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SUU PERCUSSIONISTS SCORE AT UTAH DAY OF PERCUSSION

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: When SUU percussionists take the stage, they take top honors. This year at the **2015 Utah Day of Percussion** sponsored by the **Utah Chapter of the Percussive Arts Society** five students from SUU's Department of Music impressed the judging committee and the students won first place in two categories in the collegiate division. The competition took place at Juan Diego High School in Draper, Utah, on Saturday, March 21.

In the Collegiate Marimba Division, **Tylor Williams** took first place while **Lydia Bradshaw** took third place. **Dallas Anselmo** scored a second place victory in the Collegiate Rudimental Snare Drum category. In the category College Chamber Ensemble the first place honor was jointly shared by the duo of **Taylor Armstrong** and **Jordan Nielson**.

As their instructor and mentor, **Dr. Lynn Vartan**, Associate Professor and Director of SUU's Percussion Program, is particularly proud of her students and their accomplishments. "I am thrilled that our students continue to be a dominant force for percussion in the state of Utah. Our emphasis on passion, creativity and individuality in musical performance continues to attribute to their success and I am so proud of them!"

The Percussion Studio at Southern Utah University is a close-knit group of students pursuing both percussion performance and music education under the direction of Dr. Lynn Vartan. Students have the opportunity to study orchestral percussion, solo artist development, drum set, ethnic percussion and chamber music in the striking natural setting of the rocks and mountains that Southern Utah has to offer. There are also several opportunities to network with professional musicians who are frequently on campus to perform and/or record with Dr. Vartan. It is an atmosphere filled with performance, growth, sharing and fun!

The Percussive Arts Society (PAS) is a music service organization promoting percussion education, research, performance, and appreciation throughout the world. PAS is the world's largest percussion organization and is considered the central source for information and networking for percussionists and drummers of all ages.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The **Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts** is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a Center for Shakespeare Studies and a graduate program in Arts Administration. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree. The Center for Shakespeare Studies offers a minor in Shakespeare Studies. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.