



THE SUU ALUMNI FAMILY IS WHERE YOU SOAR



As members of the Thunderbird Alumni Family, we are part of a global community of more than 83,000 proud T-Birds who know that Southern Utah University isn't just where your college journey ends—it's **where you soar**.

Before I introduce myself, I want to take a moment to thank **Caytee Wankier**, our outgoing Alumni President. Caytee has been an incredible leader who worked tirelessly for SUU and its alumni. She brought a spirit of thoughtfulness, warmth, and enthusiasm to everything she did; always welcoming others with grace and leading with kindness. She has left big shoes to fill, and we are all grateful for the energy and care she brought to this role.

My own journey with SUU began long before I stepped into a classroom. My parents met when they lived at the College Avenue apartments—my dad was a student at SUU, and my mom attended Evans Hair School. So when I arrived on campus, it already felt like home.

I graduated in 1996 with a degree in Business Administration and Finance, but what I gained at SUU went far beyond the classroom. I left with a foundation that shaped my career, lifelong friendships, and professors who challenged me to dream bigger than any girl from Aurora, Utah ever thought possible. During my time at SUU, I was involved in SUUSA, Alpha Phi, PBL, and the Student Alumni Association, each experience giving me a chance to grow.

Now, I'm honored to serve as **President of the SUU Alumni Association**. This is my opportunity to give back to the university that gave me so much. My focus for the year ahead is simple and powerful: **Connect**.

Let's connect recent graduates with alumni who can open doors. Let's connect with one another to strengthen the ties that make this community so special. And let's stay connected to SUU, the place that gave us our wings.

Southern Utah University has always been a launchpad for big dreams and bold futures. This is where you soar—and now, as alumni, we have the chance to help others take flight.

Jamie Shaw
Alumni President