



ALTA HIGH SCHOOL

“We are an inclusive learning community with a tradition of inspiring, supporting, and collaborating with students as they prepare to be engaged citizens in their pursuit of continuous success.”

November 26th, 2018

Dear Juniors and Parents/Guardians:

I’m excited to announce (for another year) our official partnership with the University of Utah, “Step2TheU.” This unique and one of a kind partnership is for juniors who are interested in pursuing University level course work which will provide a significant opportunity to become further prepared for higher education coursework, experiences, and connections. The actual coursework begins Summer of 2019, and will allow students an opportunity to take University coursework from professors at the University of Utah (Sandy Campus).

This unique opportunity is only offered to students of Alta High School. Students will work towards credit completion of their general education requirements, with an opportunity to save approximately \$15-20,000 in tuition savings and other associated university fees, save a significant amount of time towards a Bachelor’s Degree completion, make connections with University staff and faculty, earn credits towards senior year of high school, and be invited on campus for unique campus life experiences. This opportunity will be made available to students who opt to apply and participate in the program. Students interested in “Step2TheU” will be enrolled in a full semester of University studies during the summer between Junior and Senior years at Alta, will take one University Level Math class both fall and spring of senior year, and continue with the final summer semester of coursework after senior year (high school graduation) and before entrance into their traditional fall of first year University studies.

Students can apply for the “Step2TheU” program and return application and all associated requirements to the Alta Counseling Center (by the end of school) on Friday, February 1st, 2019. Applications for Step2TheU are now available at the Alta High School official website and a hard copy provided to every junior via our assembly. We invite you to attend the entire information session on Monday, December 3rd, during Advisory (approximately 9:05 am) in the auditorium, followed by a brief and informal parent Q & A session. Please place this letter on your dashboard for parking notification if you choose to attend.

This new initiative is the formal innovation, collaboration, and design of Alta High School and our partners at the University of Utah. Our combined efforts will be to work collectively together in establishing a new “hybrid” high school model of combining the best practices of an early college high school framework and an existing traditional public comprehensive high school. We are committed to provide accessible paths to college, and unique opportunities for students to learn, be challenged, grow, and further develop as they prepare and transition from high school to post-secondary education. This new educational opportunity is an extension of the tremendous and expansive Advanced Placement and Concurrent Enrollment opportunities that already reside at our fine establishment of learning. Thank you for your time. It’s a great day to be a Hawk!

Sincerely,
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Principal



Step2TheU: An early college pathway in partnership with the University of Utah
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