“Through the support of the UITE I reached my goal at 48 years old with English as my second language. Being a teacher is my American dream!”

-Mindy Kang
Members of the UITE faculty were able to catch a glimpse of their new offices during winter break. The move to the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts and Education Complex will take place mid-February 2014. Stop by the second floor to visit the new UITE office location!
In its efforts to recruit and retain teachers committed to work in urban communities, the UITE is partnering with secondary schools across the Wasatch Front. An exciting partnership with Granger High School in West Valley City began this fall and is designed to encourage high school students to consider education as a profession. In addition to education courses for U of U students held on site. Granger students had the opportunity to learn more about pathways to higher education, and the field of teaching.

Educational Psychology doctoral student, Tonia, (T.J. Wilson) is spearheading efforts to share information on the teaching profession and what it takes to succeed in college as future teachers. Activities at Granger include contacting student athletes about careers in education, working with Granger’s “Little Lancers” pre-school and the students who work in the program, presenting information to the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students, hosting a lunch-time information table, and meeting with Granger counselors. She will also be holding after school meetings for students interested in education careers. Enthusiasm for the effort is growing as students become increasingly aware of the great programs offered by the UITE.

Ms. Wilson came to the U after teaching freshman English courses at Weber State University where she saw a critical need for stronger literacy instruction at the late high school/early college level. She also coordinates Weber’s Venture Course in the Humanities. This year long class allows low income students to begin college free of charge while studying writing, literature, history and philosophy. T. J.’s research interests are secondary reading, metacognitive literacy skills, college reading challenges, and developmental education. She hopes her research will help reduce the growing gap between high school and college literacy demands.
Monument Valley Trip

Fall Break 2013, provided sixteen EDU 1010 students with an opportunity to learn about teaching with members of the Navajo community. The work in southeastern Utah was supported by the Urban Institute of Teacher Education in conjunction with San Juan School District and Tse’bii’nidzisgai Elementary and Monument Valley High Schools, both located on the Navajo Reservation in southeastern Utah. As part of their experiences, UITE students taught mini-lessons, worked one-on-one with students, observed instruction, joined faculty in professional development, and spent time getting to know students in a variety of casual settings. After their classroom experiences, U of U students enjoyed time in the local community and explored the beauty of Monument Valley.

The UITE’s effort to support teacher education for all students welcomed the chance to extend field-based experiences beyond the Wasatch Front. At Tse’bii’nidzisgai Elementary and Monument Valley High School many teachers live in district provided housing located on school grounds; students often travel by bus well over an hour to attend school; the home and community language is often Navajo; and the community, faculty, and school and district administration strive to acknowledge and embrace the local culture while simultaneously managing the demands of state accountability requirements. UITE students cited the experience as significant in their understanding of work with the Najavo youth.

A second outcome of the trip provided math professional development support to teachers on the Reservation. Career Line Assistant Professor Maggie Cummings provided 18 hours of math professional development in the form of lesson study, model instruction, and grade-band pedagogy support.
In midsummer 2013, the Urban Institute for Teacher Education along with the Center for Science and Math Education and the Utah Rural Schools Southeastern Service Area sponsored a Utah Core Standards Math professional development for teachers in grades 7-10. Led by UITE Career Line Assistant Professor Maggie Cummings, four U alumni and practicing math teachers facilitated the weeklong professional development.

The goal of the workshops was to collaborate with rural Utah math teachers to plan curriculum for the year and to develop common assessments. U facilitators shared curriculum they had developed and discussed their own experiences with transitioning to the new core. Many of the participating teachers are now using the 7th and 8th grade text being developed by Dr. Hugo Rossi of the U of U Math Department and Dr. Cummings.
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UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS: DEADLINE March 3, 2014

GRADUATE ADMISSION DEADLINES
- Elementary w/EDPS: February 3, 2014
- Elementary w/SPED: March 3, 2014
- Secondary graduate UITE: February 3, 2014
- Secondary/ECS: February 3, 2014
- Secondary/ELP: January 15, 2014
- Scholarship Deadline: March 3, 2014

Students should consult the COE scholarship page at: [http://education.utah.edu/scholarships/index.php](http://education.utah.edu/scholarships/index.php) for specific deadline and application information.

Deadline to apply to the U of U for Summer Semester is March 15, 2014. The deadline to apply for Fall semester is April 1st 2014.

The main UITE office will be located on the second floor of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts and Education Complex in room 2260. Ms. Kimberly Howard, will be available for questions and general information Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

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