

Quantum and Zions Bank: Dedicated Supporters of SUU Student Entrepreneurs

Brent Drew, of Quantum Development Group, presented SUU's Small Business Development Center in the School of Business with a check for \$10,000 last semester, in support of the SBDC's Best Business Idea Competition and the future of entrepreneurship in southern Utah. The donation comes on behalf of the Quantum's elaborate project being constructed off Highway 56 called *Port 15 Utah*, a sophisticated industrial park especially for high-image, high-goaled companies. A significant portion of the Park is dedicated incubator space—centers for the development of existing

businesses as well as specific kinds of start-up businesses—and a main initiative of SUU's recently-enhanced Regional Services program. In effect, the Park and the donation will both help promote progress in such fields as applied research, planning, business administration, engineering, accounting, and service-learning. "We can see a lot of SUU students finding employment at Pier 15," Drew stated. "Cedar City is the perfect place for students. We hope to offer students and residents more opportunities to start and lead businesses."

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Zions Bank's CEO, **A. Scott Anderson**, delightfully surprised SUU with a generous donation of \$35,000 last Fall. The total amount was given in two installments: \$10,000 will be used as award money for the School of Business' Best Business Plan competition being held this Spring, and the remaining \$25,000 will serve as venture capital to directly support SUU student entrepreneurs. Upon learning of the surprise donation, Dean **Carl Templin** exclaimed, "I am extraordinarily grateful to Zions Bank for making an investment in the students of SUU and our region."

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