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## Players with the most to gain from a 2020 season

By JOSH CARTER

The return of college football this fall has become increasingly uncertain over the past couple of weeks, and a number of programs across the country have paused their voluntary workouts due to COVID-19 outbreaks on campus.

The Ivy League canceled all of its fall sporting events. The Big Ten and Pac-12 conferences plan on holding conference-only schedules, leaving BYU in a particularly bleak position as an independent.

A number of Cougar football players, however, likely need at least some sort of abbreviated season to showcase their talents if they want to make it to the professional level by next year. The Daily Universe is taking a look at five such players who have the most to gain from a 2020 season.

Seniors Matt Bushman and Khyris Tonga, who both considered entering the NFL Draft after last season, shouldn't have any problem making it to the pros whether or not college football happens this year. The following five players, however, would take the biggest hit to their future football careers if the season is ultimately canceled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Troy Warner

Cougar fans have expected big things of Warner since the day the former four-star prospect flipped his commitment from Oregon to BYU. Warner's combination of speed and athleticism have allowed him to prove that he can be an exciting playmaker in the secondary when healthy. Warner tallied seven pass breakups and 21 tackles as a freshman in 2016 and five breakups with 36 tackles in just eight games as a sophomore. Unfortunately, Warner has dealt with a number of foot injuries throughout his college career that have kept him from unlocking his full potential.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound senior



Ari Davis

BYU defensive back Troy Warner celebrates after recovering a fumble against Boise State on Oct. 21, 2016. Warner is one of BYU's football players with the most to gain from football being played this fall.

returned from his latest injury for the last four games of the 2019 season and notched a six-tackle performance against Hawaii in December. At the Cougars' spring practices earlier this year, Warner looked as healthy as he's ever been. He appears hungry to put together his strongest and most consistent campaign yet, something he will need to do if he has any shot joining the NFL.

### Zayne Anderson

Zayne Anderson is another BYU defensive player likely on the outside of the 2021 NFL Draft looking in.

However, if any college football is to be played this fall, Anderson is ready to prove why he does belong at the next level. "I'm ready to get after it," Anderson recently told The Daily Universe. "I've had a lot of ups and downs, but I've learned a lot and I'm excited to see everything come together this season."

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound linebacker has also struggled to avoid the injury bug over the last couple of seasons. Anderson, named a team captain before his junior campaign in 2018, played in just four games that year before a shoulder injury kept him

out the remainder of the season. He then reinjured the same shoulder two games into the 2019 campaign.

When healthy, however, Anderson has shown he has what it takes to make the jump to the professional level. In his last full season in 2017, he tallied 61 tackles to go along with two interceptions and two pass breakups. Anderson, who spent some time working out at cornerback during spring ball, appears ready to have his versatile style of play turn some NFL scouts' heads his way this season.

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## Students receiving COVID funds

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

Money from BYU's COVID relief funds is now being disbursed to students, two months after applications for the funds closed.

BYU sent YMessages to students July 16 with the amount they received after BYU conducted "a careful review" as well as a list of frequently asked questions. The messages said in determining which students would receive funds, BYU "gave priority to life-sustaining needs," including food, rent and medical expenses. Helping students with Spring Term tuition was a "secondary use."

"We acknowledge that students may have other expenses," reads the message. "However, the scope of the COVID-19 Impact Assistance funds did not extend to all expenses, reimbursements for prior payments, or compensation for canceled, delayed or forfeited opportunities, including internships and employment."

Students with direct deposit should see the money in their bank accounts by July 20, while those without it will be mailed checks by July 23. The message states the funds may be taxable "depending on your personal tax situation." The decisions about who received funds are final and cannot be appealed, according to the message.

The funds, which were marked as being for "Winter Semester 2020" in the message, came months after other schools had already released money from the CARES Act as well as university funds. UVU, for example, reported it had released \$6,817,000 of CARES Act money to students by May 19.

Aaron Fitzner, who graduated with an M.A. in communication in April, said the funds were "better late than never."

"I definitely had strong doubts about it happening," he said. "I absolutely would've put that I needed more money had I taken the survey right now as opposed to what I wrote down in May. I didn't intend on waiting an extra six weeks."

Survey applications for the funds opened on May 18 and were due on June 1. Students were told they would be notified of a decision by June 8. But on June 10, students received a message from BYU that processing requests for funds was taking longer than expected and that BYU hoped "to notify you of a decision within the next couple of weeks."

Student messages to the BYU Financial Aid Office through YMessage inquiring about the funds throughout June and July were met with a response that the applications were still with the administration and that "there is not a specified date yet for notifications."

Fitzner said waiting for the money put a "huge financial strain" on him and his fiancée who are moving to California so she can attend law school. He said he wished BYU would have sent updates sooner about the funds.

"Their communication has really failed in the last year," he said. "It kind of just seems that it's BYU's pattern to be 'we're going to make an announcement and then we're not going to give any sort of update until we're at the final stage.'"

He said his fiancée's school, in contrast, is already on their second round of releasing CARES funds to students and is starting to do another questionnaire to assess students' needs.

Fitzner initially said on the survey he needed \$900 but low-balled and asked for \$700. BYU is giving him \$600. He said the wording of the survey, which asked students to only report what they "needed" made him question how the funding was being evaluated.

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## Trump makes U-turn on ICE rules, but what's next?

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

BYU international students are celebrating the Trump administration's decision to rescind rules from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that would have forced them to leave the U.S. when classes went online after Thanksgiving.

But some students are worried future rules affecting their ability to complete their studies from within the U.S. may be forthcoming.

The rule would have taken an immense emotional, physical, and financial toll on international students. Their obstacles would have included time zone differences, travel bans and border closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, and a lack of resources in their home countries.

### Bittersweet victory for students

Bobo Choi, an information systems major from South Korea, first heard the news from another international student and was amazed at the Trump administration's decision to reverse the rules. "It's been really nice. I was thinking of so many different ways I can work around it or be prepared, but now I don't have to worry about it."

She expressed gratitude for BYU for the way it handled the situation as well as her international and American friends for sharing resources.

"My Instagram has been blown up with all the information," she said. "Seeing that support has just made my day."

Samuel Albello, a freshman from the Philippines studying international relations, said he felt immense appreciation for BYU and the other universities who stood up for their international students.



Associated Press

A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer watches an operation in Escondido, California, in July 2019. Scan the photo with the Universe Plus app to read a Spanish translation of this story.

"I felt extremely relieved. For the past few weeks, I've been on the edge since the ICE policy was announced," Albello said. "All the previous academic, financial and emotional worries we had of being deported out of the U.S. have been dissipated."

He said he feels more secure studying in the U.S. but has an underlying concern that ICE could find a loophole in the system and enact a new policy that would send international students home during their studies.

"If that happens, and I hope it won't, it will no doubt be devastating for both universities and its students," he said.

Andrea Zapata Mejia, a pre-communications sophomore from Spain, said

she is also frustrated with the situation and worries there may be more changes during the semester.

"It seemed a little bit like a joke, you know, one day they say one thing and then a week after that, they change it and say something else," she said. "How many new statements and new policies are going to be happening?"

### Advice for international students

Kim Buhler-Thomas, an immigration attorney and owner of Buhler Thomas Law, said the future of ICE's rules unclear. Whether parts of it will be re-enacted is still up in the air.

"We may receive further clarification from ICE regarding the rescinding

of last week's policy about online classes for F1 visa holders," she said.

In the meantime, she cautions international students not to travel outside the U.S. within the next six months, citing recent White House executive orders that suspended certain classes of immigrants from entering the U.S. until Dec. 31.

"While not expected, there is always a risk that if an international student leaves the U.S. the government may issue a similar executive order preventing them from re-entering," Buhler-Thomas said.

Additional announcements affecting international students may include an executive order not allowing new international students to enter the U.S. to study for the first time as well as restrictions to the Optional Practical Training program, according to Buhler-Thomas. OPT allows students to stay in the U.S. for an additional year, or three for certain STEM majors, to work in a job related to their field after graduation.

### The rules' current and historical context

Acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Ken Cuccinelli praised the rules for giving "more flexibility than has ever been provided before" in an interview with CNN on July 7.

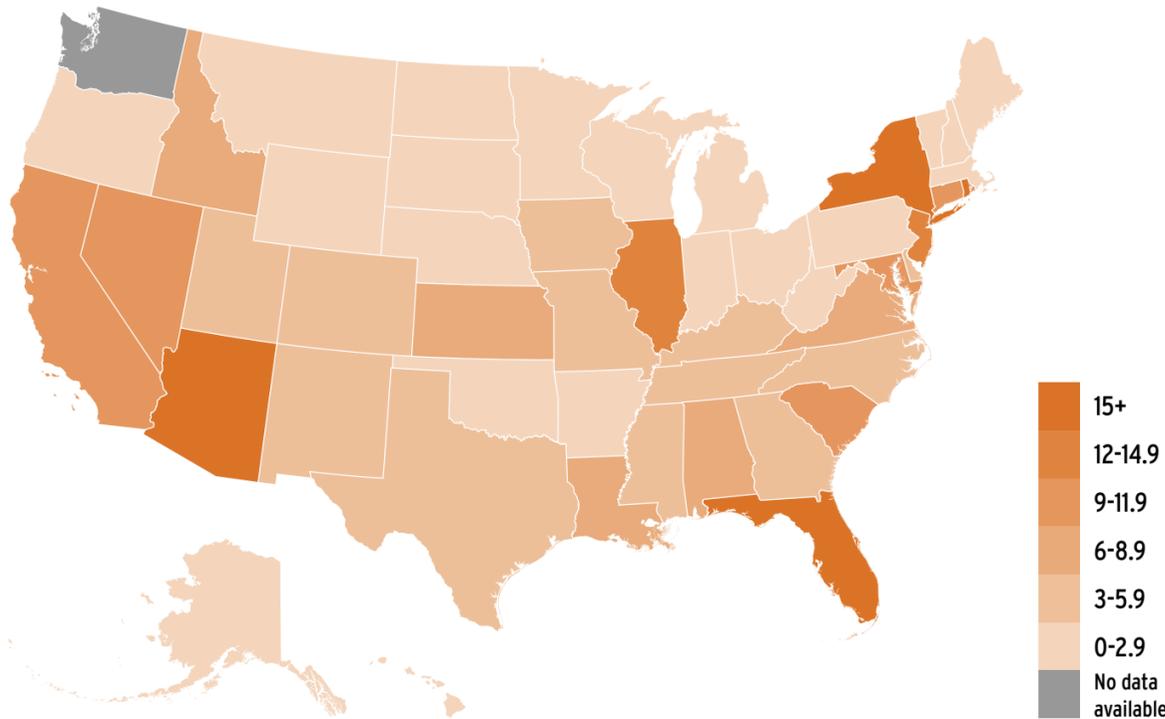
ICE regulations usually bar international students from taking more than three online credits, typically equivalent to one course. That rule was temporarily waived in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new rules released July 6 removed that waiver for completely in-person schools but gave some flexibility to schools adopting a hybrid model. Students at these schools would be able to take more than one class online as long as their entire course load isn't online.

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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## Outbreak updates

Active cases of coronavirus per 1,000 people



Ben Daniel

Sources: Johns Hopkins University, U.S. Census Bureau. Current as of 10:35 a.m. MDT July 20. No COVID-19 recovery data is kept for Washington.

## Outside the outbreak

From the Associated Press



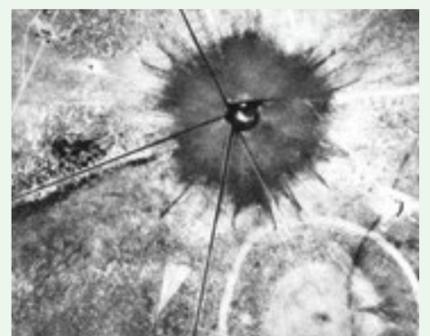
### House leaders 'alarmed' federal officers policing protests

Top leaders in the U.S. House said July 19 they were "alarmed" by the Trump administration's tactics against protesters in Portland, Oregon, and other cities, including Washington, D.C., and called on federal inspectors general to investigate. The Democratic lawmakers are seeking an investigation "into the use of federal law enforcement agencies by the Attorney General and the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security to suppress First Amendment protected activities."



### Iran executes man convicted of spying on US-slain general

Iran executed a man convicted of providing information to the United States and Israel about a prominent Revolutionary Guard general Qassem Soleimani, who was later killed by a U.S. drone strike in January, state TV reported on July 20. Iran later retaliated for Soleimani's killing with a ballistic missile strike targeting U.S. forces in Iraq. That same night, the Guard accidentally shot down a Ukrainian jetliner in Tehran, killing 176 people. Iran has since ordered the arrest of President Donald Trump over the drone strike.



### Nuclear weapons testing hot topic 75 years after test

On July 16, 1945, the U.S. military detonated the world's first atomic bomb in New Mexico, ushering in the nuclear age. Now on the 75th anniversary of the test code-named Trinity, nuclear weapons continue to be a hot political topic, including in Utah, where people and livestock were exposed to radiation from nuclear tests. The Trump administration has talked about resuming nuclear bomb testing as politicians consider renewing compensation for those still suffering from dangerous radiation exposure during the years of nuclear tests.



### Post reports misconduct allegations against DC NFL team

The Washington Post reported July 16 that 15 female former employees of the city's NFL franchise said they were sexually harassed during their time with the team. Three members of the front office are no longer with the organization, and owner Dan Snyder hired a District of Columbia law firm to review the club's culture, policies and allegations of workplace misconduct. The allegations came days after the team announced it would drop the 'Redskins' name and Indian head logo.

### Russia is hacking virus vaccine trials, US, UK, Canada say

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Western governments on July 16 accused hackers believed to be part of Russian intelligence of trying to steal valuable private information about a coronavirus vaccine. The alleged culprit is a familiar foe. Intelligence agencies in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada say the hacking group APT29, also known as Cozy Bear, is attacking academic and pharmaceutical research institutions involved in COVID-19 vaccine development. The same group was implicated in the hacking of Democratic email accounts during the 2016 U.S. presidential election. It was unclear whether any useful information was stolen. But British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said, "It is completely unacceptable that the Russian Intelligence Services are targeting those working to combat the coronavirus pandemic."

### White House virus task force members say 'none of us lie'

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WASHINGTON — A top member of the White House coronavirus task force said Tuesday that "none of us lie" to the public, an accusation President Donald Trump had retweeted, and that while kids need to be back in school as Trump insists, "we have to get the virus under control." Adm. Brett Giroir's comment came a day after Trump shared a Twitter post from a former game show host who, without evidence, accused government medical experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among others, of "lying." The U.S. has become a cautionary tale across the globe, with once-falling cases now spiraling. However, Trump suggests the severity of the pandemic that has killed more than 135,000 Americans is being overstated by critics to damage his reelection chances. The White House is playing down the danger before Trump faces voters in November.

### Republicans eye sweeping shield from coronavirus liability

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WASHINGTON — A new plan from Senate Republicans to award businesses, schools and universities sweeping exemptions from lawsuits arising from inadequate coronavirus safeguards is putting Republicans and Democrats at loggerheads as Congress reconvenes next week to negotiate another relief package. The liability proposal, drafted by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and senior Republican John Cornyn of Texas, promises to shield employers when customers and workers are exposed to coronavirus by moving lawsuits to federal court and limiting legal liability to acts of "gross negligence or intentional misconduct," according to a draft of the plan obtained by The Associated Press. Supporters say the plan protects businesses and other employers who adhere to public-health guidelines in good faith. Opponents argue it will permit wrongdoing to go unpunished.

### State leaders plead again for mask wearing; daily average cases top 600

BY KENZIE HOLBROOK

Fears about how the state's COVID-19 numbers are growing despite government pleas for mask wearing were confirmed July 16, as officials announced that more than 600 people per day are testing positive in Utah. Hospital officials have been warning for weeks that the state could soon run out of hospital beds if the trend continues. Utah Gov. Gary Herbert joined with State Epidemiologist Angela Dunn, Chief Medical Officer at the University of Utah Tom Miller, and Director of Utah State Superintendents Association Lexi Cunningham to address the COVID-19 pandemic at a press conference July 16. According to Dunn, the state's rolling average is 619 cases per day, and the positivity rate is 10.4%. Herbert's goal is to get the rolling average to 500 or below by Aug. 1. Hospital officials have been warning for weeks that the state could soon run out of hospital beds if the trend continues.

### Liberty University sues New York Times over COVID-19 stories

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Liberty University filed a lawsuit against The New York Times, one of its reporters and a photographer July 15, saying the newspaper intentionally misrepresented the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Virginia college campus. The school said in a statement that the complaint said the newspaper, reporter Elizabeth Williamson and a photographer said the school suffered a COVID-19 outbreak when it reopened after spring break and that nearly a dozen students were sick with the virus. The Times cited Dr. Thomas W. Eppes Jr., who was described as the doctor who runs Liberty's health service. The lawsuit said Eppes' job description was misrepresented as well as the information he provided. The school disputes that Eppes told the Times that students started getting sick after returning from spring break or that nearly a dozen Liberty students had symptoms that suggested COVID-19.

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# Survey: Trump lacks support from younger LDS

By KARINA ANDREW

A recent survey conducted by a BYU professor reflects other data showing Donald Trump may not win the majority vote of Latter-day Saints in November.

Sociology professor Jacob Rugh surveyed nearly 400 of his former students, all between the ages of 18 and 39, finding that only 22% of respondents said they would vote for Donald Trump while 52% chose Joe Biden. The remaining 26% were undecided.

"While Utah is unlikely to go blue in the 2020 election, not a single young BYU-educated sub-group I surveyed (% for Trump) — not men (33%), not whites (23%), not older Millennials (26%), not even Republicans (49%) — evince majority support for Trump in 2020," Rugh's survey report stated.

This study, which consisted almost entirely of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, represents one end of a political gap between generations within the Church.

Jana Riess, author of "The Next Mormons: How Millennials are Changing the LDS Church," reported in an article for Religion News Service that only 48% of Latter-day Saints ages 18-29 approve of President Trump, compared to 74% of Church members over 64.

According to Rugh, these generational differences are significant.

"Research shows that the effect of birth year via early vote choices during historic times like the presidencies of FDR or Reagan have long-lasting, often permanent, effects on vote choices for the rest of voters' lives," he wrote. "In short, it is safe to assume that some of the differences we see in Millennial/Gen Z vs. older BYU-educated, mostly LDS, voters may last a lifetime."

The findings of Rugh's survey reflect national data which also spell out anti-Trump trends



President Donald Trump talks with Hispanic leaders during a meeting in the Cabinet Room, Thursday, July 9. Scan this image with the **UNIVERSE PLUS** app to read a Spanish translation of this story.

among some members of certain demographics.

## Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

A Democracy Fund + UCLA Nationscape survey showed 55% of Latter-day Saints approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his presidency. Though this is still in majority territory, support for Trump has been gradually waning among members of the Church.

In a blog article for the Democracy Fund Voter Study Group, research fellow Daniel Cox writes about political similarities between Latter-day Saints and white evangelical Protestants. Where the two groups' voting patterns were nearly identical in the presidential elections of 2004, 2008 and 2012, with the majority of both groups voting for the

Republican candidate, Latter-day Saints diverged sharply from the evangelicals in 2016. Trump garnered 81% of the evangelical vote that year, compared to just 61% of the Latter-day Saint vote, Cox said.

FiveThirtyEight's average of national polls shows a more recent downward trend for Trump in another largely Latter-day Saint population. Trump's lead over Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden in Utah has shrunk from 19 percentage points in late February to 7.8 percentage points in early July, according to FiveThirtyEight's data.

Though not all Utah residents are members of the Church, a Utah Policy Center poll indicates that non-members do not entirely account for the shrinking gap; the poll's data showed four in 10 Utah Latter-day Saints disapprove of

the president.

Cox told The Daily Universe that some possible reasons for Trump's declining popularity among Latter-day Saints include his "divisive approach to politics," "incendiary rhetoric" and his tendency to "demonize opponents."

Cox also hypothesized that questionable elements of the president's personal life, such as his alleged sexual misconduct, would deter family-oriented Latter-day Saint voters.

## Women

One particular Latter-day Saint subgroup has indicated disapproval for the president. Rugh's findings that young, BYU-educated women have less favorable opinions of Trump match other studies on Latter-day Saint voters.

"Trump is underperforming

among Republican Mormon women, who should be a reliable base for him, as they have been for past GOP presidents," Riess wrote in an article for Religion News Service.

Riess corroborated the statement with data from recent studies by Democracy Fund + UCLA Nationscape and the Pew Research Center, showing Latter-day Saint women are much more likely to disapprove of Trump than Latter-day Saint men.

Referring to his own study, in which the men surveyed were almost three times as likely to support Trump than the women, Rugh called the gender divide "remarkable."

Cox attributed this gender gap to Trump's "caustic" projection of masculinity and "tough guy" persona.

"That's kind of the image he projects, and again, while it plays

well among some constituencies, particularly older white men and those without a college degree, it really repels a lot of women, including Mormon women," Cox said.

## Republicans

Though the president has generally high approval ratings from members of his own party, some Republicans have broken the mold. Only 49% of Republicans surveyed by Rugh said they would vote for Trump in 2020. Of those surveyed who voted for Trump in 2016, only 61% indicated they would do so again.

Former BYU College Republicans president Madison Barr told The Atlantic in 2018 that the president's rhetoric doesn't align with what she considers to be true Republican values.

Other club members may have felt similarly, as "membership in the (BYU College Republicans) club dropped steadily throughout 2016, largely because people wanted to distance themselves from Trump," The Atlantic reported.

Current BYU College Republicans president Samuel Crofts told The Daily Universe he has also seen people become disenchanted with conservative politics as a result of the Trump presidency.

Even among those who remain affiliated with the party, Crofts said, there is a wide array of ideologies and viewpoints that fit within the blanket label of "Republican," thus there are many different opinions of the president within the party.

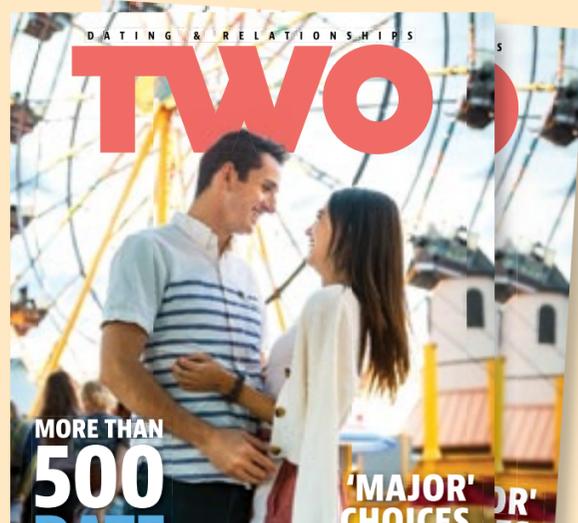
These variances within the party are a good thing, according to Crofts, as they go against the hyper-partisan norm.

"I'm a big fan of forming your own (opinions) on lots of different policy issues, and I think you see that a lot at BYU," he said. "There's a lot of variety and a lot of different types of Republicans."

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# 2020-2021 forums include first female Harvard president, Malala's father



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BYU announced the six forum speakers of the 2020-2021 academic year. All will speak on the theme "What it means to be educated." From left: Melody Barnes, Eboo Patel, Ziauddin Yousafzai (pictured with his daughter, Malala), David Epstein, Dambisa Moyo and Drew Faust.

By KARINA ANDREW

BYU has announced the forum speakers for the upcoming school year. The lineup includes a former Harvard president and a macroeconomist among other experts in their respective fields. All will speak on the theme "What it means to be educated."

The first forum speaker of the school year will be lawyer and political advisor **Melody Barnes** on Sept. 29. Barnes worked as chief counsel to Senator Ed Kennedy on the Senate Judiciary Committee and the director of the Domestic Policy Council under President Barack Obama.

On Oct. 20, interfaith leader **Eboo Patel** will address campus. Patel is the founder and

president of Interfaith Youth Core and a member of the Department of Homeland Security's Faith-based Security Advisory Council.

Pakistani native, educator and activist **Ziauddin Yousafzai** will give the final forum address of Fall Semester. Yousafzai established and ran a school in Pakistan despite violent Taliban resistance and now speaks around

the world on the right to education. His daughter, Malala, is among those inspired by her father's activism. Yousafzai will speak on Nov. 17.

Investigative reporter **David Epstein** will give the first forum address of Winter Semester on Jan. 26, 2021. Epstein's book, "Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World," discusses the purpose of general education.

On Feb. 23, 2021, international macroeconomist **Dambisa Felicia Moyo** will speak. Moyo, who worked at the World Bank for two years and Goldman Sachs for eight, currently serves on the boards of Barclays Bank, the financial services group, Seagate Technology, Chevron Corporation, the global miner Barrick Gold and the 3M Company.

The final forum address of

the school year will be given by former Harvard president **Drew Faust**, a historian and author. She was the first woman to serve as president of Harvard and was ranked by Forbes as the world's 33rd most powerful woman in 2014. She will speak on March 30, 2021.

BYU will announce the mode of delivery for forums as well as the devotional speakers at a later date.

## Quick COVID-19 vaccine rests on innovations

ASSOCIATED PRESS

As physical distancing, face masks and habitual hand-washing have become the new normal, hopes for returning to the old normal rest largely on the development of effective COVID-19 vaccines.

Historically, it has taken a decade or more to develop a vaccine. Yet some U.S. leaders say a vaccine for the new coronavirus could be ready as soon as late this year or early next.

Other experts expect a longer timetable. But together they are counting on a never-before-seen marshaling of scientific, industry, philanthropic and government forces to drive the global effort.

"I think we can make a successful COVID-19 vaccine, one that's safe and effective, likely by mid-next year," said Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "There's never been more money, expertise or interest in making a vaccine."

In the U.S., a multibillion-dollar, public-private partnership called Operation Warp Speed is aiming to compress the vaccine development timeline by overlapping parts of the



Associated Press

Blood samples from coronavirus vaccine trials are handled inside the Jenner Institute in Oxford, England.

process normally conducted in sequence, including pre-clinical studies and clinical trials.

To be ready for quick distribution, the federal plan also calls for manufacturing the most promising vaccines before they get Food and Drug Administration approval. But with that comes the risk of discarding and absorbing the enormous expense of having produced vaccines that aren't deemed safe and effective by the FDA.

The most difficult part of

creating a vaccine is its manufacturing, said Offit, co-inventor of a vaccine for rotavirus, a disease that can cause severe diarrhea, vomiting and other dangerous symptoms in infants and young children. A key challenge is manufacturers have to ensure that components such as buffering and stabilizing agents consistently protect the integrity of the vaccine, from the first to last dose produced.

"It's hard to scale up to make millions or tens or hundreds of

millions of doses," Offit said.

For COVID-19, scientists are working toward licensing multiple safe and effective vaccines, not just one.

"We know that no single vaccine will be able to meet the needs of every population around the world, nor could enough doses be manufactured of one type of vaccine to protect the entire global population," said virologist Dr. Larry Corey, past president and director at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

## Race, Equity and Belonging Committee launches website, mission statement

By KARINA ANDREW

BYU announced several updates to the Committee on Race, Equity and Belonging on July 16, including the launch of the committee's website, the publication of its mission statement and the addition of law professor Michalyn Steele to the committee.

The website's homepage contains a portal where students, faculty and others connected to the campus can submit comments on their experiences with race, equity and belonging at BYU. The website aligns with the committee's mission statement, the first two tenets of which are to listen to BYU's Black community and invite its feedback.

The mission statement also promises to thoroughly review all campus policies, operations and attitudes and their effect on students of color, and to "advance racial understanding, enhance equity, and promote belonging."

"Rooting out racism, healing its wounds, and building bridges of understanding is the responsibility of every member of the BYU community," the mission statement reads.

Committee members, including Steele, further explained the meaning behind the committee's name and mission statement in BYU's Instagram story July 16 and expressed their personal commitment to



BYU Photo

Michalyn Steele is the newest member of the Committee on Race, Equity and Belonging. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of this story.

its purposes. "As I've listened to students of color, especially the Black students at BYU, I've cried with them and mourned with them and I've truly felt their pain, and I want to make things better for them and for everyone," Steele said.

Committee member Carl Hernandez invited all students to read and study the mission statement and "to take action on any impressions you have to join us in fulfilling the purposes identified in this statement."

Committee member Lita Little Giddins promised students that the committee would maintain transparency and accountability as it takes anti-racist action.

"This will not be the last time you hear from us," she said. "We are just getting started."

## ICE

### Trump reverses rules for student visas

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Critics of the rules called them a scheme to pressure universities to reopen, and multiple universities and states sued the Trump administration over the rules.

David B. Thomas, another attorney at Buhler-Thomas's firm, doesn't see ICE's July 6 announcement as a ploy but as an attempt to determine how to deal with existing rules during the pandemic.

"It can't be something that's new and concocted only for the purposes of exacting a different outcome because it's been a rule," Thomas said.

The origin of tighter restrictions on student visas goes back to 9/11 when Hani Hanjour, a terrorist who hijacked a plane and flew it into the Pentagon, was admitted into the U.S. on a student visa. According to the 9/11 Commission Report, Hanjour's supposed destination was an English as a second language program in Oakland, California, but he never attended the program.

Although Hanjour was the only one out of the 19 hijackers who had arrived on a student visa, subsequent false claims that the majority of the hijackers overstayed student visas became popular

and raised concerns about international students as security threats.

The USA Patriot Act and Student Exchange Visitor Information System, the Department of Homeland Security's system to maintain information on students with F-1 and M-1 visas, were launched shortly after the attacks and implemented regulations to address fears about terrorists' ability to abuse the student visa system.

These post-9/11 crackdowns on student visas included the current rule about online classes.

"The attendance in class was really an important piece of all of this because in that way they said, 'Well, we know where they are, they're on campus taking classes,'" Thomas said. "This was their way of trying to address managing kids that come in on student visas."

The government's ability to keep track of international students has, like everything else, been curtailed by the coronavirus pandemic — and ICE has to evaluate how to balance security with the unique situation brought on by COVID-19.

"Their approach to this is really unfair," Thomas said. "Sure we understand what their objectives are, but now we have the coronavirus. Is there a different way you can approach this rather than trying to just eliminate the international students? That's not even trying to come up with a fair and equitable approach."



Hannah Miner

BYU is releasing COVID relief funds to students months after rejecting CARES Act money. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of this story.



## FUNDS

### BYU begins to distribute COVID-19 relief funds

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"I wouldn't say it was forcing me to feel like a bad person, but it almost kind of had that feeling in a way," he said. "I'm assuming it's not like 'Am I going to die without it?'"

BYU student Matt Goulding was excited when BYU first announced it would release COVID relief funds since he had been paying rent at two locations after a buyer backed out of taking his rent over at his old apartment.

"Luckily I had enough money to make it work in the meantime, but I felt frustrated that they denied the coronavirus funds only to take forever to help out in their own way," Goulding said. "Luckily,

when the funds came in I got the amount I asked for and that is a blessing, but I do wish it had come sooner."

BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said BYU would not release financial information in response to questions from the Universe about the total amount of COVID relief money being released to students and the percentage of student applications that had been approved.

"BYU is not releasing these numbers, but the vast number of students who applied received assistance, many of whom received the amount they requested," Jenkins said in an email.

When asked whether BYU plans on releasing another round of COVID relief to help students with the costs from spring and summer terms or during fall, Jenkins said, "Students who need assistance should now explore options at [financialaid.byu.edu](http://financialaid.byu.edu) or contact an Enrollment Services professional at 801-422-4104."

## Police Beat

### BYU

#### THEFT

**July 10** - There was a delayed report of items that were determined to have been stolen from the Eyring Science Center. There is no information on when they were taken.

**July 13** - A bicycle was stolen at Wymount.

**July 16** - A bicycle was reported stolen at the Harris Fine Arts Center between July 10-13.

#### VANDALISM

**July 12** - An unidentified individual put a mask on the Maerker statue.

#### Provo

#### TRESPASSING

**July 14** - An unlawful entry was made into a home on 1740 West.

**July 15** - A forced entry into a home on 1590 West was made.

#### THEFT

**July 10** - A motorcycle was stolen on 600 North.

**July 14** - Property was stolen from Champion Safe Co., a specialty store that sells gun safes.

**July 15** - A bicycle was stolen on University Avenue.

#### Orem

#### ARSON

**July 17** - Two Orem residents, 25-year-old Esau Jared Moreno-Cordova and 28-year-old Jacob Aston, have been taken into custody for suspicion of vehicle arson.

#### MISSING PERSON

**July 13** - Alex Hiatt, 16, left his home in Payson, Utah, on July 8 and is still missing. Orem Police received reports of sightings of Hiatt on July 13 near University Mall and around the Provo and Orem area.



## BIDEN'S BRAIN TRUST



## WEEKLY QUESTION

Daily Universe editors post a question on Instagram each week asking readers their view on a specific topic. Here's what they had to say.

### What are your thoughts on cancel culture?

It happens all the time. People worry about everything they say now in fear of being cancelled.

@KATE\_M\_BARNEY

It's performative, does little real good and perpetuates toxic communication patterns.

@ELEANORADAMZ

People can't change and learn when they're cancelled. It's a harmful concept.

@RACHELWINTERS32

Cancel culture has a double standard.

@LAURELANNEVANS

Different actions need different responses. Some need to be "called in" others, "called out."

@KTLCLIFF

Social media is a blessing and a curse because of the power it gives.

@OAKLI\_SHANE

It's toxic. People are condemned for things that happened years ago. Let people change.

@JEFFREYECROWLEE

The worst type of bullying.

@MARKSALYERS

Cancel culture only bugs people who are probably being cancelled. It's not a big deal.

@CIERA\_BOBEARA

I think there's an unhealthy tendency to rush into it without gathering all the facts first.

@\_AALIZA

Cancel culture is hypocritical because all of the people trying to cancel someone are also making mistakes, just not publicly, so they don't have a right to hold people to a higher standard than themselves.

@AMIEDASTRUP

What would Jesus do? He would forgive seventy times seven. So if I am following him, there is no cancel culture!

@5LBTROUS

I'm one of those who think it'll contribute to the toxicity and hate that's already so common today.

@DTSPINS

Power to consumers is valuable and should be used to hold corporations accountable, but I don't think cancelling individuals promotes growth in a healthy way.

@ANNAJARMANWRIGHT

I've been looking at COVID-19 numbers for months, and now I am one.

Nearly every week since the pandemic began, I've researched, analyzed and visualized COVID-19 data for graphics in the print edition of The Daily Universe.

It was a surreal feeling to test positive for COVID-19, look at the numbers for the graphic and realize I was one of them. I knew the pandemic was real — I had been taking it somewhat seriously — but I suddenly had to face it head-on.

The most common question I get is "What was it like to have COVID-19?" I was lucky and had a fairly mild case. I didn't have any noticeable respiratory issues or a cough. The odd thing about this illness was that it was cyclical.

Every day I would wake up and feel perfectly healthy. I barely had a fever and felt great. By the mid to late afternoon, my fever would spike, a painful headache would come on, and I would feel just plain sick from head to toe. Then, by the time I would go to bed each night, I would feel almost back to normal.

For the first week, it was an emotional rollercoaster to wake up each day and think that I may have been over the disease only to crash back down every afternoon and realize I was sicker than the day before.

By far the strangest symptom was loss of taste and smell. One of my favorite quotes is from Voltaire: "Nothing would be more tiresome than eating and drinking if God had not



Ben Daniel

Editorial designer Ben Daniel researches COVID-19 for The Daily Universe. Then the virus became personal.

made them a pleasure as well as a necessity." That is absolutely true. It is surprisingly difficult to work up the motivation to eat when the only pleasure you can get out of it is texture and temperature.

Shoveling flavorless sustenance down your throat is not the most enjoyable pastime. This was a particularly problematic symptom as my body needed food to heal.

Losing smell was also more psychologically difficult than I had expected. Lacking sense of smell takes some of the vibrancy out of life. My days become surprisingly one-dimensional without smell. It is a sense you completely take for granted until it is gone.

I've also been asked if I view the pandemic differently

now that I've actually had the coronavirus.

I want to emphasize that this pandemic is very real. It is not a conspiracy, it's not some story invented by the media, it is real and it is serious. However, it is also conquerable.

From my experience watching the numbers, having the disease myself and most importantly watching how incredible humanity is throughout my life, I have absolute confidence that we will overcome this disease.

In the words of Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, "There is help and happiness ahead — a lot of it. ... It will be all right in the end. Trust God and believe in good things to come."

— Ben Daniel

Universe Editorial Designer

## Tweet Beat

#BYU #BYUprobs

Want to see your tweet in print? Tweet something about life around you with #BYUprobs or #BYU and hopefully it makes the cut.

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@blackvelvetpapi

Can someone tell Utah county that wearing a mask works. They just have to wear a mask themselves, and then get 10 other people to wear masks, and then those 10 people have to also get 10 other people to wear masks, and then those 10 people...

@Carolinarazed

2020 sucks but at least I can say with full confidence that Byu will not lose to Utah this year

@brookelyn\_kay

one time i went to a byu student's house party and everyone had to take their shoes off at the door and there was milk and cookies in the kitchen

@akeccles

If you include cookies after FHE on Mondays, ward dinner groups on Tuesdays, brownies after institute on Wednesdays, a stake dance on Saturday, linger longer on Sunday after church, and ward prayer Sunday night. Byu kids definitely turn up.

@Hookemcougs

If BYU does play bama, you best believe I'm going into that game fully believing we are gonna win and shock the world. Come at me pessimists

@ChiefCezoram

The good thing about having to wear masks on BYU campus is that no one will know I don't shave

@totscheetos

The biggest contribution The Office made to society was the line, "oh how the turn tables"

@soophwafel

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## OPINION OUTPOST

### Eliminating athletic teams

College football games are being sharply curtailed this fall because of the risk of spreading the new coronavirus. To the dismay of many fans, the entire 2020 season appears to be in jeopardy. Less noticed has been a smaller but more lasting shakeup in the world of college athletics: the elimination of some entire teams.

Fewer spots will go toward side-door acceptances of student athletes, many of them privileged, and more will be available for Black and Latino applicants who haven't attended private schools or couldn't afford the cost to play.

—Editorial Board  
Los Angeles Times

### Driver's license suspension

Suspending driver's licenses as a penalty for non-payment of fines and fees unrelated to public safety is a self-defeating policy.

It intensifies pressure on individuals already struggling with job loss and financial hardship, and it adds strain to relations between police officers and the public they serve. It makes the slope of failure even more slippery for millions of the most vulnerable Americans. And it's the law of the land in 42 states.

In the Senate, a bill that would encourage states to repeal such laws was introduced this month. The measure offers modest incentives to do the right thing.

—Editorial Board  
The Washington Post

### Apathy to COVID-19 in Utah

Utah's political leadership in the face of the coronavirus pandemic has been timid, tentative, easily distracted and unwilling to make the firm decisions and bold directives needed to stop the spread of COVID-19, save

lives and protect everything from the economy to our educational institutions.

But there is reason to wonder if it would have made much difference had it been otherwise.

This is Utah, after all. This virus will not be wished away.

—Editorial Board  
The Salt Lake Tribune

### COVID-19 relief aid

Deficit spending can't go on forever without serious consequences.

A new relief package should include mandates to pay down debts incurred during this unprecedented time.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

### Internet connection

Service is often unavailable or too expensive in rural communities and low-income neighborhoods. This has forced people into parking lots outside libraries, schools and coffee shops to find a reliable signal — while others are simply staying logged off. At the same time, there is pressure on small businesses that are still using pen and paper to modernize or face extinction.

Drawing Wi-Fi from school buses and fast-food restaurants isn't a long-term solution.

—Editorial Board  
The New York Times

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  - Original cartoons are also welcome.
- Opinion editor Spencer McWilliams can be reached at universe.ideas@gmail.com.

# Peter Kuest learning to take it one day at a time on PGA Tour

By CALEB TURNER

Former BYU golfer Peter Kuest went from having his final collegiate season canceled in March to competing against the best golfers in the world in June, all while learning on the fly about how life works on the week-to-week grind of the PGA Tour.

"They were short weeks for sure," Kuest said of his first two PGA tournaments. "But it was still really good to be out there and start learning the ropes and how things work and get in that routine of playing tournament golf week in and week out on the PGA Tour."

Kuest, a native of Fresno, California, opened his PGA career with back-to-back events last month at the Travelers Championship in Connecticut and earlier in July at the Rocket Mortgage Classic in Detroit. He said the biggest differences between college golf and the PGA Tour are the money athletes play for and the competition.

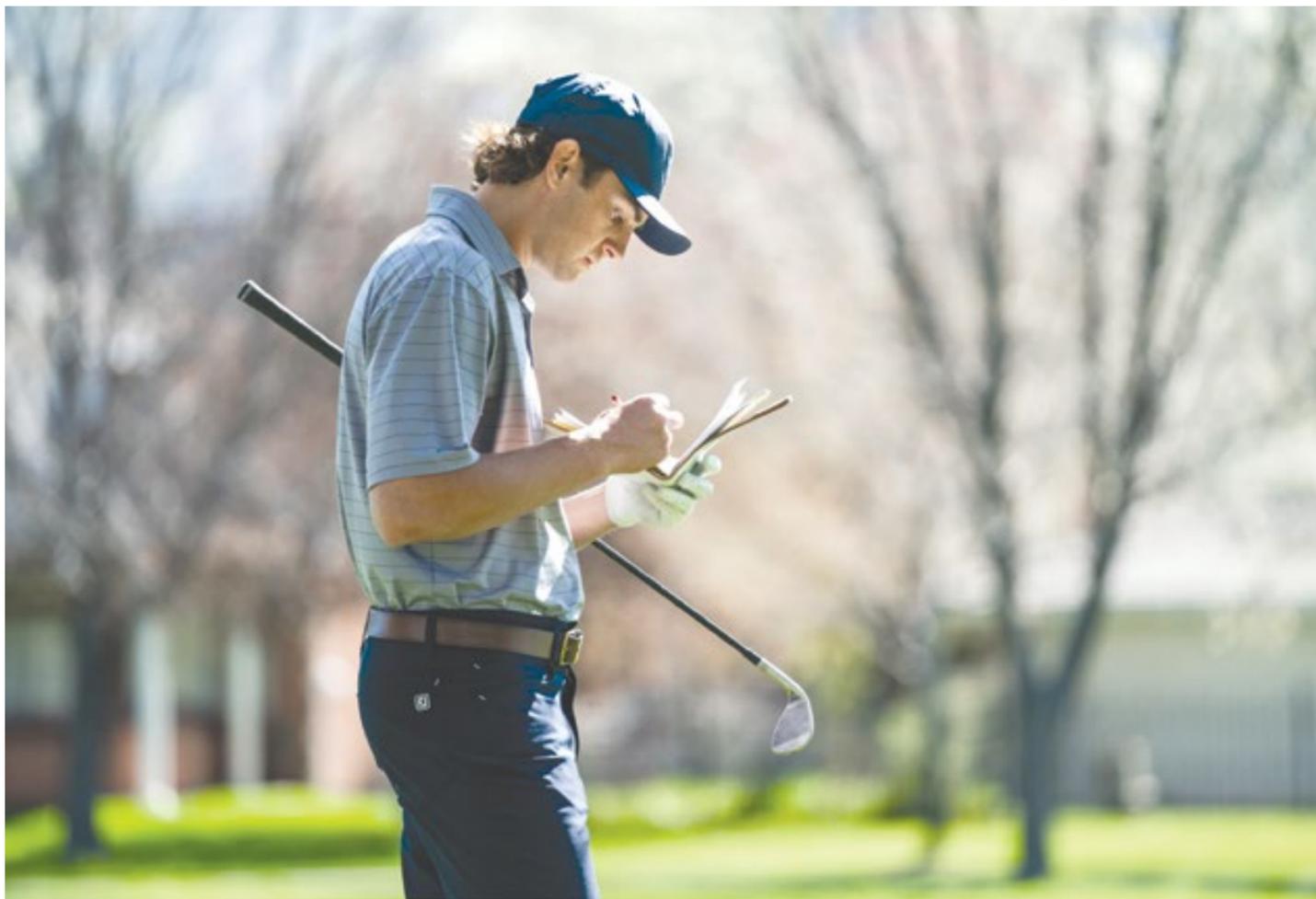
"There are a lot of really good guys in college, but when you go to a tournament, a lot of times there are maybe 10 to 20 guys that could actually win the event," Kuest said. "But out there (on the tour), anyone could win. You just gotta play really well and make a lot of putts. That's what it comes down to, is who can make more putts."

He said it was a little bit strange to be making his PGA debut without fans in the audience due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the important thing was just to be out there competing and trying to win.

Luckily, Kuest has several mentors on the tour already who have years of experience and success to draw from as he makes the transition to professional golf, including Utah natives Tony Finau and fellow BYU alumnus Zac Blair.

Both golfers were also in the field of competitors at the Travelers and Rocket Mortgage, and Kuest had the chance to spend some time with them and pick up some pointers.

"Tony was telling me you just got to take it one day at a time, prepare yourself the best you can for each event, and just try to go out and play well," Kuest said. "And when things aren't going



Nate Edwards/BYU Photo

Former Cougar golfer Peter Kuest counts his score during the Cougar Classic on April 19, 2019. Kuest, whose last season with BYU was canceled in March, is now playing on the PGA tour.

great, you still have to stay really positive with it all and try to learn. No matter how good you get at the game you just have to keep trying to learn and get better."

Finau, a Salt Lake City native, has been ranked as high as No. 9 in the world and finished in the top five at both the Masters and the Open Championship in 2019. Blair was a member of the BYU men's golf team from 2009 to 2013 and has been on the tour

since 2014.

Another mentor who is teaching Kuest how to stay disciplined and improve on the tour is fellow Central California native Bryson DeChambeau, who ended up winning the Rocket Mortgage Classic.

"Bryson is a really cool guy, and he's really committed to what he's doing," Kuest said. "It's really cool to see him have success and really work hard at it. You have to give him credit. He put in

a lot of time to get his body and his golf swing to where it is right now."

DeChambeau made headlines when he added 40 pounds of mass to his frame this year and started regularly making 400-yard tee shots, leading to his impressive three-stroke margin of victory at the Rocket Mortgage.

Kuest has yet to make the weekend cut at a PGA event, but he hopes to learn to be more consistent and comfortable on the tour as he follows the

advice and examples of his mentors. Most recently he finished 6-over at the Memorial Tournament on July 17, but has a chance to bounce back and make a statement at the 3M Open in Minnesota July 23-26.

"I have to just go out and play the game I know I can play," Kuest said. "Not be too hesitant or afraid of hitting a shot or anything like that, but just going out and having a lot of belief and faith in what you're doing."

## FOOTBALL

Players that will benefit from a 2020 season

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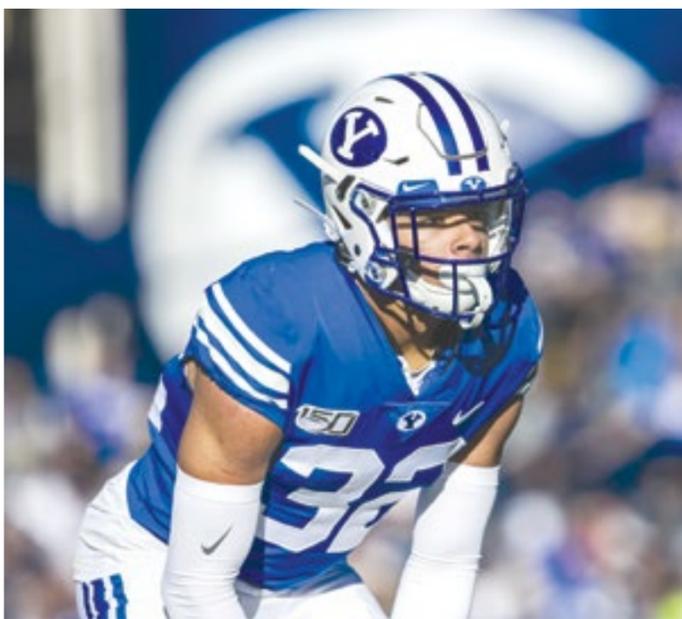
### Tristen Hoge

Many people have considered Tristen Hoge an NFL prospect since his Highland High School days in Pocatello, Idaho. The former four-star recruit received several offers from a variety of top-tier programs, eventually signing with Notre Dame. After playing in just six games during his two years with the Fighting Irish, however, Hoge decided to transfer to BYU. Hoge has been a force within the Cougars' offensive line over the past two seasons, continuing his NFL hype.

Unfortunately, he suffered a leg injury during BYU's 2019 season opener against Utah that eventually forced him to shut down his season a few games later. Hoge, whose injury likely caused him to drop on a number of NFL Draft boards, is looking to use the 2020 season to revive the hype and his chances of making it to the next level. Hoge is arguably the player with the most to gain from any sort of abbreviated season within the Cougars' offense.

### Chris Wilcox

Chris Wilcox, a 6-foot-2, 195-pounder, has the length and speed that NFL scouts are often drawn to when looking for a potential cornerback. The Fontana, California, native has a similar build and style of play as former BYU defensive back Michael Davis, who has excelled with the Los Angeles Chargers throughout his three-year professional career. Wilcox's exceptional athleticism has allowed him to shine in the Cougars'



BYU Photo

BYU defensive back Chris Wilcox lines up prior to a play during a game against Idaho State on Nov. 16, 2019.

backfield when healthy. He recorded five pass breakups and 32 tackles, including 23 solo stops, during his last full season in 2017.

Although Wilcox was forced to shut down each of the last two seasons early because of injury, BYU will likely rely heavily on Wilcox this season to replace former standout defensive back Dayan Ghanwoloku, who signed with the Los Angeles Rams in April. If there is a season to be had this fall, Wilcox should have plenty of opportunities to showcase his athleticism and prove why he deserves to play at the professional level.

### Isaiah Kaufusi

Isaiah Kaufusi has anchored the Cougars' linebacker core in each of the last two seasons. He tallied 50 tackles as a sophomore in 2018,

including six tackles for loss, and added 60 total stops in 2019. He also recorded a pair of interceptions both years. Kaufusi has the versatility and football IQ necessary to succeed on a professional level.

Some questions remain, however, concerning Kaufusi's lateral quickness. He doesn't have quite as much speed as former BYU linebackers and current NFL standouts Kyle Van Noy or Fred Warner. With the NFL moving farther away from bigger, hard-hitting linebackers to smaller and quicker ones, Kaufusi would likely need to improve his overall speed to the next level. The 2020 season, should it take place, would be Kaufusi's last chance to show NFL scouts he can further develop his game by recognizing and improving his weaknesses.



Hannah Miner

BYU women's soccer celebrates after clinching the West Coast Conference championship title on November 9, 2019.

## West Coast Conference delays fall season until Sept. 24

By CALEB TURNER

The West Coast Conference announced July 16 it is delaying competition in all fall sports until Sept. 24, pushing back the start date for BYU women's soccer, women's volleyball and both men's and women's cross country.

"As we make plans for our fall athletic seasons, we appreciate the dialogue and attention the WCC has gone through to review the variety of circumstances at member schools and consider the safety of our student-athletes," BYU Athletic Director Tom Holmoe said in a statement. "We are in the process of working on our fall sports schedules given the parameters provided by the WCC and appreciate the flexibility to schedule non-conference competition with other universities."

This plan differs from those of other conferences in that it does not prohibit non-conference play, offering more opportunities for BYU as it looks to adjust and re-organize their schedules with the new start date.

The BYU press release also specified that men's and women's basketball, whose seasons are scheduled to begin in November and who also play in the WCC, are unaffected by this announcement.

Since BYU Football is independent and does not play in the WCC, it is unaffected by the announcement. However, due to restrictions from other conferences, the team is currently without its first four games of the season. The matchup against Utah State on Oct. 2 is the first game still on the schedule at this point, meaning BYU fans will have to wait a few more months before any Cougar sports are played.



# BYU community grapples with names, monuments

By LISI MERKLEY

Protests against racism across the country have sparked discussions about removing statues and renaming buildings that memorialize historic figures who made racist comments, and BYU is not immune to these calls.

These discussions, however, are sometimes more complicated than simply calling for the removal of statues since past leaders are complex people.

## Call for 'unnaming'

Members of BYU's Black Student Union wrote two letters — one to the NAACP, the other to President Russell M. Nelson — asking for all buildings on the BYU campus to be "unnamed" and have all the names removed, not just the names of those associated with slavery and racism.

"If there's not going to be any buildings named after women, after people of color, let's take all the names down because we're still glorifying a certain kind of figure on campus," outgoing BYU BSU President Déborah Aléxis said. "A lot of these figures had problematic ideologies that have lasting consequences today."

Author Don Izekor said the letters are a call to action after leaders have spoken about change but failed to act. He hopes that by writing to the NAACP, the organization will help push the Church to make changes because of their relationship.

"All that we ask is that



Hannah Miner

Recent protests around racism and police brutality have sparked calls to remove statues of historical figures who made racist comments. BYU is not immune to those calls, as students have asked for names of buildings to be changed and for Brigham Young's statue to be removed. *Scan this image with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of this story.*

Brigham Young University recognizes that we, too, have the right to claim this space and that it is hard to do so with relics that myopically glorify a

shameful past," says the letter to President Nelson.

Others argue that the names shouldn't be changed when those memorialized also did good things for the school.

Quotes from some of Brigham Young's speeches during the time he led the Church have resurfaced amid these conversations. In many instances, he referred to Black people as descendants of Cain, who was cursed for killing his brother Abel in the Old Testament.

"Shall I tell you the law of God in regard to the African race? If the white man who belongs to the chosen seed mixes his blood with the seed of Cain, the penalty,

under the law of God, is death," Brigham Young said as recorded in the Journal of Discourses.

In an op-ed for the Salt Lake Tribune, BYU student Hanna Seariac wrote in opposition to changing the name of the university in light things the record says Brigham Young said.

"Removing historical figures from their contexts and evaluating against our standards is unfair to them," says Seariac in her op-ed. "We should point out what (Brigham Young) did wrong, but we should at the same time remember the valuable contributions that he had."

As of July 14, BYU has not made a statement in response

to these calls for renaming. The Black Student Union also said it has not received any responses to its letters besides an acknowledgment from the NAACP that it received the letter.

## Historians' perspectives

According to BYU history professor Matthew Mason, current standards on racism and slavery come from the 18th and 19th centuries when people were developing religious, anti-slavery points of view and the principles of the Enlightenment that said all people were created equal.

He said the best way to analyze historic leaders like Brigham Young "is to look at the choices

available in the middle of the debates they were in and the ideas available to them, which in the case of questions of race and slavery are really no different than the ideas we have today because that's where we got them."

When it comes to statues and names of buildings, Mason said there's a difference between history and memory: History is complex and examines what happened in the past, but memory is emotional and focuses on how the past is commemorated today.

"The debates about how to remember the Civil War or Brigham Young or whatever right now tell us more about 2020 than they do about 1847 or 1861," Mason said. "Therefore the way things like building names and monuments get addressed tends to be emotional because it's about our current identity and our current values."

BYU history professor Christopher Jones said it is important for those who study history to acknowledge the historical context of the time periods people lived in, but "we should be more than willing to condemn racism when we encounter it in the past."

"Simply because there were people that were more pro-slavery in the 19th century than there are in the 21st century doesn't somehow make slavery OK in either time period," he said. Jones also pointed out that there were many who were anti-slavery in the 19th century as well.

According to Jones, people sometimes avoid complicated, difficult discussions when they excuse past racism by arguing that present standards shouldn't apply to historical figures or only focus on the good actions and qualities of leaders.

However, Jones said it is important to study history and have those discussions. "I hope that we can open up space to have those difficult conversations so that we can come to a better understanding not just of history but of its legacies today and in the present."

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