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# Who We Are

## **Brand Pillars**

Student-Centric

Steadfast

Soar







#### Student-Centric



At Southern Utah University, students aren't just a number, they are the priority. From keeping a 19:1 student to faculty ratio to ensuring students graduate with little to no debt - every decision SUU makes places you, the students, first. As a caring campus community, it's not surprising for professors and students to know each other on a first-name basis.

Ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the top 10 schools in the country for lowest student debt among public regional universities, *SUU believes a university experience should set students on their path, not stand in their way.* 

#### Steadfast



Nearly 125 years ago, the founders of Southern Utah University believed so strongly in the power of education that they risked their lives to build a school they would never attend. That trust, determination, and pure grit are woven into the fabric of SUU. And is why students are placed first in every aspect. Students feel that passion and know they can move forward on a path through the canyons and into the horizons of their choosing. When students become part of the University of the Parks, they know that SUU's inspiration for this expansive vision comes from the founders. And whatever path a student chooses in life, they will always have the power and strength of a T-Bird.

#### Soar



While SUU honors the past, the university is nimble and constantly looking to the future. Every decision is approached by asking the same central question – What will help our Thunderbirds soar? As an innovative leader, SUU disrupts higher education norms to help students graduate faster without mortgaging their futures. With the 3-year degree program, Southwest Tech partnership or globalizing online offerings, SUU intentionally creates multiple pathways for success. SUU professors teach with a career-focused curriculum giving students a competitive advantage for the job market. Whether it's on the court, online, in the canyons or in the skies, a Southern Utah University experience is designed around what provides the next generation with opportunities to soar.

## **Brand Personality**

#### **Empathetic**

Caregiver Archetype

EMPATHY
ALTRUISM
COMPASSION
PATIENCE
SERVICE

core desire: put others before yourself.

#### Innovative

Creator Archetype

CREATIVITY
IMAGINATION
DISRUPTION
INNOVATION
ENTREPRENEUR

**CORE DESIRE:** 

create enduring value.

#### **Adventurous**

**Explorer Archetype** 



INDEPENDENCE BRAVERY FREEDOM AUTONOMY EXPERIMENTS

**CORE DESIRE:** freedom of discovery.

## We Are

#### Adventurous **NEVER BRASH**

We discover and explore with purpose and curiosity, not adrenalinejunkie impulse.

#### Best-In-Class **NEVER ELITIST**

We may be an underdog, but we've earned the respect of anyone we go up against. We know a winning degree doesn't have to break the bank.

#### Empathetic **NEVER PATRONIZING**

We are the most human university in Utah, and humans are stronger when they share authentic connections. We are caring, and we put others first.

#### Innovative **NEVER DESTRUCTIVE**

We are building tomorrow's university in today's world. We solve problems to impact positive growth and creative change - New isn't the goal, better is.

#### Surprising **NEVER TONE DEAF**

We stand out from the crowd in a way that showcases our core strengths while also keeping the needs of our audience and current world climate in mind.



# Logos

## Logos

**SUU Logo** 

Acronym

**Combo Mark** 

**Athletics** 

**SUU Seal** 

**PRIMARY USE** 

The official logo of our university. Horizontal version preferred. Use wherever possible.

SECONDARY USE

Used where small sizes dictate less copy, or where 'Southern Utah University' is implied or apparent.

SCHOOL SPIRIT USE

This mark symbolizes SUU school spirit for students or alumni. **RARE USE** 

See Athletics style guide for usage rules. Rare usage is encouraged. RARE USE

Used on materials related to the president. Over-use can incur dilution of its power & quality.

SUU SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

**SUU** 





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SUU

Four Preferred Versions - Use wherever possible

#### **SUU Logo** Variations

**Primary** logo. Minimum width is 1.75"(w).

2.1

SOUTHERN UTAH

2.4

: 2.2

Acronym logo. Use internally, at small sizes, or where the university name is in context, like on social media. Minimum width is .5"(w).

: 2.3

Stacked logo. Use sparingly. Minimum width is 1.25"(w)

: 2.4

Use these versions and this coloring EVERYWHERE possible.

: Each logo variation has a white, reverse version. If gray-scale is needed, use the white logo on gray or black.

2.3





SUUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

#### **SUU Logo** Misuse

2.5

**NEVER** stretch or scale the proportions.

#### : 2.6

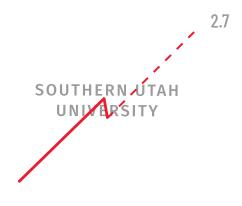
Rarely if ever use the red logo on a black background. This combination is acceptable for the combo mark and the athletic mark, but the academic identity should always feel friendly and bright.

#### : 2.7

NEVER leave off the SUU acronym. The type used is a generic sans serif font and not a logo. Please ensure the logo in full or the SUU acronym alone is used. This helps with building equity and familiarity in our brand marks.







#### **SUU Logo Clear Space**

Clear space is the empty space, or margin, you must keep between the logo and ANY other element.

: NEVER use the logo over a busy or distracting patterned background, only on a plain white, gray, or neutral/light blue background.



: 2.8

**Preferred** clear space is the height of the logo.

: 2.9

Minimum clear space is half the height of the logo.



2.9





#### **Combo Mark Variations**

2.10

Color and style variations may abound with this mark on shirts and other swag. If it's on white, 2.21 is preferred.

: Minimum width for this mark is .75"(w).

: 2.11

**Preferred** mark where the priority is student life, school spirit, or people connecting with the school on a peer level. This color combination of red and black on white is the preferred version, use EVERYWHERE you can. 2.10











#### **Combo Mark** Misuse

2.12

NEVER stretch or scale the proportions

: 2.13

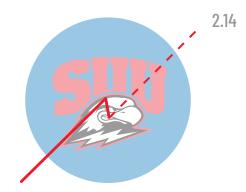
NEVER use the logo over a color other than our SUU-Red, and never crop off the letter forms in the frame.

: 2.14

NEVER use the version with red SUU letter forms over any other color background other than white or black.







#### **Combo Mark Clear Space**

Clear space is the empty space, or margin, you must keep between the logo and ANY other element.

: 2.15

**Preferred** clear space is the width of the middle 'U' at it's widest point.

Note: If you need your clear space visually centered, measure from the lines indicated on the graph on the right and bottom sides.

2.16

**Minimum** clear space is half the width of the middle 'U' at its widest point.





#### 2.19

#### **SUU Seal Variations**

2.17

Minimum size is 1.5" in diameter. Never any smaller.

2.18

Reversed Seal should be used extremely rarely, and only when you absolutely need to. Even then, only use on red or black backgrounds.

: 2.19

Preferred Seal in SUU-Red or SUU-Black coloring where possible.



2.18









#### SUU Seal Misuse

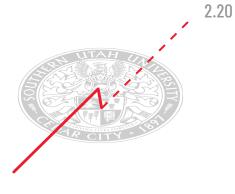
2.20

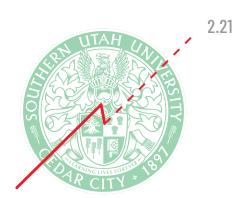
NEVER stretch or scale the proportions.

: 2.21

NEVER use colorings outside those listed.

NEVER use any depiction or likeness of the seal as subbrand logos unless given permission to do so.





#### SUU Seal Clear Space

Clear space is the empty space, or margin, you must keep between the logo and ANY other element.

NEVER use
Seal over a busy
or distracting
patterned
background, only
on a plain white,
gray, red, or black
color block or
background.



: 2.22

**Preferred** clear space is the width of the shield within the Seal.

: 2.23

**Minimum** clear space is half the width of the shield within the Seal.



# Secondary Logo System

Preferred Version

Stacked Version SUU Logo Version Social Media Student Audience

**PRIMARY USE** 

Use wherever possible. Mimics the design and structure of SUU's primary use logo.

SECONDARY USE

Use in small width designs, square, or cropping. Use only in instances where the primary use won't work.

**EXTERNAL SUU USE** 

Use when the logo needs more context that the department is part of a larger university.

SOCIAL MEDIA USE

Use only for social media profiles. Indicates an official SUU profile.

SCHOOL SPIRIT USE

Use to connect to student audiences, not meant for letterheads, but for merch, and informal applications.













# Color

## **Color System**

Red Is The Star Inspired By Nature **Brand** Colors

Support Colors

This split analogous palette makes SUU-Red the contrasting star of the overall scheme. Use red strategically in your designs as a key call to action in a neutral or natural palette.

We are the University of the Parks, and our colors show that. Mimic nature by Never using blocks of green or blue—use layered shades, gradients, or photography.

> 95% OF DESIGNS

Monochrome palette of red, blacks, grays and whites. Every piece should be primarily these colors.

< 5% OF DESIGNS

Analogous blues, greens and gradients. Use these rarely and never more than a detail or CTA on any given design.







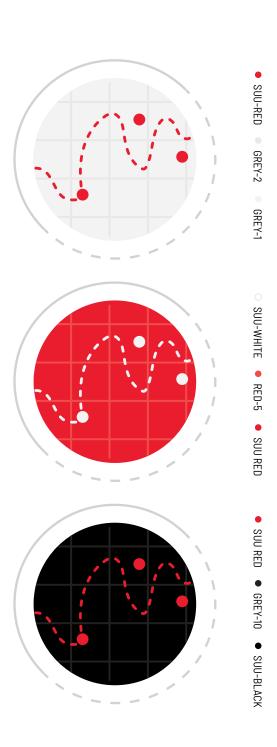
> 95% Brand Colors

< 5% Support Colors

## Brand Colors > 95% Use

SUU-RED, and the scale of SUU-WHITE to SUU-BLACK are our main brand colors. Almost all communication created for SUU will be overwhelmingly these colors.

- It is also acceptable to use a primary palette of neutrals, only black, white, and grays, using red as a call to action or accent color.
- When layering red colors for depth, go lighter before you go darker. Our brand should feel bright & vibrant, not domineering.



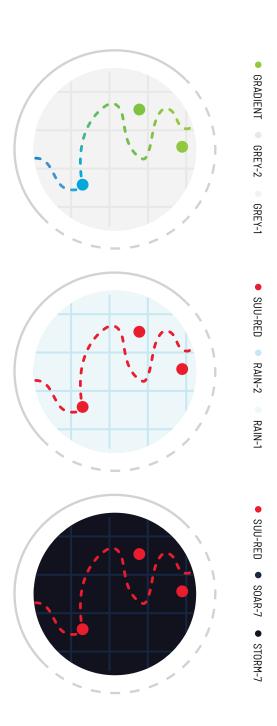
Monochrome Reds



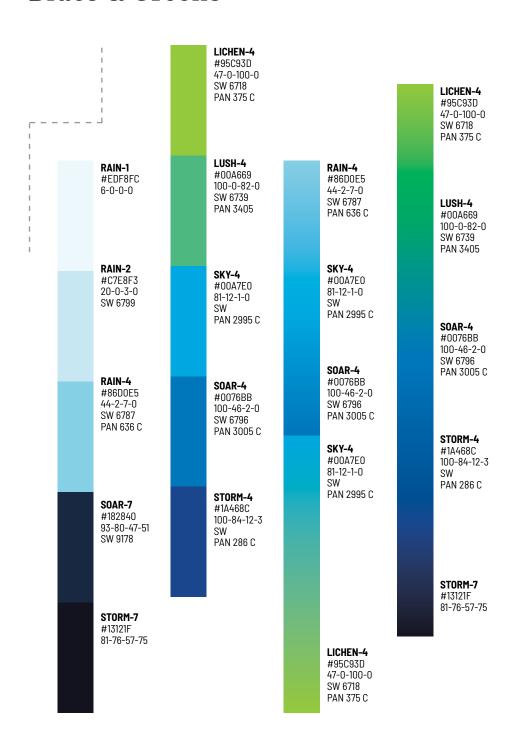
## Support Colors < 5% Use

This pallet succeeds when it replicates nature. Nature never shows one color, you see a myriad of slight variations..

NEVER use a large block of these colors, they must be the minority color to our brand colors. They are best shown in key graphics, illustration accents, or showing through in photography styling.



## **Analogous Blues & Greens**





Typography

## **Typography**

#### Merriweather

Primary Font H1-H3 Headings

Aa

#### BE PRESTIGIOUS & ADVENTUROUS

Merriweather, is a versatile serif that can feel adventurous or serious. It's a Google font that will allow budget-friendly access to the entire university at no cost, and is available for anyone to download.

#### **Barlow**

Secondary Font Body Copy & Sub-Heads

## Aa

#### **BE ADAPTABLE**

A stable and versatile font that is the middle man between the Primary and Tertiary font extremes and their audiences. Barlow has many weights, as well as a Barlow Condensed—both are google fonts, like Merriweather. Microsoft Substitute: Calibri

#### Industry Inc.

Tertiary Font Perspective Students



#### **BE DIFFERENT**

A stylistically layered font to appeals to prospective students. It is accessible through an Adobe Creative Cloud account, but we also have purchased licenses for campus use. Contact the Marketing Communications Office for access to font files.

#### H1-H3 Headings

#### Sub Headings

## Info-graphics & Numbers

#### Tips:

4x's or more the size of your body copy

No tracking

Fairly tight leading

RARELY RED
Use SUUBlack for high
contrast, or
white text
on a red
background or

over a photo NEVER ALL CAPS Use title case or sentence case instead

#### Tips:

About 1/3 of the size of headings Add 50-100pts of tracking if you are using in all caps Fairly tight

leading

GRAYS are preferred, dark or light

Barlow Condensed Bold, Barlow Bold, and Barlow Regular are

favorites

#### Tips:

Large colored numbers are a great way to break up content and make it easier to scan and consume

Large
numbers and
info-graphics
are the only
time red text
is preferred.
Can be red
on a white
background,
or white on a
red circle or
background

#### Merriweather Headings





BARLOW CONDENSED Barlow Subheadings



#### Living On Campus

4

ON-CAMPUS

Hundreds of off

HALLS

17

STUDENT

1-10 MINUTE WALK

To everything on compus!

HOUSING OPTIONS





# Photography Style

## Photography Style

Student Focused **Elements** of Nature

Pops of Red Clean & Bright Always Connected Real & Raw









# Illustration Style

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Hand Drawn Organic S-Curves Line, Fill, & Pattern

Humor & Levity



**Prospective Students** 



**Current Students** 



**Working Professionals** 

## **Shapes & Forms**

#### The 'S'UU Curve

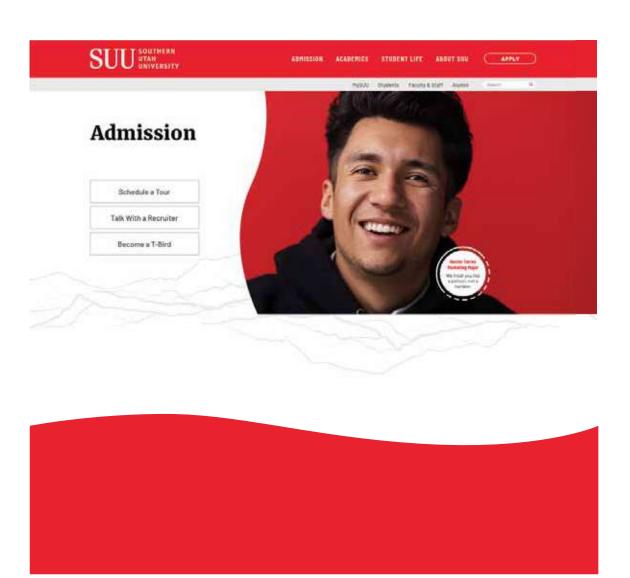
The S in our name distinguishes us from other universities where the norm is angular, blocky letters. S-curves are frequently found in nature, reinforcing University of The Parks, and creating friendly and dynamic compositions.

#### Dashed Lines

We believe in humans, nuance and exploring new paths. Dashed, curved and hand drawn lines have more soul than perfectly straight ones. They subtly bring up imagery of storms, rain and lightning that represent our T-Birds.

## Circles & Organics

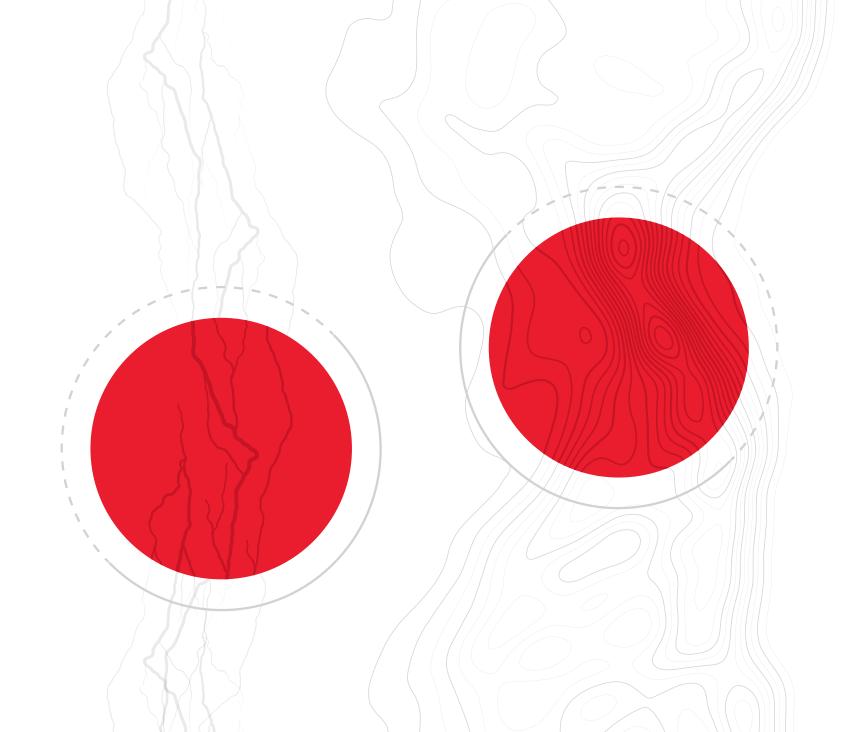
Circles should be used over squares and rectangles. Where other brands go geometric, we go organic, which is sometimes the harder choice, but inherently more human.



# Pattern Library

When To Use

These patterns are meant to be used as subtle background texture to add interest to designs that help reinforce two key brand messages: Thunderbirds, and University of The Parks. Use either light gray on white, White over photography, or Red-6 over SUU-Red.



## Iconography

#### Outlines Preferred

Outlines are preferred on iconography rather than fills or duo-tones. Ensure the stoke of the outline is the same thickness throughout.

Consult the Marketing Communications team before creating your own iconography.

#### Icon Resources

SUU has two licensed iconography packages:

#### **FontAwesome**

Best for website applications. You may download a curated package of icons we use on the website.

#### **Streamline Icons**

An extensive package of 30,000 icons.

#### Icon Styles

Preferred colors are: Grey-7 #999999, SUU-Red #E81727, or white #FFFFFF on red.

Try not to show icons in thick black. They should be supporting visual elements so try to reserve the highest contrast for the text in your designs.









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