



UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

OFFICE of THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Val, Liz, and Inauguration Committee Members:

I wish to express my appreciation to all of you for your hard work in making the Inaugural week events such a smashing success. I was impressed with, and had a terrific time at, every activity, including the family activity night, Distinguished Faculty lecture, staff social, student ball, and of course the Inauguration and Scholarship Ball.

Many people have commented on the first-rate production of these events. I stopped counting the number of our state leaders and high-profile guests who indicated that the Inauguration was the best they had ever attended. Similar superlatives were used when describing our Scholarship Ball, where the food, decorations and ambiance were truly remarkable. And, I have taken special delight in the comments from those internal to the university who commented that the classy, personal, and humorous nature of all that was done and said at these events fostered a great sense of pride in UVU. I think we are all feeling that after last week.

Finally, thank you all for your patient effort to work directly with Paige and me on so many details. We were both grateful for your many excellent suggestions as well as your speedy responses to our feedback and direction. In the end, I feel that we collectively captured just what I wanted, a week that celebrated—in a first-class yet cost-conscious way—the whole university much more than yours truly.

Job well done!

Best,

Matthew S. Holland
President

P.S. AGAIN, THANKS SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID BUT I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED YOUR SALUTATION WHICH OPENED THE MEETINGS ON THE RIGHT NOTE, AND FOR YOUR HELP ON SELECTING THAT PERFECT FIRST MUSICAL NUMBER!