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by Derek Larson

We are so excited to announce the 2016 UCET Conference dates and location! You may have had a sneak peak on Twitter recently, but if not, get ready because #UCET16 is coming to the University of Utah on March 17-18, 2016 with our theme of Tech Madness!

We will have lots more information in the coming days, but we do know who our awesome keynotes will be and are so excited to introduce them to you, Thurl Bailey (@bigTbailey) and Ginger Lewman (@GingerLewman)!

Thurl is a Utah Jazz Pregame, Halftime, and Postgame Analyst who is also very talented with singing and songwriting. He’s an inspirational speaker and a Dad!

Ginger is a PBL (Project/Problem Based Learning) and GT (Gifted & Talented) consultant. She is a SiloKiller, the creator of #STEAMmaker and a co-creator of LifePractice PBL. Ginger is a Google Certified Innovator. As a teacher, she’s a resource and not THE source.

We are super excited because you are gonna LOVE them! If you want to learn more about our Keynotes, head over to our Keynotes page and check out links to their websites.

For more information on #UCET16, check out our Conference page where you can start to find all of the pertinent information soon. Registration isn’t yet open for #UCET216, but we wanted you to be aware of the location and dates so you can reserve your substitute teachers and get ready for some Tech Madness!

Keep watching the UCET blog, the official UCET Twitter account, and our UCET Facebook page for more details. We hope to see you at the University of Utah on March 17-18, 2016!
Come Serve with Us
by Michael Hakkarinen

The UCET President Elect position and four elected board member positions will need to be filled this year due to term limitations. To fill these positions, elections will be conducted on Friday, March 18, 2016, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Information about how to access the ballot will be sent via email to each UCET member.

The election results will be announced in the closing session of the UCET conference on Friday, March 18, 2016. Results will also be sent to UCET members via email and will be posted to the web site.

To find out more about what the UCET board does, visit About and Board.

All candidates should complete the Google Form – https://goo.gl/mrkUfb which includes a short bio and answer to the question, “I would like to serve on the UCET board because....” Submission deadline is Thursday, February 11, 2016.

#ucet16 Award Nominations Open
by Pam Turley

Nominations for all UCET awards are now open and close on Thursday, February 11, 2016. All award winners will be announced Thursday, March 17, at the opening session of the 2016 UCET Conference.

UCET Awards

UCET Outstanding Teacher of the Year – This award recognizes and honors a teacher who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership in implementing technology to improve education. (PK-12 classroom teacher).

UCET Outstanding Leader of the Year – This award recognizes and honors a leader who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership in implementing technology to improve education. Nominee can be a principal, superintendent, school or district technology staff, regional technology trainer, etc. The one stipulation is that the nominee is not a PK-12 classroom teacher. They may have a teaching certificate, however their current position is not as a classroom teacher.

UCET Outstanding Young Educator of the Year – This award will be presented to an outstanding young educator (under the age of 35) who demonstrates vision, innovation, action, and transformation using technology to improve teaching and learning.

ISTE Award

Making IT Happen Award – Making IT Happen is an internationally recognized awards program administered by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). This program honors educational technology educators and leaders for their commitment and innovation. ISTE sponsors the award, the jacket, and a press release about the award recipient. UCET sponsors a $500 cash award for the Making IT Happen recipient. Read more about this award here: http://www.iste.org/lead/awards/making-it-happen-award.

UCET must submit the Making IT Happen Award winner’s name and other information to ISTE well in advance to ensure that the Making IT Happen Award winner receives the coveted black (for men) or pink (for ladies) jacket.

Submission Form for all awards

Free Interactive Education Webinar: Uncovering Greenland

Your planet is changing, and NASA is on it! During the summer of 2015, scientists embarked upon Greenland to research the hydrology of the ice sheet — studying the shifting network of streams and rivers that form during the melt season and transport water from the surface of the ice to the ocean, contributing to sea-level rise. Join NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center for “Uncovering Greenland,” an hourlong webinar on Nov. 18, 2015, at 1 p.m. EST. During the live event, scientists and other experts will interact with students and teachers and dive into the discoveries made on this expedition.

If you would like to be placed on the “we’re interested” list, please email Erin McKinley at erin.e.mckinley@nasa.gov with the subject line “GREENLAND” no later than close of business on Nov. 4, 2015. In the email, please include the following information:

- 1. Your name
- 2. Your email address
- 3. Your telephone number
- 4. Your school’s name
- 5. Your school’s city
- 6. Your school’s state
- 7. Student grade levels
- 8. Anticipated number of students participating

There are a limited number of available slots for this live event, so participants will be selected through a random drawing. Schools not selected as an active participant will be sent information on the webcast. NOTE: Webcast participants will be able to interact live with the on-air guests by submitting questions via email.
Free NASA Educator Professional Development Webinars

The NASA STEM Educator Professional Development Collaborative at Texas State University is presenting a series of free webinars open to all educators. Join NASA education specialists to learn about activities, lesson plans, educator guides and resources that bring NASA into your classroom. Registration is required to participate. Simply click on the link provided beneath the webinar description to register.

Forces and Motion of Flight: Fly by Math — Smart Skies
Audience: Pre-service, In-service, Home School & Informal Educators of Grades 5-9
Event Date: Nov. 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. EST

This webinar focuses on mathematics activities that allow students to explore and apply decision-making and proportional reasoning skills to resolve distance-rate-time problems in realistic air traffic control situations. A Web-based interactive Air Traffic Control Simulator that represents an air traffic controller’s screen will be used for solving problems. Register online to participate. https://www.etouches.com/144035

Forces and Motion of Flight: Robotics in the Classroom, in the Air and in Space!
Audience: Pre-service, In-service, Home School & Informal Educators of Grades 5-8
Event Date: Nov. 10, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. EST

Discover the many ways in which you can bring the excitement of robotics to your students, using everyday, inexpensive materials. Engineering Design Challenges help develop robust thinking skills in your students. Register online to participate. https://www.etouches.com/137335

Forces and Motion of Flight: Rocketry 101
Audience: Pre-service, In-service, Home School & Informal Educators of Grades 4-8
Event Date: Nov. 11, 2015, at 6 p.m. EST

Launch your students’ interest and excitement in forces and motion. Explore forces, motion and flight with fun, exciting rocket activities that include designing, building and launching simple rockets while students record, analyze and graph data. This webinar also will investigate rockets by integrating NASA missions, STEM curriculum, online education resources and the Next Generation Science Standards into teaching strategies that will help guide educators into a learning journey “blast-off.” Register online to participate. https://www.etouches.com/146813

Forces and Motion of Flight: Breaking Barriers
Audience: Pre-service, In-service, Home School & Informal Educators of Grades 5-8
Event Date: Nov. 12, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. EST

This webinar will give participants an overview of the NASA CONNECT episode Breaking Barriers — Linear Equations. The accompanying education resource uses balloon-powered aircraft to generate data for analysis of linear equations in the context of breaking the sound barrier. This webinar addresses the Common Core State Standards for Math — Expressions and Equations. Register online to participate. https://www.etouches.com/146817

For a full schedule of upcoming NASA Educator Professional Development webinars, visit http://www.txstate-epdc.net/events/.

Please direct questions about this series of webinars to Steve Culivan at stephen.p.culivan@nasa.gov.

2016 GLOBE Distinguished Educator Fellowship

The Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment, or GLOBE, Program is accepting applications for the GLOBE Distinguished Educator Fellowship. This fellowship harnesses the GLOBE community expertise in the development of new educational resources that can benefit the whole community.

Selected educators, either formal or informal, will work with scientists in the development of GLOBE educational materials. The scientist will support the educator in ensuring scientific accuracy. As part of the application process, we invite teachers to team with scientists on a particular project.

There will be three fellowships awarded this year: one for the United States and two for GLOBE countries outside the U.S. Applicants must be active GLOBE teachers who have entered data into the GLOBE database in the past year.

All interested educators are invited to attend a webinar about the 2016 Distinguished Educator Fellowship on Nov. 12, 2015, at 3 p.m. EST. 2015 Distinguished Educator Fellow John Moore and Dr. Julie Malmberg from the GLOBE Implementation Office Education and Outreach will lead the discussion. If you are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and made available for viewing after the webinar date. To register for the webinar, visit https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/invite?id=2uur0y5aatyw.

Applications are due Dec. 15, 2015. Fellowships will begin no later than July 1, 2016.

Additional information including application requirements can be found at http://www.globe.gov/news-events/globe-events/competitions/fellowships.

Please email any questions about this opportunity to help@globe.gov.
New Educational Materials: Engineering in the Classroom

Are you concerned about how engineering fits into your K-12 science curriculum? The education team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has created a set of videos and supporting text for educators to illustrate how real-world engineering at NASA can be applied to the Next Generation Science Standards.

The new instructor guide has a video for each grade span and NGSS “Engineering, Technology, and the Application of Science” performance expectation. Each video shows how JPL applies the standard, offers a lesson plan or activity, and makes suggestions for making the standard relevant.


Looking for more? NASA's Educational Resource Search Tool can help you find lesson plans, posters, educator guides and other materials to boost your science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum. Search hundreds of resources by subject, grade level, type and keywords.

To check out the search tool and begin your hunt for educational resources, visit http://www.nasa.gov/education/materials/.

Forgot to charge your electric car? – No problem!
By Devin Hinkson

Electric charging lanes could be a reality on English roads within years. The U.K. is currently testing technology that charges electric vehicles while in transit. This is done by means of modern technology.

Engineers have begun trials which will test the practicality and effectiveness of this new method. During the trials, vehicles will be fitted with wireless technology and special equipment will be installed beneath roads to replicate motorway conditions. Electric cables buried under the surface will generate electromagnetic fields, which will be picked up by a coil inside the device and converted into electricity.

If cellphones can be charged on wireless stations, cars also could be.

This isn’t the first trial of its kind. In South Korea, a 7.5-mile (12 km) stretch of road charges electric buses as they drive along, via a process called Shaped Magnetic Field in Resonance (SMFIR). In England, a trial in Milton Keynes saw buses charged wirelessly through plates in the road, but they had to stop moving to receive the juice. This would be an even bigger breakthrough than the bus system in South Korea.

Unless you happen to own a Tesla and live near a super charging station, the current battery life of electric cars doesn’t go incredibly far. While electric cars may get 260 miles to a full charge, gas-guzzling cars can get 300 miles or more.

This innovation would be very useful to many people because they would not need to charge their vehicles at a charging station, but could receive power while driving, allowing them to commute more effectively, and encourage drivers to purchase and drive more electric vehicles. Electric vehicles have no emissions, and can have surprisingly powerful engines.

Transport minister Andrew Jones says that “the government is already committing 500 million pounds (763,457,500 US Dollars) over the next five years to keep Britain at the forefront of this technology.”

Debates continue as to whether or not this method is practical or effective, and whether batteries could be done away with completely if this technology becomes mainstream.
Five Microsoft Word Features Worth Knowing About

by Devin Hinkson

Imagine going on a cruise ship having packed a whole week’s worth of food for your trip, only to discover on the last day that the meals you thought you had to pay for, and therefore didn’t enjoy, were included in the price of your ticket. Wouldn’t you feel like you had missed out?

Many of us don’t enjoy the ease and conveniences technology has to offer only because we are unaware of their existence! I want to highlight five functions of Microsoft Word which are useful but which few actually utilize.

**Password protecting documents.**

If you’ve got any top-secret documents floating around your Documents folder, you might want to secure those from prying eyes. Thankfully, Word has a feature that allows you to password protect your documents, whether it’s an expense report, an academic paper, or a personal diary entry. Just fire up Word, go to the Tools menu located to the left of the Save button, select General Options and then enable password encryption by selecting Password to Open box. Or, if you’re sharing a document and you only want certain people to have access to it, select the Password to Modify box so that they may be allowed to save their changes in the document.

Passwords in Word are case sensitive and there is no way to retrieve the password if you forget it, so make sure you keep track of which documents you do secure.

**Virtual sticky notes**

Navigating through a lengthy document can be quite the endeavor, especially if you need to pinpoint an exact location to change one minor thing. But Word allows you to bookmark specific parts of your document so you can return them later—think of it as the virtual sticky note.

To insert a placeholder, select the portion of your document you’d like to bookmark and point your cursor to the Ribbon, then click on the Insert Tab. Select Bookmark in the fourth column titled Links. A dialogue window will pop up asking you to type in a Bookmark name. Type in a name beginning with a letter and no spaces and then click Add.

**Type slides directly into PowerPoint.**

Whether you’re a new user or have been using Office since version 4.0, you know that using PowerPoint can be quite a task. If typing up your slides directly into PowerPoint seems like too much of a feat—because you’re rather spend your time working on transitions and inserting Clip Art—you can easily insert text from a Word document into its own PowerPoint presentation. On the Home tab, located in the Ribbon, point your cursor to the second column dubbed Slides. Click on the arrow under New Slides and select the second option at the bottom of the dialogue window, Slides from Outline.

A browser window will pop up, asking you to locate the file you would like to convert into a presentation. Once you select the file, it will run through PowerPoint and you’ll notice that each paragraph break will initiate a new slide. The trick is to type your Word file as if it were a main point and then bullet points to follow, that way you keep your presentation cohesive. Also, keep in mind that pictures and font do not translate over to PowerPoint; you’ll have to customize your presentation to your liking.

**Remove formatting**

If text has been formatted and you change your mind about how it should appear, click the word in question, or select a section of text, and press [Ctrl]+[Space] simultaneously. If the formatting has been applied with a style, press [Ctrl]+[Shift]+[N] and it will then revert to the default style.

**Hanging indent**

One of the less frequently used means of formatting paragraphs is the hanging indent. This is where the first line is not indented, but all of the rest are.

Select the paragraph you’d like to format in this way, move to the Home tab and double-click the arrow icon in the lower right-hand corner of the ‘Paragraph’ pane.

On the Indents and Spacing tab, use the ‘Special’ dropdown menu in the middle of the dialog to select the ‘Hanging’ option and then indicate the indentation level. To apply the indent, click ‘OK’.
Secure Cyberspace
By Dave Wilkins

Level One

TedEx Cyber Security: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ERfT0V8IU
TedEx Cyber Security: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=metkEeZvHTg

• What can you do to keep yourself and information secure online?
• How can you educate others to do the same?
• Why is it important to be secure online?
• What devices do you use that can be hacked?
• How do viruses and malware gain access to your computer?

Level Two

How a VPN works: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpUHD-PQuZg
How a VPN works: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plvWpky92eU

VPN - What is a VPN? A VPN (Virtual Private Network) is a method used to ensure privacy and security to private and public networks that you are connected to such as WiFi Hotspots and the Internet. VPNS are most often used by companies and corporations to protect sensitive data. However, using a personal VPN is increasingly becoming more popular.

Your online privacy is increased with a VPN because your initial IP address is replaced with one from the VPN provider. You can appear to be located nearly anywhere in the world with a VPN connection. This method allows you to attain an IP address from any gateway city the VPN service provides. For instance, you may live in Salt Lake City, but connecting with a VPN, you can appear to live in the United Kingdom, New York, or any number of gateway cities.

Free VPN:
https://www.betternet.co/
http://justfreevpn.com/

Paid VPN:
http://vpnhq.com/HTTPS/SSL
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=earzZpX-PiY

SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is a standard security protocol for establishing an encrypted link between a server and a client. It’s done most typically between a web server (website) and an internet browser; or a mail server and a mail client (such as Outlook).

SSL encryption allows sensitive information such as credit card numbers, social security numbers, and login credentials to be transmitted securely. Normally, data sent between browsers and web servers is sent in plain text—leaving you vulnerable to eavesdropping and this information being stolen. If an attacker is able to intercept all data being sent between a browser and a web server they can see and use that information.

You can follow this link to check if the website you are on has an SSL:
https://www.sslshopper.com/ssl-checker.html?hostname

Internet Abuse

Phishing scammers are getting very smart with their ability to disguise a fake website to appear real. For example, they will have a website such as this: http://paypal.com-international.info -- com-international.info is the real domain name. They’ve created “paypal” as a sub domain so it appears to be real. Many fall victim to noticing this delusion and enter their bank account information to a fake website.

http://whois.com/whois/ is a legitimate website that displays the domain name owner’s details, registrar, and some DNS records. For example, here is the WHOIS details of Facebook:
http://www.whois.com/whois/facebook.com

Level Three

Think you understand cyber security well enough to do something about it here? Here are some activities you can do to make yourself secure and warn others of dangers online.

Set up your devices through a free or paid VPN. Free VPN:
https://www.betternet.co/
http://justfreevpn.com/

Search the internet for fraudulent websites (phishing), find the owner and registrar of the domain name, and report it.

Verify that the websites you use most have an SSL:
https://www.sslshopper.com/ssl-checker.html?hostname

Other Links and Sources
http://engineeringchallenges.org/9042.aspx
http://www.dhs.gov/national-strategy-secure-cyberspace
Free Google Apps E-Book

Chalkup has provided a free Google apps e-book for education. This e-book provides useful information about Google products and their application for educators. This e-book will help teach how to use each Google app more effectively and how to have all the apps work together seamlessly.

For those who don’t want to pay for Microsoft Office, Google provides apps such as Google Docs, Google Sheets, and Google Slides, which are similar to Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. All google apps can be accessed over the internet, so you can access your work with ease when moving from one computer to another.

To access this free e-book go to http://info.chalkup.co/google-apps-for-education-free-resource and enter your name, email, and school.

New Features in iOS 9

With the new release of iOS 9, there have been tons of new features added to iPhones and iPads. Here are some useful new features added in iOS 9.

Low Power Mode - Everyone hates when their phone dies. One of the most common sayings of this generation is probably “My phone just died.” With how often many of us use our phones, keeping the phone alive all day is a difficult task. Low power mode disables certain features, such as automatic downloads and mail fetch, in order to reduce battery drain. When the battery reaches 20%, and 10% prompts arise, you automatically switch to Low Power Mode. Otherwise, Low Power Mode can be found in Setting > Battery.

Back Button - Not quite as universal as the Android back button, but it’s something. Now when moving from app to app there is a back button in the top left corner of the screen.

Siri Update - Siri now has more features similar to Google Now. It will now provide useful information and suggestions before being asked. For instance, if you go to the same park every day at about the same time, Siri will tell you how long it will take to get there once it notices you leaving.

New Notes App - The notes app has experienced a huge change with many new features added. You can now take picture, add text, draw, sketch, and more.

These are just a few of the many new features in iOS 9. The first few days and weeks of a new operating system update are full of new features. So far iOS has not disappointed.

You might want to watch this YouTube video: iOS 9 Hidden Features - Top 50 List

A Better Way to Slide by Kelson English

Whether PowerPoint Presentation, Keynote, or something else, we have all had to make a slideshow. Whether teaching a class or presenting a business plan, slideshows have become the popular way of presenting information. Slidebean.com provides an online slideshow making program that stands above the rest.

The website provides an easy and straightforward method to create a slideshow. The website itself is easy to navigate and the slideshow making materials are so simple the slideshow basically makes itself.

While looking into this website I found more and more features that make Slidebean stand above the rest. For example, depending on which layout you choose, Slidebean will make suggestions of what to put on each slide. This image of the second slide suggested I ask a question.

Slides created on Slidebean can either be used from the internet or downloaded in case there is no internet connection.

What really sets Slidebean above the rest is the simplicity to make a well-formatted and organized slideshow in a fraction of the time.

http://home.slidebean.com
Incorporating videos and other digital media into the classroom can be a useful and effective way of teaching. Zaption provides the ability to turn watching videos in class from a passive event to an interactive learning opportunity.

Zaption is a free program that allows the user to find videos and add in a variety of elements such as images and text. This will allow the teacher to add additional information next to the video while the video is playing. This can be used to show the audience specific information, important key facts, or related material. The video lessons can also pause the video and ask questions for the students to enter in before the video continues on.

This program also includes a continually growing gallery of video lessons. Video lessons come in all topics and for all age groups. Whether teaching mathematics to kindergarteners or history to a higher education class the Zaption Gallery will have it.

Since Zaption is free, students can use it as well. As a student, this program provides a more interactive opportunity for class projects and presentations. Students can share and view video lessons shared to them as well.

The power of Zaption is that it makes the viewer interact with the video being presented. This causes the viewer to be more attentive and focus on the material, rather than passively watching without retaining any information. Click the YouTube video below...

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**Swiftkey Keyboard for Android**

Swiftkey keyboard would be very helpful for all those who don’t have a swipe installed on their mobile device already.

**Description**

SwiftKey Keyboard is a free, award-winning keyboard app for Android that learns from you, delivering the best next-word prediction, smarter autocorrect, support for over 800 emoji (emoticons), emoji prediction and much more!

SwiftKey is the alternative touch keyboard that gives you smart, fast typing on Android - free. It’s the best smart keyboard for Android for fast SMS, chat, text and email, becoming the default across all your apps. It’s packed full of customization features including over 70 colorful themes, layouts for all screen sizes and devices, and supports over 80 languages.

**EMOJI AND EMOJI PREDICTION** - Spoil yourself with over 800 emoji characters (emoticons) and useful Emoji Prediction. Our signature prediction tech suggests emoji to match your words - for fun-filled sentences and smiles all round.

**TRUSTED BY MILLIONS** - The best, top-rated keyboard on Android, now available for free. As CNN wrote, “the number one third-party keyboard ... SwiftKey is a must-have.”

**PERSONALIZED PREDICTIONS** - Mind-reading word suggestions that learn from you as you type, and get smarter over time.

**SMARTER AUTOCORRECT** - Intelligent autocorrections for even the sloppiest typing.

**BEAUTIFUL THEMES** - Customize the look of your keyboard with free and premium themes from the SwiftKey Store, including Disney’s Frozen.

**YOUR KEYBOARD, YOUR WAY** - Split. Resize. Undock. Tweak your keyboard with a variety of powerful tools to fit your needs.

Multilingual typing. Choose from over 80 languages and type in up to three at once.

**CLOUD-CONNECTED** - Sync your writing style securely to the cloud and across devices.

Personalize word predictions from your Gmail, Facebook, Twitter, Evernote and more.

Type with ease about daily news, sports and entertainment topics with Trending Phrases.

Gain access to the SwiftKey Store to browse new themes.

**EFFORTLESS TYPING** - Swipe your finger across the touch screen to type with SwiftKey Flow or tap predictions for easy, fast typing.

Follow us on Facebook by searching for “SwiftKey” and on Twitter at @swiftkey.
Personal Holograms

With the impending advent of the new Star Wars movies come the classic questions with it. These question range from, “Why haven’t we made light sabers yet? I want one!” to “Why can’t we make holograms after decades of work when Princess Leia can make one in a matter of seconds?”

Despite how far away these fantasies seem, would it be cool to make your own hologram projector from scratch in a matter of minutes?

The science behind holograms seems very straightforward. We can put light onto a screen and watch it, so why not project it three dimensionally? The problem arises in the fact that light will travel along it’s course forever until it hits something. This makes three dimensions really difficult because it involves light stopping at finite distances to give it a sense of depth.

In more realistic science fiction media like the TV show seaQuest, ideas have been bounced around like projecting the light into a thin film of smoke. But has it been simpler than this all along?

As simple as this two minute YouTube video shows, you can take a CD case and turn a phone or tablet into a hologram projector! All it really does is makes a pyramid type shape out of transparent material. This way, when light hits the material it is then reflected outwards to give the impression that the image is actually above the screen. Because the pyramid had four sides, there are four different surfaces in which the light is projected onto, and the three dimensional hologram can be seen!

The only draw back to this current system is a specific video needs to be made with four angles of the object to give it the proper appearance. This also has been done before, and there are videos of various objects, or a screensaver style ball of light flying around the space above the screen.

These videos still take work to make, but some cool slightly different concepts have been presented. In this video, an Iron Man action figure is placed in the space inside the hologram projector and overlaid with different suits. This particular video was custom made, and had to be exact in the dimensions so that the action figure did not poke through the hologram.

This concept definitely has its limitations, but how easy is it to make and show to others? It makes one stop and wonder how far in the future this technology really is. If we don’t pay attention, holograms and other technologies like this will creep up on us and become part of our daily lives before we even realize we are living in a science fiction reality!

YouTube Video: Turn your Smartphone into a 3D Hologram
https://youtu.be/7YWTtCsgvg
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The UCET Sweet 16

16 Reasons to hold UCET at the University of Utah

#2 Dates
Ability to hold the conference outside of district spring breaks

#3 Expansion
A consistent conference venue with room to grow in the future

#1 Location! Location! Location!
A location that is familiar to Utah educators
A central location that provides all the resources we need
A location close to local attractions, USOE & the state capital

#4 Prestige
Credibility that comes with being associated with a university

#5 Budget
Comparable costs to being at a high school with added ability to harness university resources

6 Infrastructure: Robust Internet, reliable wifi, vast infrastructure
7 Experienced Consultants: University experts helping us improve our conference
8 University Guest Housing: On-site hotel rooms at a great price
9 Transportation: Trax, buses, shuttles, parking, & clear signage
10 Collaboration: Greater opportunity for more collaboration w UEN
11 Pritchard-Approved!: More affordable vendor setup, more vendor options
12 Presentation Space: Variety of presentation rooms, theaters, & halls
13 Catering: Built-in caterer & dining area, on-site board dinner possibilities
14 Higher Education: Greater opportunity to involve higher ed professors & admins
15 Student Participation: Access to involve university students and pre-service teachers
16 Energy Solution Arena: Close proximity to the arena, creating opportunity to honor award winners at the Jazz game