

November 28, 2022

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Dear <<First Names Combined>>,

This past year has truly been exceptional for Utah Valley University (UVU). The university has taken great strides toward creating even more opportunities for students to fulfill their potential and prepare for success in work and life.

In October, we announced the launch of EverGREEN, Utah Valley University's inaugural comprehensive campaign. With over half of our \$350 million goal raised, the impact of generous donor gifts is already being seen on campus.

The tenacity of mighty evergreen trees inspires me, especially now, as winter has stripped many trees of their leaves. Using this as a symbol for UVU's inaugural campaign made sense not only because of the commitment to our school color, green, but because EverGREEN trees encapsulate UVU's dedication to creating a lasting impact that will continue growing and thriving, no matter the circumstances.

Moving forward, this campaign will impact every area of campus, from science and engineering to athletics and the arts. It will amplify UVU's flexible and relevant approach and help ensure more skilled and caring workers in our community and around the world.

Your contribution to the EverGREEN campaign goes toward student scholarships, academic programs, and important student life initiatives. These initiatives make an impact on thousands of students' lives, and this cannot be done without your support. Every single cent contributed to the campaign will make an impact.

During this season of giving, I am writing to invite you to contribute an end-of-year gift to help support the students of UVU and give back to the community. Donations can be made through our online giving portal at [uvu.edu/evergreen](http://uvu.edu/evergreen) or by mailing the reply slip below.

Thank you again for your belief in and unwavering commitment to Utah Valley University.

Best Wishes,




**Kyle Reyes, Ph.D.**  
 Vice President, UVU Institutional Advancement  
 CEO, UVU Foundation

**Give online**



[uvu.edu/evergreen](http://uvu.edu/evergreen)

**UVU**  
Snapshot



43,099

Wolverines this semester

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38%

are first-generation students, meaning neither of their parents completed a degree

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28%

work more than 31 hours per week




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5,000

UVU students couldn't receive the Multicultural General Scholarship due to lack of financial support

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19%

are students of color

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**Degree Options**

<b>101</b>	<b>59</b>
bachelor's degrees	associate degrees
<b>14</b>	<b>70</b>
master's degrees	certificates

Your support is needed. Please give before year end.

**Yes! I would like to support the Utah Valley University Foundation with my gift of:**  
 Please circle one  
 \$<<Max>> \$<<Mid>> \$<<Min>> \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 One-time Gift  Monthly Gift

Please designate my gift to the following area:  
 Student Emergency Fund  
 I Am UVU Scholarship Fund  
 Multicultural General Scholarship  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print fund name)

I have enclosed a check payable to Utah Valley University Foundation (please use enclosed return envelope)  
 Please charge my credit card

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# MY UVU FAMILY

Lina Varionova, a UVU Foundation Ambassador from Ukraine,  
has found a home at UVU

Lina Varionova grew up in Derazhnya, Ukraine, and followed in the footsteps of her mother to receive her nursing degree at 18 from First Kyiv Medical College. After working as a nurse for a while in Ukraine, Lina continued her medical training at University of Lodz in Poland, but she didn't feel like it was the right fit. While she was studying in Poland, her mother suggested she check out universities in Utah, and Lina started looking into UVU.

Once she decided to attend, the process moved quickly. Lina said, "I dropped everything in Poland and moved out in the span of four months. I got a visa, was accepted to UVU, packed my life into two suitcases, left all my friends and family, and arrived at UVU."

When she started at UVU, Lina intended to pursue a nursing degree, but then changed her major to public health with minors in health-care administration and marketing. While she loved learning about caring for patients as a nurse, she wanted to become educated on how to not only treat sickness, but also prevent it through public education and programs. She said, "I wanted to do something still connected to medicine, because I feel like it's almost in my blood."

When she first arrived at UVU, Lina found a sense of belonging through the International Student Council, which provides valuable resources and mentors for new international students. After benefitting from the student-mentor program, Lina decided to become a mentor herself. Now, Lina is in her second year of mentoring new international students. Lina was also selected as a UVU Foundation Ambassador. "I got a chance not to only work with international students, but with American students who also want to be involved in the school. That's been the most rewarding because I formed a lot of new connections and friendships."



These experiences have provided her with scholarships that have helped her afford international student tuition at UVU. "Scholarships have been a huge help because my mom is my only financial support, and she has been working hard her whole life to support me. So receiving scholarships has been really great – I can finally call her and tell her 'Mom, we don't need money for this one, you can save up and do something for yourself,'" Lina said.

As the war in Ukraine has continued, Lina has received an outpouring of support, not just financially, but also emotionally. She said, "There's this factor of humanity that goes into all of the organizations that I'm involved with, which is really great. It feels like this is my UVU family."

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**EVERGREEN**

the campaign for **UVU**

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