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Political science professor honored

Dan Jones received the first ever Civic, Character, and Service Learning Award presented by the Utah Commission on Civic and Character Education earlier this month.

The Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah nominated Jones, who is an adjunct professor in the U.'s Political Science Department.

In the letter nominating Jones, Hinckley Institute Director Kirk L. Jowers wrote: "One cannot emerge from [Jones'] classroom without feeling a stronger desire to become a more active and informed citizen He inspires students to immerse themselves in politics and public life through voting, completing government internships, seeking careers in government service, and running for elected office."

Delegates to the 2005 Congressional Conference successfully sponsored a bill that created the Commission on Civic and Character Education, which strives to provide leadership for the state's commitment to civic and character education in the schools and the community.

Grant to benefit women in sciences

Dixie State College has been awarded a near quarter-of-a-million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation to help bolster interest in the sciences, computer science, engineering and mathematics fields of study among women, ethnic minorities and the disabled.

The money will pay for needs-based scholarships for first-year academically gifted students.

"We've been having difficulty getting students to enter the sciences, and this was our reason for going after the NSF grant," said Vic Hasfurther, an engineering professor at the St. George-based college.

Prospective students who are incoming freshmen, who are female or minority, and who maintain appropriate academic progress, are eligible for the program.

For more information, contact Dixie State College Admissions Office at 435-652-7702.