The End of an Era: Influential USU-Orem Staff Member to Retire

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Since the early 2000’s, Utah State University-Orem (USU) has experienced a lot of growth, and with that growth a lot of changes. Eloise Young has been one of the constants the center depended on to navigate the major adjustments. Young, a program coordinator, recently announced her retirement, capping off her 15 years at USU.

“All students, faculty and staff who come through USU-Orem have been influenced by Eloise, directly or indirectly,” said David Vernon, executive director of USU-Salt Lake Center. “Her dedication has helped our center develop into a strong and impactful higher education resource for the surrounding community. We will miss having her on our team. Essentially, Eloise runs the center of 300 students with the help of only a few workers.”

Young started at USU-Orem in October 2003 as an academic advisor and recruiter. Between her start date and retirement, the center changed locations twice, each undergoing large renovations. Young designed the new locations herself, focusing her efforts to ensure the location better served the students. All of her job assignments have been aimed at creating an academic environment where students can excel. She has served a variety of students, including incoming high school graduates, college graduate students, and non-traditional students returning to school. Through all of this, Young stepped into a variety of roles, from advising to recruiting to coordinating programs.

Aside from her official jobs, she was responsible for a wide array of other tasks as USU-Orem’s problem solver, including hiring and training new personnel, organizing building maintenance, working with architects and interior designers on renovations, proctoring exams, and assisting with student government and activities. She played a major role in day-to-day operations too, such as scheduling classes for students, running administrative meetings, and organizing the center’s testing.

Through all of this experience, Young has touched the lives of thousands of students, faculty and staff members, and the local community. Her retirement is a loss to the university, but we are happy for her and wish her the best of luck. All are invited to her retirement reception on May 24, 4-6 p.m. at USU-Orem, 1875 State Street.

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