We participated in the Community Leadership Scholars group under the advisement of Dean Torti and Janice Ugaki. We are comprised of engaged honors students, volunteers, interns, ambassadors, athletes, and much more. We all aspire to be future leaders in our communities, professions, and different fields of study in biology, communications, political science, and business.

The Community Leadership Scholars group as six primary goals. The first was to learn about leadership theories and the role of leaders and members in communities, including classrooms. Second, we wanted to be able to assess, reflect, and grow in your capacity to be a leader in your personal, professional, and community life. Next, we strove to apply theoretical constructs to real problems, demonstrating an understanding of leadership and practice. We developed professional, classroom, and networking etiquette. We created a resume and cover letter for future use. Finally, we prepared a positive and confident introduction to be used during, but not limited to, an interview.

We participated in many projects in our scholars group. A few of these projects and activities included a professional roadmap, resume and cover letter practice, and various networking events. We also acquired a valuable skillset from this group. Some of these developed skills involved networking and professional etiquette, learning how to set ourselves apart, viewing examples of various leadership styles, and receiving personal advice on becoming a leader in the community and our future career.

As a key part of our scholars group, we had the chance to meet with many leaders in both local and outside communities. Honors Alumni Partnership Board members, Rick Folkerson, Ken Garff Road to Success, Trisha Worthington, U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, Park City Foundation
Summer Sanders, U.S. Olympic swimmer, sports commentator, television host, actress, and others were able to come and speak to us, providing valuable advice in establishing a successful future.

We encourage students at the University of Utah to take advantage of every opportunity to build relationships with those at the University and in your field of study, to network with Honors alumni to gain insight and perspective for your future, and to enroll in the class equivalent of Community Leadership Scholars, taught by Janice Ugaki in Fall 2014.