Welcome to Uintah Basin Technical College (UBTech), the first technical college in the State of Utah. UBTech is a nationally recognized technical education leader and looks forward to preparing you for success in the career path of your dreams. Thousands of today's business owners, managers, and employees have educational roots and branches at UBTech.

UBTech faculty, staff and administrators are committed to the success of every student, and stand ready to serve and assist you in your individual educational pursuits. UBTech graduates are employment ready and recognized financially for the skills they obtain through our nationally accredited certificate programs.

We ask all walks of life to experience a hands on approach to the world through the eyes of technical education. Our college has a 50-year legacy of student success, your choice to enroll at UBTech is a wise investment in your future. I invite you to experience the earning power of a technical education.

Great opportunities await you at UBTech!

Aaron K. Weight
College President/CEO
**Program Completion Rate**

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**Campus Certificate Count**

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**Membership Hour Count**

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**Student Head Count**

- Secondary: 2356
- Adult: 1642
- Total: 3998

**Employer Advisory Team Members**

- 238

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**

- **Amount Awarded**
  - $698,126.68
- **Students Awarded**
  - 591

**Custom Fit**

State Custom Fit funds are allocated to eligible companies in need of necessary training targeting productivity, safety, enhanced leadership and technical skills and more.

- **In-State Funds**
  - $410,000
- **Hours of Training**
  - 21,775
- **Custom Fit Uintah Basin Businesses**
  - 147
- **Students Served Through Custom Fit**
  - 1,846

**Financial Assistance Includes:**

- **ANY PROGRAM**
  - Uintah County Resident
  - Duchesne County Resident
  - UBTech Foundation Annuity
  - Technical College
  - Presidential Scholarship
- **MEDICAL**
  - Uintah Basin Healthcare Employees Scholarship
  - Ashley Regional Healthcare Employees Scholarship
  - Robert D. & Areva Huish Helen Huish
- **IT PROGRAMS**
  - STRATA Annuity Scholarship
- **CDL (TRUCK DRIVING)**
  - Uintah County Resident CDL
  - Brady Trucking
- **SINGLE MOTHERS**
  - Allred’s Landscaping/Stella H. Oaks Foundation
- **BASIC SKILLS**
  - You Got This
- **FEDERAL PELL GRANT**
  - USDE APPROVED PROGRAMS
- **VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**
  - WELDING
    - Miller/Norco Welding
  - AUTOMOTIVE
  - L&L Motor Sponsored Scholarship
  - The Dean Townsend Scholarship
  - BASIC SKILLS
    - You Got This
  - FEDERAL PELL GRANT
    - USDE APPROVED PROGRAMS
  - HESSP (Higher Education Success Stipend Program)
  - VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
“I want to inspire other high school students to take advantage of UBTech programs while in high school.”
When you first look at McKinlee Thacker, with blonde hair and blue-eyes, it may come as a surprise to find out she graduated with these three certificates: Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair, Intermediate Welding Technician, and CDL.

McKinlee grew up spending a lot of time in her father’s automotive shop where she developed a love for cars and trucks. Still, she said she had to convince her mother that it was okay for her “little girl” to choose a career as an auto mechanic.

McKinlee graduated from Altamont High School, which meant she had an hour round-trip commute each day to attend UBTech. She made sacrifices to achieve her goals including giving up playing high school sports and leaving her friends, but she says it’s “100% worth it.” She hopes to inspire other high school students to take advantage of UBTech programs while in high school.

During her year of being Student of the Year, McKinlee won the gold medal at the state SkillsUSA competition in Motorcycle Service Technology. She traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the National SkillsUSA competition and placed fourth in the nation. Currently, she is enrolled at Utah Valley University to further her education in Auto Collision Repair and Business.

Dave Kindig and Kevdog from Kindig-it Design, the custom car fabrication shop featured on the TV show “Bitchin’ Rides”, visited UBTech. McKinlee was featured on the clip that was televised, where Dave was impressed with her many certificates and accomplishments. She was later contacted by a casting director who asked her to apply to be a candidate in a spinoff series called “Bitchin’ Bootcamp”. McKinlee was chosen to be one of the twelve contestants who will compete to earn a job at Kindigit-it Design. The show is slated to release March 13, 2020 on the Motortrend app.
Kylen Arrive is a role model for diversity and has a variety of cultural heritage of Navajo, Ute, Sioux and Caucasian. He lives in Fort Duchesne where he enjoys a strong relationship with his family.

Kylen wasn’t always a star student. Finding the motivation to take required tests in class was difficult. It became easy to fall behind and avoid the work. He needed support and encouragement. And that’s where his UBTech instructors played a vital role. “They would talk to me. Thanks to them, I tried a little bit harder,” he said. “They kept encouraging me to not give up.”

He first enrolled in UBTech’s Heavy Duty Diesel program. He credits his instructor, Justin Jorgensen, for sparking his drive to keep learning. Not only did Jorgensen’s encouragement help him complete the program, it persuaded him to earn two additional certificates.

After completing Heavy Duty Diesel, Kylen enrolled in the CDL (truck driving) program and Auto Technology. Currently you’ll find him in the welding shop continuing his education, seeking a fourth technical certificate.

He knew that in order to make higher wages he needed to have skills and training. Kylen first came to UBTech to increase his employability, but his desire to learn flourished and he continued to recognize having additional skills would enhance his earning potential.

“UBTech gave me the chance to open the doors of opportunity. Don’t give up, push forward, because you can do anything at UBTech,” he said.
Camilla Barney is a single mom of two boys, ages 7 and 4. Her desire to work in healthcare was sparked when her oldest son was diagnosed with a form of autism. However, life took her down another track, as it so often does, and she wasn’t able to pursue her goal at the time. Then last October, Cami’s grandmother was placed on hospice. Cami quit her job in order to provide her grandmother with the care she wanted to ensure she received.

She turned to UBTech to get the training that she knew she would need to better care for her grandmother and discovered the UBTech Allred’s Landscaping/Stella H. Oaks Annuity Scholarship. The scholarship aimed at helping single mothers, made it possible for Cami to enroll in the Nursing Assistant program. With her training paid for through a scholarship and with the support of her family, she became a UBTech student in November.

Tragically, Cami’s grandmother passed away on Thanksgiving Day. Cami decided to continue with her schooling and is currently enrolled at Utah State University – Uintah Basin. She is taking the pre-requisite courses that will make her eligible to apply to UBTech’s Practical Nursing Program. Her goal is to become a Registered Nurse.

“I feel very grateful for the opportunity to go back school,” she said. “The staff has been amazing to work with.”

Shannon Woodward, a trustee representing the Stella H. Oaks Foundation and Vice President of Development, signs an agreement with President Aaron K. Weight to donate $75,000 to the college. The scholarship will fund tuition and other educational expenses for single mothers over a 5-year period.
Tim Davis
Practical Nursing
Veterans Educational Benefits
Robert D. & Areva Huish Scholarship
Duchesne County Resident Scholarship

Tim Davis served in the Army Infantry for 5 years, including 2 deployments to Afghanistan. When he returned home, Tim wanted to enter into the medical field. He knew schooling would be difficult, so he completed his barbers license to support his family while attending college.

Prior to chasing his medical career, he met his wife and later moved to Roosevelt, Utah to work in the oilfield earning high wages. The oil and gas industry took a turn with low oil prices and many companies had layoffs. Tim chose to get a head of the downturn of the oilfield and went to work as a barber, which later turned into an opportunity to open his own shop and run his own business.

It was a matter of time before Tim decided to chase his dream, which led him to enroll at UBTech in the Practical Nursing program.

“My biggest challenge has been balancing everything I have going on. I am the sole provider for my family, so not working is out of the question. The program demands a lot of time, I have community obligations, and my children need my attention.”

He says knowing he will be able to support his family in a stable career, is what keeps him going. “I understand how important it is to have an education. I want to help others – I want to be that person.”

Student Success Officer, Amber Thacker, adds, “I admire Tim because of the way he approaches life with a sense of humor and positivity. What’s more, he has an incredible work ethic and the ability to be resilient in spite of tough obstacles – traits that will help him to become an outstanding nurse.”

Tim remarked, “I would absolutely like to thank everyone involved in my education at UBTech. This school offers the best opportunities I have ever seen. If a person has the motivation to succeed, then UBTech offers the way. The breadth of programs, scholarships, educators and equipment really elevates UBTech above other schools.”

Tim’s future plans include continuing his education and becoming an Registered Nurse.

“UBTech is the hidden gem of the Uintah Basin.”
Bianey Gorostieta grew up in Mexico and moved to Utah to give her children a better quality of life. Bianey, along with her husband and their four children came to the Uintah Basin to assist at a Spanish Christian Church, Jesuscristo es el Camino. The church is located in Naples, Utah and Bianey's husband serves as a preacher.

Because Bianey grew up in a poor home, she lacked the resources or opportunities to attend college. She initially attended UBTech to learn English but with the encouragement of her instructor she enrolled in a business program. “Bianey has such a strong work ethic and insists not only on figuring out many tasks on her own, but perfecting those skills as well. Ninety-nine percent is not good enough for her!” said instructor Angela Hanberg. “We are so blessed to have her and her sweet, positive attitude in our classroom.”

Bianey's favorite part of the Office Technician program is having a flexible schedule with the open-entry/open-exit format. She also appreciates Angela and enjoys learning the basics of business, which she knows will help her with any future plans.

"Learning something new will help my family. Everything we do is for our family," she said.

She wants to inspire others and show that age and time shouldn't keep anyone from attending UBTech. “I’m not too old” she laughed.

UBTech student, Brigg Edwards (far right), brought home the silver medal in Cabinetmaking from the National SkillsUSA competition held in Louisville, Kentucky. Secondary and post-secondary competitors were awarded.
Uintah Basin Technical College sent 13 students to Louisville, Kentucky to represent the college and the state of Utah at the Nationals SkillsUSA competition.

This event occupies a space equivalent to 20 football fields, with more than 6,200 contestants testing their skills in over 100 separate events.

More than half of the UBTech students placed in the top 10 in their respective divisions, with two students placing in the top 5 and one earning a medal.

Brigg Edwards received a silver medal in cabinetmaking, and McKinlee Thacker placed 5th in motorcycle technician. Dalton Van placed 8th in welding, Jaylee Morrel placed 9th in nursing assistant, Amy Murrieta placed 10th in medical terminology, and Hunter Webb placed 10th in aviation maintenance technology.

Mason Holmes placed 11th in electrical wiring, Koby Thacker placed 12th in maintenance light repair, Alec Foster placed 15th in culinary arts, and the four-member TeamWorks team which includes Tymarie White, Hayden Boren, Mason Tait, and Jesse Anderson, placed 24th.

Each state sends their gold medalist in each division to compete at Nationals SkillsUSA. This is the largest group of competitors UBTech has ever sent to nationals.

“Having such a large number of students compete at the National level reflects the quality of career and technical education the faculty at UBTech provide,” said UBTech President, Aaron Weight. “We are pleased with the growth and expansion our SkillsUSA chapters have experienced as a result of generous community partnerships, and look forward to additional students having opportunity to participate and compete.”

In 2019 Todd Bro, owner of Iowa Tank Lines, entered into a partnership with UBTech to help students with the financial costs of competing in SkillsUSA.

“Nationals was an amazing experience! My trip to Kentucky was my first airplane ride,” said student competitor, Amy Murrieta. “I wouldn’t have been able to compete without the donation from Iowa Tank Lines.”

“We want to provide an easier financial path for students who want to participate in SkillsUSA,” said Bro. “There is great satisfaction that comes with being involved with our community. I have great love for the concept of what UBTech does, the concept of working with your hands, offering an education that is available to everybody.”
"If you’re going to doubt something, doubt your own limits."

-Don Ward

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