reminder to everyone, as Valentine's Day approaches, that there are so many different ways to spread love in the world that have nothing to do with couples and dating, and more to do with thinking about the people and the world around us and how we can care," Langan continues.

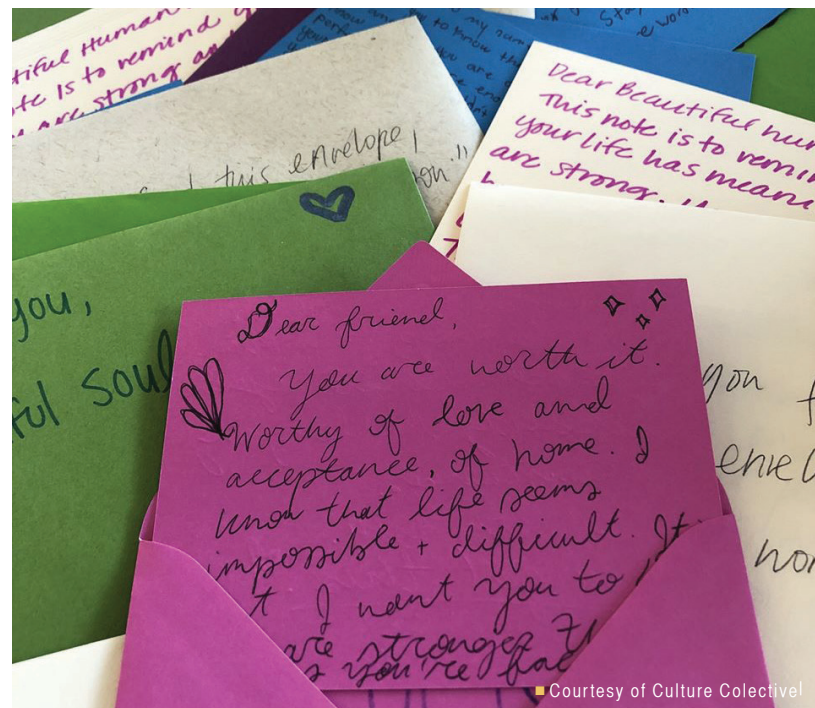
Writers have the option to write a letter to someone specific and deliver it themselves, or write it to a stranger and leave it somewhere randomly to be found. They can also leave the letter they've written with event staff, who will distribute them throughout the Salt Lake Valley and SLCC campuses.

"We are excited to be partnering with the SLCC Gender and Sexuality Student Resource Center to incorporate a Valentine's edition to the campus," says Bahaa Chmait, Culture Collective founder and social architect.

This isn't the first time SLCC and the Culture Collective have worked together. The Culture Collective has been hosting pop-up events, like this love letter event, in public spaces throughout Salt Lake with the mission to improve well-being in communities, using diverse forms of art and creativity since 2018. Last year, the Cultural Collective worked with the SLCC Community Writing Center at the Pride Festival and other letter-writing events to fill the CWC's old-fashioned letterbox and share love, pride and culture with others.

"Getting a handwritten letter is a unique experience, so I think anytime someone takes a moment to write a love letter, it's always uplifting and special," muses Langan.

For more information on the Culture Collective's events go to facebook.com/culturecollectiveevents and follow the GSSRC at facebook.com/SLCCGSSRC.



Courtesy of Culture Collective

Letters to strangers from the Culture Collective event at Soul Lounge last month.



Courtesy of GSSRC

Students and staff can gather at the Gender and Sexuality Student Resource Center on Feb. 13 to write love letters for strangers.

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