

Next DSU Colleagues Meeting - Monday, December 3 @ 12 noon

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Dear Colleagues of Dixie State University,

Our next Colleagues meeting will be held on **Monday, December 3, 2018 at 12:00 noon in Lecture Hall 156 of the Taylor Health Science Center**, located at 1526 East Medical Center (south of Lowe's and east of River Road). Our special guest speakers for the December meeting will be **Ralph and Cheri Atkin** (their picture is attached) who will be talking about community service and SkyWest Airlines.

J. Ralph and Cheri B. Atkin are lifelong residents of St. George, Utah. They met at Dixie Jr. College in 1964, graduated in 1965, and married in 1966 while attending BYU. They both graduated from BYU in 1967. Then they moved on to the University of Utah, where Ralph studied Law and graduated in 1970, and Cheri received her master's in educational psychology that same year. They then returned to St. George, where Ralph began his legal career being elected as the Washington County Attorney and establishing a general law practice, and Cheri accepted a teaching position at Dixie State University. Two years later, in 1972, they founded SkyWest Airlines and continued a 45-year advisory career with them while maintaining a private legal practice in St. George. They raised a family of eight children, all graduates of Dixie State University, and have 25 grandchildren. The oldest grandchild is a sophomore at Dixie this year. Ralph and Cheri have been involved in numerous other businesses, including Café Rio, EuroSky Airlines in Europe, and GFIA Airlines in Africa, plus civic, church, and family involvements over their lifetime of service here in St. George.

Ralph served 12 years in the Utah National Guard and was a First Lieutenant in the Army Field Artillery. He is the immediate past president of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers – Cotton Mission Chapter in Southern Utah, and he was also a charter member of the St. George Exchange Club. Ralph holds a private pilot license, for single and multi-engine aircraft. Both Ralph and Cheri are members of the Dixie State University Hall of Fame, and Cheri is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate at Dixie State. They both have enjoyed travel, golf, and tennis with their family and friends over the years. They especially love living in and serving this Dixie community. They recently returned from serving as Public Affairs Volunteers (missionaries) in Turkey, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and they are currently serving as the Public Affairs Regional Directors for the Church here in Washington County. We look forward to hearing from Ralph and Cheri on Monday, December 3rd.

Looking ahead . . . the speakers and meeting dates for the rest of this academic year are as follows:

- January 7, 2019 – Dr. Joseph Platt (DSU Professor speaking re: Muhammad, the Prophet and Politician of Islam)
- February 4 – Del Parson (Renown Artist)
- March 4 – Karl Snow (from the St. George Snows – former Senator, and Professor of Political Science)
- April 1 – Dr. Lincoln Nadauld (Oncology Specialist)
- May 6 – Dr. Richard B. Williams (President of Dixie State University)

Thank you so much for your support of the Colleagues.

We wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

DSU President, Dr. Richard B. Williams and former DSU President, Dr. Douglas D. Alder

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