



## GRADUATE SENATOR

My name is Faith Christensen, and I am running to be your next Graduate Senator. Having served at Southern Utah University (SUU) for over five years in various leadership roles, I know that for students to succeed, they need to feel valued and connected and that their education positions them for career success.

In the graduate realm of SUU, students are primarily online. Opportunities to connect may be limited. With this in mind, I have compiled the following solutions to these potential barriers:

- **Advanced Networking Opportunities:** With experience guiding over 400 first-year students at SUU, I know the importance of cultivating connections. As your Graduate Senator, I will facilitate connectivity by creating a Graduate Gala. The Gala will offer invaluable opportunities for students and potential employers to connect while encouraging skill-building through workshops and promoting an overall celebration of the achievements of SUU's graduate community online and in person.
- **Professional Presentation Events:** Through my involvement in volunteering, participating, and presenting at various events, I understand the significant impact conferences have on enhancing students' networking and career prospects. As your graduate senator, I will advocate for improved efforts to support SUU graduate students through mentors and attending global conferences with financial support. This support will empower students to attend, present, and network effectively, ultimately enhancing their academic and professional growth.
- **Enhanced Graduate Resources:** Having supported diverse students, I know the importance of being well-informed about SUU's offerings. As your Graduate Senator, I will create a fundamental online orientation to welcome graduate students and provide essential information about available resources, including the Graduate Gala and conferences. The online graduate orientation will ensure that all students have the knowledge they need to navigate SUU effectively and maximize their chances to succeed as students and working professionals after graduation.

As a fellow SUU graduate student, I, too, want to achieve academic success and career development through my education. Thus, I am taking action to make our goals a reality. Let's increase our faith in SUU and make our career aspirations happen.

Have **Faith in Your Future** by voting for **Faith Christensen** as your new Graduate Senator.

