



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."

December 9th, 2016

Dear Juniors and Parents/Guardians:

I'm excited to announce our official partnership with the University of Utah this year, called "Step2TheU." This unique and one of a kind partnership launches this very school year 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 program begins during the summer of 2017, and will allow students an opportunity to take University coursework from professors at the University of Utah, via the Sandy extension campus.

This unique opportunity is only offered to students of Alta High School, beginning with this year's junior class. Students will work towards credit completion of their general education requirements, with an opportunity to save nearly \$10,000 in tuition savings and fees, save a significant amount of time towards a Bachelor's Degree completion, make connections with University 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 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 will apply for entry within the first ever "Step2TheU" program and return application and all associated requirements to the Alta Counseling Center by Thursday, February 16th, 2017. Applications will be available on Friday, December 16th, at an information session held during Advisory Time (9:10 – 9:40 am), in which our entire Junior class will be provided with a formal presentation on the most up to date program details. Our Junior parents are also welcome to attend the entire information session, followed by a brief and informal Q & A session, directly thereafter. The information session will be held in the Alta Auditorium. 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 access means, 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. It's a great day to be a Hawk!

Sincerely,
Brian P. McGill
Principal



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