

Jack Brittain is Dean of the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah and Vice President of Technology Venture Development. He received his Ph.D. in Business from the University of California, Berkeley, and was a faculty member for 15 years before coming to the University of Utah as Dean in 1999. His research includes studies of the semiconductor industry's historical development and strategic change in dynamic environments, research recognized by the Academy of Management with two outstanding paper awards. Dean Brittain is the recipient of five teaching awards. He was twice recognized as the Outstanding Graduate Business Professor at the University of Texas, Austin and received the Outstanding Graduate Business Professor and Outstanding Business Professor Award at the University of Texas, Dallas. In addition, he received the University of Texas Chancellor's Council Award from the University of Texas System for distinguished teaching contributions.

Under Dean Brittain's leadership, the David Eccles School has consistently ranked among the world's best programs and the top 10 programs in the West. The School's degree programs are ranked among the World's Top 75 by the Financial Times, as one of the 100 Best Business Schools in the World by the Wall Street Journal, in the top 50 regional US MBA Programs in the Wall Street Journal's recruiter survey, and in the top 50 by the US News and World Report. As a result of these leadership achievements, he was featured as one of Utah's "25 most influential business people" in the 2006 and 2007 *Connect* surveys, was named one of "Utah's 100 Most Influential People" by *Utah Business* in 2008, and was named to the v100, which recognizes Utah's most successful entrepreneurs, in 2006 and 2007.

Dean Brittain launched the Utah Entrepreneur Center in 2000, which houses the Utah Entrepreneur Challenge, a statewide student business plan competition, facilitates the Utah Entrepreneur Speaker Series, coordinates the Lassonde New Venture Development Center, the Enterprise Launch Pad, the University Venture Fund, and supports community outreach programs for aspiring entrepreneurs. These achievements were recognized with the Best of State Award in Education in 2005. This became the Pierre Lassonde Entrepreneur Center in 2006 in recognition of a \$12 million endowment given by Mr. Lassonde, a David Eccles School alumnus. In 2008 Professor Brittain was named the first recipient of the Pierre Lassonde Presidential Chair in Entrepreneurship by the University of Utah.

Dean Brittain is currently on the boards of Junior Achievement, the Lassonde New Venture Development Center, the University Venture Fund, the Sorenson Innovation Center, the Utah Education CRA Fund, BioMeridian, Idaho Technology, and the Governor's Office for Economic Development. He also represents the University of Utah on the Utah Science, Technology, and Research Initiative Governing Authority Board. He regularly does community service work with youth programs and education organizations and also helped found the David Eccles School's MBA non-profit consulting program that provides pro bono consulting to non-profit social service agencies.

Jack and his wife of 21 years, Karen, have two sons, 17 and 13 years old. They spend their free time attending their sons' baseball, football, basketball, soccer and hockey games.