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After 33 years of exemplary service at Utah State University Tooele, Joyce Allen has announced her retirement effective June 30. Allen currently serves as an academic advisor and held several positions in her time at USU Tooele.

“Joyce is strong and has one of the greatest hearts of anyone I know,” said Jenn Cowburn, associate vice president for USU Tooele Region. “I’ve learned so much from her and I thank her for the time and effort she gave to USU Tooele students over the years. I’m excited for Joyce and her next chapter of life.”

Allen graduated from USU in 1987 with a degree in physical education and health. Her first job out of college was as a permanent substitute teacher at Tooele High School. She continued to coach ninth and tenth grade volleyball and basketball through the 1990s at the school.

In 1988, Allen started at USU Tooele as a nighttime facilitator.

“USU Tooele at this time did not have the current campus, but instead had offices on the third floor in a building on Main Street,” Allen said. “There was only one classroom at this location, but classes were also held at the Tooele Army Depot and Tooele Junior High.”

Starting in 1992, Allen began working as a coordinator of the USU Prison Program at the Utah State Prison in Draper. Allen worked in this position for 13 years.

“I ran three facilities: women, medium and minimum security, which included advising and registration and running the com-net and satellite system,” she said.

Allen returned to the USU Tooele Campus in 2005, where she worked as a registration coordinator, and then moved to her current role as an academic advisor. She has enjoyed helping students in their academic pursuits, something she appreciated in her own time as a student.

When I attended USU, I had a great advisor,” she said. “I really understood how important academic advising is for students. I have loved my job and enjoyed my time here at USU Tooele.”

As she begins retirement, Allen plans to spend a lot of time with her 90-year-old mother, enjoy yard work, golf, fishing and pickleball. She also plans on traveling.

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