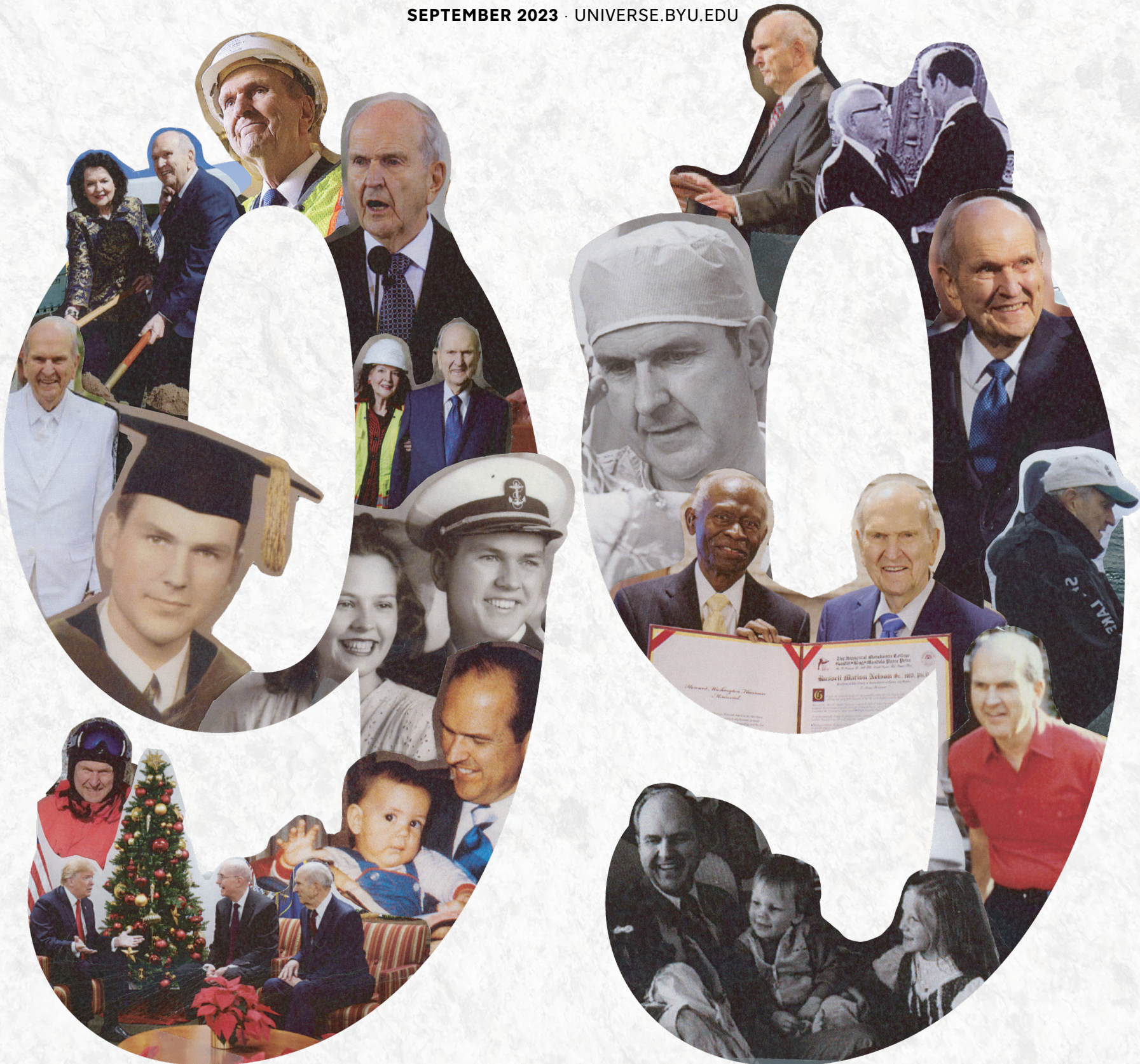


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# LEGACY OF SERVICE

PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON

By Joe Wirthlin

President Russell M. Nelson turns 99 years old on Sept. 9, 2023. Since becoming president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 2018, President Nelson ushered in an era of change, building upon principles espoused over the course of his life.

## **The importance of gospel learning in the home**

According to President Nelson, he did not grow up in a gospel-centered home. All eight of his grandparents joined the Church in Europe and immigrated to the U.S. His parents taught them important life lessons, yet did not focus their home life on Jesus Christ. President Nelson sought out the Gospel of Jesus Christ on his own and was baptized when he was 16 years old.

In October 2018, President Nelson announced that the Church would be implementing “a home-centered and Church-supported plan to learn doctrine, strengthen faith and foster greater personal worship.” This effort, known as “Come, Follow Me,” would shift the focus of gospel learning into the home, allowing families to come together and focus their home lives on Jesus Christ. Sunday meetings were shortened by one hour to allow families time to teach and learn together.

## **The importance of being sealed for time and eternity**

In 1945, while studying in medical school at the University of Utah, he married his first wife, Dantzel White, in the Salt Lake Temple. During their life together, they had nine daughters and one son. While their children were sealed to President Nelson and his wife, President Nelson was not sealed to his own parents until his parents were in their 80s.

“I cannot fully express the joy that I felt that day,

and each day I feel that joy of their sealing and my being sealed to them,” President Nelson said.

In May 2019, the First Presidency removed the one-year waiting period between civil marriages and temple sealings. Before the change, men and women married outside the temple were required to wait a full year before entering the temple to be sealed for time and eternity. Now, couples can be married outside the temple and sealed anytime after, allowing family members and friends not of the faith or without temple recommends the chance to witness the civil marriage.

## **The importance of peacemaking**

During President Nelson’s surgical internship, a surgeon operating on a gangrenous leg became upset with the residents working under him. The surgeon threw a contaminated scalpel across the room in anger, injuring President Nelson. After the incident, President Nelson promised himself that his own operating theater would be different and he would never throw sharp objects or words in anger again.

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve recalled the words of a former surgery student who studied under President Nelson. This student said while other operating rooms were “chaotic, competitive, pressure-filled and even ego-driven,” President Nelson’s operating room was “peaceful, calm and dignified.” Residents were held to high standards, but the calm environment allowed the residents to thrive under his leadership.

President Nelson has given several talks since his call to be an apostle, counseling Church members to avoid contention, build tolerance and mutual respect and honor the Savior’s example to become peacemakers.





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*Rev. Lawrence Carter, founding dean of Morehouse College, presented the Gandhi-King-Mandela Peace Prize to President Nelson in April 2023 for his tireless efforts to “build bridges of understanding rather than create walls of segregation.”*

The Inaugural Morehouse College Gandhi-King-Mandela Peace Prize Citation, April 13, 2023

### The growth of the Church

When President Nelson was born in 1924, there were less than 600,000 members of the Church. Only six dedicated temples were operating at that time, serving 90 stakes and 1,685 wards. In 2023, there are more than 17 million members of the Church, an increase of more than 2,700%.

Starting in April 2018, President Nelson has delegated announcements and additional responsibilities to the Quorum of the Twelve. In 2018 alone, Elder Jeffery R. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve explained the new ministering program to members of the Church and Elder D. Todd Christofferson and Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the Quorum of the Twelve explained adjustments in the structuring of elders quorums and high priests quorums. In delegation, President Nelson has allowed the Quorum of the Twelve additional opportunities to lead out and strengthen Church members across the world.

Before 2018, only seven members of the Quorum of the Twelve had dedicated temples. The other temples were dedicated by members of the First Presidency. Since President Nelson became the leader of the Church, each member of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve has dedicated or rededication at least one temple.

### The importance of temples

While working as a surgeon in 1972, President Nelson performed heart surgery on Elder Spencer W. Kimball. President Kimball became president of the Church the next year, 11 years before President Nelson was called as an apostle. President Kimball announced in 1981 the building of nine additional temples, the largest increase in temples at one time. Additional temples were announced by President Kimball, President Ezra Taft Benson and President Howard W. Hunter.

President Gordon B. Hinckley announced plans to have 100 dedicated temples by the end of the year 2000. By the time President Thomas S. Monson, President Hinckley’s successor, passed away in January 2018, there were 159 dedicated temples and 23 announced or under construction.

President Nelson has announced plans to build 133 temples, replace two temples and renovate 12 temples. During his administration, 20 temples have been dedicated, 14 rededicated, and nine scheduled for dedication. The St. George Utah Temple will be rededicated in December 2023. Additionally, 43 temples are under construction, two groundbreakings are scheduled, eight renderings of temples have been released and 22 sites have been announced. There has been no additional news for the remaining 47 temples.

### The name of the Church

During his time as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve, President Nelson spoke about the importance of the name of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Previous Church leaders had also requested that members use the correct name of the Church.

“By divine directive, the title of the Church bears the sacred name of Jesus Christ, whose church this is,” President Nelson said. “He so decreed more than once. Nearly two thousand years ago, the Lord said, ‘Ye shall call the church in my name; ... And how be it my church save it be called in my name?’”

On August 16, 2018, President Nelson issued a statement regarding the importance of using the name of the Church as given by divine inspiration. In an October 2018 session of General Conference, President Nelson again affirmed the importance of the name and the scope of the changes that would be made to be in line with the official name of the Church.

“The name of the Church is not negotiable,” President Nelson said. “When the Savior clearly states what the name of His Church should be and even precedes His declaration with, ‘Thus shall my church be called,’ He is serious. And if we allow nicknames to be used or adopt or even spon-

*In 2019, President Nelson initiated the renovation of the Salt Lake Temple to reinforce its foundation. He promised that if members fortify their spiritual foundation that “when spiritual earthquakes occur, you will be able to stand strong because your spiritual foundation is solid and immovable.”*

President Russell M. Nelson  
“The Temple and Your Spiritual Foundation” October 2021 General Conference

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or those nicknames ourselves, He is offended.”

Shortly after his announcement, social media accounts run by members of the Church changed their names to reflect the instruction given by President Nelson. On March 5, 2019, the First Presidency announced that LDS.org and Mormon.org would be replaced with ChurchOfJesus-Christ.org and ComeUntoChrist.org, respectively. During the following months, additional changes were made to official Church social media accounts, phone and tablet apps and the Church-wide internet access as well as organizations like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and LDS Business College.

### Caring for all people

While working in the professional field, President Nelson witnessed the Civil Rights Movement impacting the lives of those around him. For the first half of his life, African American members of the Church were unable to be ordained to the Priesthood. On June 1, 1978, six years before President Nelson was ordained an apostle, President Spencer W. Kimball received a revelation allowing for “all worthy male members of the Church (to be) ordained to the priesthood without regard for race or color.”

While speaking in General Conference in 2020, President Nelson urged members of the Church and the world at large to abandon “attitudes and actions of prejudice.”

“God does not love one race more than another,” President Nelson said. “His doctrine on this matter is clear. He invites all to come unto Him, ‘black and white, bond and free, male and female.’ I assure you that your standing before God is not determined by the color of your skin.”

After meeting with members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in May 2018 and working with their leadership for years, The First Presidency announced a new collaboration with the NAACP in June 2021.

“Leaders of the Church have found common ground with the NAACP as we have discussed challenges that beset some of God’s children,” President Nelson said. “The challenges are huge, and our capacities are limited. But together, we want to make a difference, even though our efforts may seem relatively small.”

The lessons that President Nelson has learned throughout his life have impacted his decisions as president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As he continues to lead the Church into his 100th year, those lessons will continue to inspire him to love and serve all of God’s children in higher and holier ways.



# TEMPLES TODAY

## LOCAL & WORLD UPDATES

By Joshua Rust

Utah County is experiencing many changes to temples over the next few years.

The Provo Utah Temple will close on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, in preparation for planned reconstruction. The reconstruction, announced in October 2021, will include an expansive architectural redesign.

Provo Utah Temple worker Eliza Young volunteers at the temple to escape the daily “hustle and bustle.”

“I love that it’s like my time away from the world ... just being able to focus on ordinances for a long period of time,” Young said.

Young mentioned some plans for current workers at the Provo Utah Temple to continue their work in the Orem or Provo City Center temples while the Provo Utah Temple undergoes construction after the Orem temple opens.

The dedication of the Orem Utah Temple is scheduled for Jan. 21, 2024. The open house, scheduled from Oct. 27 to Dec. 16, will precede the dedication.

The completion of that temple will bring the total number of operational temples in Utah County to six, with a seventh to be completed in Lindon probably in 2025.

In total, the Church has 179 fully constructed and dedicated temples.

Since his Presidency began, President Russell M. Nelson has announced plans to build an additional 133 temples. Of those announced temples, five have been dedicated, six are scheduled for dedication, 43 are under construction, two groundbreakings are scheduled, eight renderings have been released and 22

sites have been announced.

Latter-day Saints are looking forward to the temple growth, with returned missionary Andrew Fisher especially excited about the Philippines temples that have been announced or are under construction.

Fisher, who served a mission in the Philippines, said these temples are needed. Right now, the island has two operational temples across its 2,000 inhabited islands. For Fisher, building temples makes the promises of eternal families “a little more real.”

“The thing I felt like drove the most amount of people to actually be open to the church and wanting to see what it was all about,” Fisher said.

Sarah Wilson, who served a mission in Peru, is looking forward to the construction of several temples in addition to the seven already in Peru. She said it is often difficult for members to reach the nearest temples.

In one particular area Wilson served, Iquitos, she said it was “rare” for any new members to make the trip.

“People would maybe go once in their lifetime, because the closest temple to them at that time was Lima, the capital city and there’s a lot of poverty,” Wilson said.

She said some members would have to save money for years to be able to take their families to the temple, often taking a boat or bus, which could take several days.

The expansion in the worldwide network of temples, especially in areas with limited access like Iquitos, can make temple service attainable for thousands of members.





# 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

# President C. Shane Reese



President C. Shane Reese and his wife, Wendy, were preparing for a trip to Jerusalem when they were asked to meet with members of the BYU Board of Trustees. President Reese, then serving as academic vice president, was surprised by what they asked him to do.

“It just never crossed my mind that I would be even considered a candidate for being the president of BYU. It was shocking when they extended the invitation,” President Reese said.

President and Sister Reese left immediately for Jerusalem to visit the BYU Jerusalem Center.

“Our minds were kind of blown going into an amazing trip to the Jerusalem Center, but it did give us a chance to process it away from campus,” President Reese said.

When March 21 came, the only word President Reese could use to describe it was surreal. “Really, to have (Elder Holland) stand at the pulpit and talk about the amazing service of President Worthen. ... and to just grab my wife’s hand after he announced our names and walk up to the stand. It was surreal,” President Reese said.

“I look at the list of people who have assumed the role of president at this university, the 13 individuals who occupied this seat, and it’s just humbling, it’s such an honor. Those are kind of the only words that even come close to describe how it felt that day,” President Reese said.

The Daily Universe conducted an interview with President Reese on May 16, 2023, just after he assumed his role as president. What follows is a summary of that interview broken up into a list of 10 things to know about President Reese.



## BOY FROM NEW MEXICO

President Reese, who was raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, came to BYU and earned his bachelors and masters in statistics. He then went on to get a doctoral degree from Texas A&M.

Prior to working at BYU, President Reese worked as a technical staff member at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He joined the BYU faculty in 2001 as a statistics professor and later served as the dean of the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences from 2017-2019. Most recently he was the BYU academic vice president.

While at BYU, President Reese received both the BYU Young Scholar Award and the BYU Karl G. Maeser Excellence in Teaching award.

President Reese’s work has helped solve problems with various businesses including sports franchises. His work has been used by the U.S. Olympic volleyball team and the NFL’s Philadelphia Eagles, where he was offered a job by Coach Andy Reid, also a BYU alum.

President Reese and his wife are the parents of three children.

## 1ST-GEN COLLEGE GRADUATE

President Reese is a first-generation college graduate.

When President Reese was asked to be president of BYU, he was shocked and commented that this sort of thing was completely unexpected. “I’m a first-generation college student and these things were just not on my mind,” President Reese said.

“I love our first-generation college students here at BYU because I relate to them so well,” President Reese said.

President Reese explained it is a unique experience being a first-generation college student. He said it is a whole different situation being in college and feeling like everyone around you has it all figured out — while you do not.

“So, there’s this sense of maybe feeling like a fish out of water, but it is one of the things I always look back on and think, ‘I’m so glad I did this,’” President Reese said.

## FORMER BYU STUDENT

Since President Reese felt a little out of place at BYU as a first-generation student, he was encouraged to talk to a faculty member for advice. He remembered it was a big step out of his comfort zone to talk to a faculty member about the feelings he was experiencing.

A former home bishop encouraged President Reese to talk to his brother who was a new BYU faculty member. It turns out that faculty member was former BYU president, Kevin J Worthen, then a brand-new law faculty member at BYU’s law school.

President Reese went to him and spoke about how he was feeling unnerved about his BYU experience. Worthen replied that he had found BYU to be a very welcoming place and that Reese just had to give it a chance. “It wasn’t anything super profound, but it was just someone taking time out of their day to give me a little bit of attention,” President Reese said.

He went on to comment that it is amazing that he is now following in President Worthen’s footsteps as president of BYU.



By Anna Hair



## PASSIONATE STATISTICIAN

President Reese's love and passion for statistics can be seen in his three degrees in the field. In a 2013 BYU devotional titled, "On the Measurements We Make in Life," President Reese jokingly mentioned that many people question why anyone would go into the field of statistics. "I get downright giddy when I get the chance to describe why I chose statistics as my profession," President Reese said. He went on to explain that he sees statistics as foundational to science.

Throughout his career, President Reese has been able to combine his passion for statistics with his love for sports. "I was always interested in reading box scores at the end of a game, whether it was basketball, baseball or football," President Reese said.

He also mentioned that at BYU he is grateful to be able to pursue his passion for statistics while learning about the gospel. "I love that I get to combine that passion, that excitement for understanding statistics and uncertainty with the things of the Spirit. I love that part of a BYU experience," President Reese said.

## SPORTS FANATIC

Sports has always been a big part of President Reese's life. He told a story about how his mom used sports to calm him down when he was a baby. His family at the time had a tiny, 13-inch black and white television. "She said that one of the things that would get me to stop crying when I was a baby was to turn on a game. The story is that I'd stop crying and just be laser focused on the game," President Reese said.

Prior to becoming academic vice president, President Reese could be found frequently playing faculty basketball at noon. He also played softball throughout college and has regular tennis games with statistics colleagues. His children have also helped him pick up a little bit of pickle ball, which he admits they are better at than him.

Another thing that he loves about this new position is that it opens up a whole other side of the university for him, including sports. "I love that this gives me the opportunity to interact with our student athletes," President Reese said.

## HUSBAND AND FATHER

President Reese and Sister Reese met here at BYU when they were both living at Liberty Square. They first got acquainted while traveling down to the Manti Pageant together with their roommates. "From that moment on, we dated every day for the next (almost) two years before we got married," President Reese said.

He commented on how marrying her was the best decision he's ever made, though he jokingly remarked that it may have not been her best decision to marry him.

"She is incredibly organized. She has an amazing ability and drive to get things done. And I think it is watching her example, her ability to accomplish things, that inspired me at times when I probably would have been just as happy to take an easier road," President Reese said.

If it were not for his wife, President Reese believes he would not even be at BYU. "I'm not sure I would have had the drive and the momentum to go get an advanced degree were it not for her encouragement, her constant support and her willingness to sacrifice some of her own personal interests to be home with our family," President Reese said.

"I really wouldn't be here if it wasn't for her amazing example, encouragement and support through all those years," President Reese concluded.

## BLUE-BLOODED COUGAR

The uniqueness of BYU has been a big factor that has kept President Reese at BYU. "There have been other job opportunities along the way, but none of them seemed very compelling, in part, because of BYU's unique mission," President Reese said.

He sees great beauty in the fact that the university cares deeply about students pursuing their passions within their areas of study while also developing their eternal character. "That's a beautiful marriage for me in that those two things happen in concert with one another," President Reese said.

When asked what he will uniquely bring to the position, President Reese replied, "What I do hopefully bring is a passion for what we're trying to accomplish at BYU. I feel the university's mission in the deepest parts of my soul."





## WORTHEN'S PROTEGÉ

"It's hard for me to enumerate all of the ways President Worthen impacted me. The first was the one I mentioned, even as a freshman here at BYU, offering kind, wise, gentle encouragement in a time when I needed just those three things," President Reese said.

He reflected on how President Worthen has a gift to understand people at a deep level and meet them where they are. "He was taking a pretty big risk on appointing me as academic vice president, but he met me where I was and gave me mentoring," President Reese said, "He did it in a way that empowered me. It wasn't in a preachy way; it was more in offering gentle encouragement."

President Reese also mentioned that he was always amazed by President Worthen's wisdom. "It's almost like he was able to step back from any situation and see the simplicity in the way forward — in what seemed murky and complex," President Reese said.

The final lesson he mentioned was President Worthen's humility and meekness that showed throughout his tenure. "I think if there was one thing that defined President Worthen's leadership, it was humility and meekness, but not at the sacrifice of strength in command. How to strike that balance is to me almost seemingly impossible, and yet he found a way to do it," President Reese said.

President Reese commented on how he hopes these lessons will shape some of his leadership style as president.

## TEAM CAPTAIN

Prior to becoming president, President Reese was the BYU academic vice president. He commented on how his day used to revolve around a lot of meetings. "It was almost exclusively tied to faculty members, faculty hiring or faculty issues that came up with things in the classroom. It was all about the faculty at BYU," President Reese said.

He mentioned that his early life as a faculty member at BYU was where he developed his love of teaching and working with students. BYU faculty members who infuse their interactions with students with the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ are central to what BYU is trying to accomplish as a university.

President Reese loves that this new position allows him to work with the students more frequently. During his first day on the job, he was able to play catch with the women's softball team, visit students at the Office of Belonging and have lunch with a group of peer mentors.

"So, it's these touch points with students that gives me the most excitement about this new role," President Reese said.

## YOUR MENTOR

When asked what is the one thing that he would want to tell BYU students right now, President Reese immediately responded with letting them know that they are not here at BYU by accident. He emphasized that God is in every detail of our lives and is aware of each one of us. "I believe that with the depths of my soul that people are not here by chance," President Reese said.

He hopes that students can pause and reflect on why they are here at BYU. People are here to get something out of BYU, such as an education, relationships, or friendships, but he emphasized that students cannot fail to ask themselves what they can give to BYU. President Reese said, "Everybody who's at this university has something to give, not all the same thing to give, but everyone has something to give."

In conclusion, President Reese said, "I just want them to have a sense of who they are, what they can achieve at BYU and what they have to give. That is what I hope students know."

Photos by BYU Photo

# PRESIDENT C. SHANE REESE WILL BE INAUGURATED SEPT. 19 AS BYU'S 14TH PRESIDENT



# Getting **found** on campus

The first few weeks of school or a quick visit to campus make it apparent that this is not a high school campus. With hundreds of buildings and landmarks, the layout of the BYU campus can intimidate the best Boy Scout.

Without having to wear down a phone's battery using Google Maps or maps.byu.edu, these three pages show the main academic buildings of campus.

The map below is of West Campus — west of University Avenue and Cougar Boulevard (1230 North). BYU purchased the then Provo High School campus in 2016. Currently it is the temporary home of the offices for the College of Fine Arts and Communications and the classrooms, offices, galleries and performance areas for the Art, Design and Theatre and Media Arts departments. These units will be housed in the Arts Building currently under construction where the former Harris Fine Arts Center (HFAC) stood.

The index below includes a grid coordinate to help in locating buildings on the maps.

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- CB** W.W. Clyde Engineering Building B3
- CMB** Chemicals Management Building A5

- CTB** Roland A. Crabtree Technology Building A4
- EB** Engineering Building A3
- ERL** Engineering Research Lab A4
- ESC** Carl F. Eyring Science Center C3
- FPH** Former Presidents' Home D2
- GH** University Guest House D3
- HBL** Harold B. Lee Library C4 Haws Field F2 Helaman Halls and Cannon Center F4 Heritage Halls C5
- HC** Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center F4
- HGB** Heber J. Grant Building C2
- HRCB** Herald R. Clark Building C4
- IPF** Indoor Practice Facility F2
- JFSB** Joseph F. Smith Building D3
- JKB** Jesse Knight Building D4
- JRCB** J. Reuben Clark Building B5
- JSB** Joseph Smith Building C2
- KMBL** Spencer W. Kimball Tower C3
- LSB** Life Sciences Building A3
- MARB** Thomas L. Martin Building B3
- MB** Music Building A5
- MC** J. Willard Marriott Center F5
- MCBD** Howard S. McDonald Building A3

- MCKB** David O. McKay Building D3
- MOA** Museum of Art D5
- MSRB** Karl G. Maeser Building C2
- NICB** Joseph K. Nicholes Building B3
- PPCH** Physical Plant Central Heating A4
- RB** Stephen L. Richards Building E3
- SAB** Student Athlete Building F2
- SFH** George Albert Smith Fieldhouse D2
- SNLB** William H. Snell Building A4 South Field E2
- TCB** Tennis Courts Building D2
- TMCB** James E. Talmage Math and Computer Sciences Building D4
- TNRB** N. Eldon Tanner Building E4
- WCAS** West Campus Auto Shop Building G1
- WCCB** West Campus Central Building G2
- WCCL** West Campus Classroom Building G1 West Campus Field G1
- WCO** West Campus Office Building F1
- WCST** West Campus Stadium and Track H2 West Campus Tennis Courts H1
- WSC** Ernest L. Wilkinson Student Center B4
- WVB** West View Building D3





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# The Core of Campus

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**IPF**  
Indoor Practice Facility

South Field

**TCB**  
Tennis Courts Building

**SAB**  
Student Athlete Building

**FPH**  
Former Residents' Home

**SFH**  
George Albert Smith Fieldhouse

**GH**  
University Guest House

**MCKB**  
David O. McKay Building

**RB**  
Stephen L. Richards Building

**WVB**  
West View Building

**JFSB**  
Joseph F. Smith Building

**TNRB**  
N. Eldon Tanner Building

**TMCB**  
James E. Talmage Math and Computer Sciences Building

**JKB**  
Jesse Knight Building

**HBLL**  
Construction Zone  
Completion fall 2023

To Helaman Halls  
and Cannon Center →

**ASB**  
Abraham O. Smoot Administration Building

**HC**  
Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center

**MOA**  
Museum of Art

**MC**  
J. Willard Marriott Center



# YEAR 1

Leadership Week dignitaries and participants gather in 1922 for the first ever Leadership Week. BYU President Franklin S. Harris and President Heber J. Grant of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were in attendance.



1922

# ED W

*Reflecting on 101 years of  
BYU's Education Week*

By Joe Wirthlin

BYU Education Week 2023 has arrived. Participants above the age of 14 have traveled to campus to attend the dozens of classes prepared by educators to learn new teaching methods, understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ, make friends and have unforgettable experiences.

*This year's Education Week runs from August 21-25.*

Since 1922, hundreds of thousands of students have flocked to BYU for Education Week events.

Education Week was first known as Leadership Week. According to a statement in "The World Is Our Campus: The History of the Division of Continuing Education at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1875-1997," by Richard H. Henstrom, in 1922, approximately 2,000 leaders from 42 different stakes and two missions came to BYU between January 23-28. Classes were a mixture of training sessions for the priesthood and auxiliary leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, along with other academic subjects. In 1926, KSL broadcast Education Week speakers, including President Heber J. Grant, during a two-hour radio session. At \$10 for two hours, this was the first time that Education Week was broadcast to a wider audience.

According to Henstrom, after America joined World War II in December 1941, Leadership Week was canceled for the remainder of war to "limit expense in line with the Government's policies to reduce expenses."

In February 1942, programs that were previously prepared for Leadership Week were broadcast over the radio. Leadership Week resumed in 1946.

In 1947, the Dean's Council recommended that Leadership Week "be discontinued without prejudice this school year" due to overcrowded conditions on campus. Leadership Week was moved to March in 1948, but in 1949 it was again discontinued as plans were made to move Leadership Week from the winter to the summer. Leadership Week moved to June in 1951. It would eventually be moved to August in 1973 due to BYU's updated semester schedule.

In 1955, patrons attending Leadership Week were required to pay a \$1 registration fee to attend the conference. In 1925, the idea of a registration fee was proposed but was not implemented until 1955. The registration fee was intended to help pay for expenses rather than turn a profit.



1926

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Thousands of participants attend Leadership Week 1926. The 1926 Leadership Week was the first Leadership Week to broadcast portions via radio.

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The radio broadcast over Provo station KOVO carried President Heber J. Grant's address at the 1942 Leadership Week. In accordance with government recommendations to lower expenses, Leadership Week was postponed until after World War II was over.



1942

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Men and women gather to learn during Leadership Week in 1955. The theme for the 1955 Leadership Week was "A Festival of Learning."



1955



# LEADERSHIP WEEK

In 1960, a statement was released regarding the subject of Leadership Week.

The statement was recorded in Henstrom's history: "All subjects taught at Leadership Weeks will be limited to condensations of actual courses offered at Brigham Young University and listed in the General Catalog of the University, unless the Melchizedek Priesthood Committee, the Presiding Bishopric, or any of the General Boards of the auxiliary organizations, or other agencies of the Church desire to give specific courses."

In 1963, the name of Leadership Week was changed to Education Week to better reflect the changing nature of the classes being taught. Five years later, courses designed to train new church leaders were removed from the curriculum, according to the statement.

In 1971, according to Henstrom, the number of registered attendees at Education Week reached more than 4,800 people. In 1975, just four years later, there were more than 10,000 registered attendees. In 1983, there were more than 20,000 registered attendees. In 1991, there were more than 31,000 registered attendees.

By 1983, the registration fee rose to \$16. Participants could attend more than 1,000 different classes. One participant said "Education Week is like trying to drink from a fire hydrant — there is just so much."

In 2019, there were 18,000 registrations. In 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bruce Payne, program administrator for Education Week, put together an online-only program that reached 9,000 registered attendees. In 2021, Education Week returned to campus with 12,800 attendees.

According to Payne, 15,800 people came to BYU for Education Week in 2022 from all 50 states and several other countries, including Australia, Canada, Chile, Columbia, England, Germany, Mexico and Portugal.

Roughly 17,000 participants are anticipated to attend Education Week 2023, according to Payne.



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Leadership Week participants in 1956 stand with their schedule. Dozens of different classes were offered, requiring participants to plan out which classes they would attend.

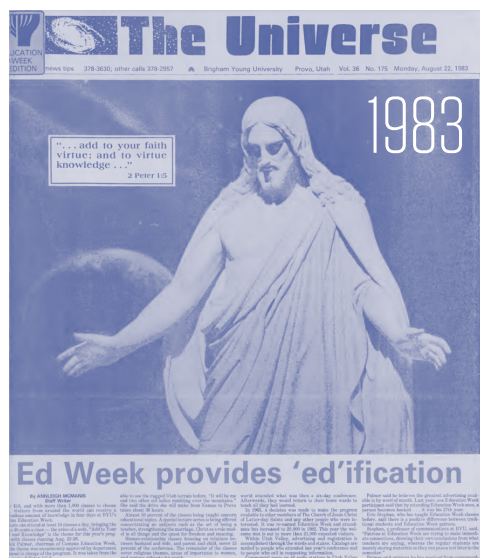


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Education Week continues to attract thousands from across the country and world each year.

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In Elder David A. Bednar's 2014 devotional address concerning social media he encouraged those in attendance to "sweep the earth with messages filled with righteousness and truth." Education Week provides a unique opportunity to receive counsel tailored to practical life circumstances.



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An article from the August 22, 1983 Daily Universe highlights the features of Education Week. Sixty-one years had passed since the first Leadership Week was held in 1922.

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*BYU defeated Utah 26-17 in September 2021 to snap a nine-game winning-streak for the Utes. Quarterback Jaren Hall dished 149 passing yards leading to three touchdowns in the win.*

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## THE RED AND BLUE FIND A NEW BATTLEFIELD IN THE BIG 12

By Jackson Payne

The Big 12 continues to assert itself as one of the main winners of the nationwide conference realignment chaos.

Amid the Pac-12's crumbling into an early grave, Utah, Arizona and Arizona State have been granted admission into the Big 12 prior to the 2024 football season, joining fellow ex-Pac-12 program Colorado, which made the same move less than two weeks earlier.

"We are excited to now welcome Arizona, Arizona State and Utah to the Big 12, in addition to Colorado," BYU President Shane Reese said. "Having 16 member institutions will be a great strength to the conference moving forward."

With the addition of Utah, the "Holy War" rivalry between the Utes and BYU immediately becomes the Big 12's premier feud, reestablishing a classic, historic series on a grand Power 5 stage while a number of other notable rivalries continue to end as casualties of realignment.

The Pac-12 had been in crisis mode since June of 2022 when

USC and UCLA announced their intention to join the Big Ten. League commissioner George Kliavkoff then spent 13 months attempting to piece together an adequate media rights deal for the conference past 2024, only to fall short and leave the schools frustrated and underwhelmed.

The Pac-12's best option was a streaming deal with Apple which would pay each school \$23 million annually — an embarrassing amount compared to the Big Ten's projected \$80-100 million eventual payout — ultimately serving as the last straw for the majority of the league, as Oregon and Washington fled to the Big Ten and Utah, Arizona and Arizona State landed in the Big 12.

The three former Pac-12 schools were voted into the Big 12 unanimously.

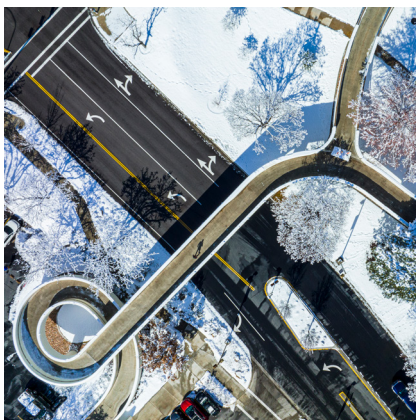
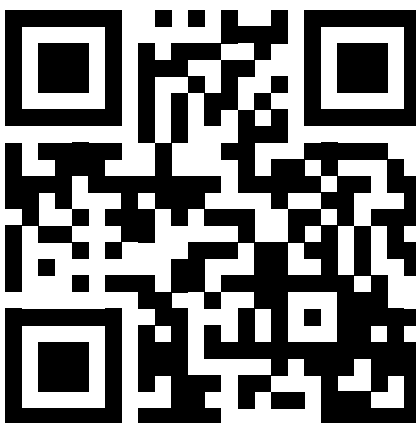
"I'm grateful to Big 12 leadership for seeing this through," BYU athletic director Tom Holmoe said. "The conference keeps getting stronger, and we are thankful to add more Big 12 rivals in closer proximity."

The Big 12 signed a six-year, \$2.28 billion media rights deal with ESPN and Fox this past August, cementing the league's "power conference" status and putting it in position for its current Pac-12 purge. BYU was officially admitted into the conference on July 1 and will earn 50% revenue for its first two years of membership before upgrading to a full revenue share prior to the 2025 season.



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