



## **Provo – Center of Education**

Provo's culture is one with many dynamic parts – it's a hub for innovation, a center of creativity, a caring and giving community, and on and on. But the foundation upon which this exceptional culture is built is the foundation of education. Education has been part of the Provo culture from the beginning. Provo has always valued education. Education is in our DNA, it is who we are, and it has the ability to change lives forever, for good.

Let's now take a look at education resources in and adjacent to Provo and you will easily see why **Provo is a Center of Education.**

There are 6 major higher education institutions in or adjacent to Provo – Brigham Young University, Utah Valley University (the largest university in Utah), Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, Provo College, and Mountainland Technical College – Provo Center covering over 1000 acres. Together there are over 80,000 students and over 20,000 annual graduates receiving 530 degrees and certificates. These graduates are physicians, lawyers, engineers, healthcare professionals, teachers and much, much more. The intellectual capital that emerges from Provo is impressive!

People come from all over the world to study in and near Provo and many stay for jobs. For example, only 35% of BYU students are from Utah, yet 55% of BYU graduates remain in Utah for employment. BYU is a great importer of amazing talent into the Provo area.

Not only is education widely available in Provo but it is education of the highest quality. UVU was rated #3 in the nation for Return on Investment (Business Leader). BYU was rated #1 in the nation for College Worth the Cost (Wall Street Journal) and was also rated #1 in the nation for Best Trained Business Graduates. Noorda COM is the only medical school in the country to offer its innovative and unique approach to medical education. Rocky Mountain University recently opened its College of Optometry, the only one in the Intermountain West.

Education in Provo spans all ages and all circumstances. The Provo School District's CAPS Student Showcase had student teams demonstrating products they had created during the school year – interactive web sites, computer apps, online training & testing, etc. Education begins early in Provo. And education is available for all. For example, at UVU 38% of the students are first-generation students.

Provo embraces the statement that "Greatness is Already Built Into You" and is committed to provide education that is wide ranging and life changing. Education is at the heart of Provo's culture. It starts early and continues as life-long learning for the entire Provo community. **Yet another great Provo Advantage!**