



Commencement 2017 Participants

Richfield Ceremony, April 28	
Honorary Degree: David and Verla Sorensen	Verla attended Snow College, and she and David have sent seven of their children to her beloved alma mater. Numerous civic, community, and church groups and organizations have been the beneficiary of Verla’s many gifts, including her service as Local and District PTA President, President of the South Pasadena School Board, member of a homeless shelter board in Las Vegas, and member of the Snow College Board of Trustees. David started and grew his own companies, and Verla deployed her business skills by assisting with the books and records. Together, they served their church as they presided in the Canada Halifax Mission and then spent four years in Asia, while David served as the area president for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Later, they served as President and Matron of the San Diego Temple. Through their generous donation, the Washburn Building in Richfield was renovated to contain a state-of the art science lab and several new faculty were added.
Speaker: Tami Pyfer	Tami Pyfer is Governor Herbert’s Education Advisor. She has worked for the College of Education at Utah State University and also taught as an adjunct faculty in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation. Tami served eight years on the Logan City Council and seven years on the Logan Schools Foundation Board of Directors where, prior to her Foundation Board term, she spent seven years as the Foundation’s Executive Director. She also enjoyed her work as a Program Specialist for the Utah Commission on Civic and Character Education. For 22 years Tami was active in her children’s education, serving as a PTA volunteer, PTA president, school SiteBased Committee member, Community Council member, and classroom volunteer. She and her husband, Aaron, have five children. They enjoy singing and performing with their family throughout Cache Valley.
Ephraim Ceremony, April 29	
Honorary Degree: Spencer and Abby Cox & Mark and LeAnn Stoddard	<p>Both Spencer and Abby are graduates of North Sanpete High School, Snow College, and Utah State University. Spencer finished his law degree at Washington and Lee University School of Law. Spencer served as a city council member for Fairview, commissioner for Sanpete County, and a member of the Utah House of Representatives before being selected as the lieutenant governor for the State of Utah. Abby is active in her community and church while she also takes care of their four active, accomplished children.</p> <p>Mark was born and raised in Ephraim and grew up on Snow’s campus with his dad. After graduating from Snow, he attended USU and then BYU and eventually ended up in the health care industry. He has experienced a great deal of professional success as the President and CEO of Central Valley Medical Center and Chairman of the Rural Health Group, Chairman of the Rural Health Foundation, and President of Rural Health Management Corporation. Mark has served as a member/chair of the Snow College Alumni Board, Board of Trustees, and Foundation Board. LeAnn currently serves as the chair of the Snow College Foundation Board and joins Mark in their family support of Snow College. She too is a graduate of Snow College and has spent her married life in service – in the PTA, on fundraising committees, in her church, and in her home. Home and family is what she considers her greatest achievement. All four of the Stoddards’ children are Badgers, with the youngest one currently attending Snow. Mark and LeAnn were recognized as Distinguished Alumni given the CRD’s Beneficiary Award for their support of the college; they give generously of their time and resources.</p>
Speaker:	Lt. Governor Spencer Cox