

dean's message

a message from Dean Douglas D. Anderson



One of the great pleasures of serving as dean is getting to know some of our great students. Every year fresh faces come to us with great ambition and dreams, and it is our task to create opportunities and pathways for them so that they leave better prepared to lead lives of meaning.

Jill Aoki and Doug Fiefia are two of the scores of amazing young people I have had the opportunity to meet in my eight years as dean. Jill was valedictorian of her class, scholar of the year, and received the prestigious Elijah Watt Sells Award in 2012, one of just 39 out of 92,000 who took the CPA Exam. Doug is only the second USU student in history to be elected student body

president for two years. They have taken full advantage of our academic and extracurricular offerings and are driven and focused on their future.

Student success is at the heart of everything we do here at the Huntsman School of Business. Jill and Doug represent the many students who have succeeded at the Huntsman School and who are now succeeding in their chosen professions. And while success may be shown through multiple means, there are some linkages between education and long-term success in the workplace and in life.

This issue focuses on two of our initiatives to further student success: one focused on curricular redesign and one focused on career development. I want

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to cite just one specific example from each to highlight the importance we place on student success. We are developing a new course, Foundations of Business & Leadership, which will

be required of all incoming Huntsman students. This course was developed as a result of our participation in the Aspen Institute's Business & Society Program.

To better prepare students for life beyond school, we have teamed up with one of our great supporters, Crystal Maggelet, to create the FJ Management Center for Student Success. This new center, which opened September 11, is both a physical space and an administrative function to advise, mentor, and engage students to build pathways of success.

These initiatives are designed to provide opportunities that together with our students' raw talent, hard work, ambition, and integrity will produce extraordinary results.