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Worthen looks back on five years at BYU

BY BRALEY DODSON
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Brigham Young University President Kevin Worthen seats himself in front of his desk when he has visitors. His guests can see the campus through the treetops visible from his windows, while he sits across from them, with his own view of the pictures of students that line his office.

In his five years as president, it's the stories of those students, and their desire to reach what he sees as their divine potential, that has bolstered his faith in human beings.

"When people set out to im-

prove themselves so that they can help others, miraculous things happen," Worthen said. It's a job, he said, that has strengthened his own faith.

"I see people who are struggling with things and their life improves," Worthen said. "Sometimes it doesn't get any easier, but it gets better for them."

Worthen's history with BYU predates his presidency. He's an alumnus, former professor, previous dean of the law school and was BYU's advancement vice president, a role he said helped him understand what the job of pres-

ident would entail.

But the title of "president" isn't one he expected to hold. "My intent was not to become an administrator when I came here," Worthen said.

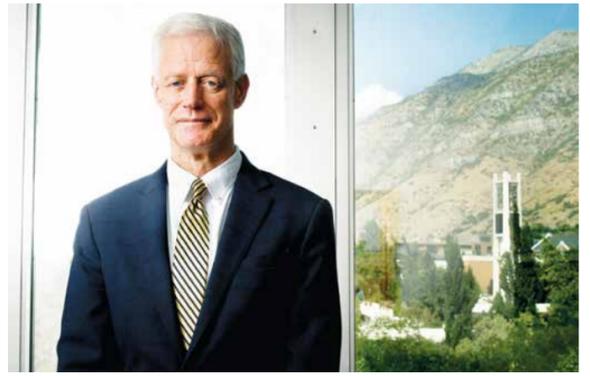
The administrative positions in the law school rotate through the faculty, who lead for a few years before returning to teaching. Then former BYU President Cecil Samuelson asked Worthen to be a vice president, and Worthen considered his own father, a math teacher who became a principal and eventually an assistant superintendent.

While his father never said it,

Worthen thinks his father believed he stepped too far up the career ladder because he was cut off from students. It took several conversations with Samuelson before Worthen agreed to the job.

"I really like teaching, I really like being a professor," Worthen said. "It is a really good job."

Then came another opportunity — president. The job came with the potential to magnify students, and included more interaction with them than a vice president had.



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Brigham Young University President Kevin Worthen poses for a portrait in his office on Friday at BYU in Provo.

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LATINOS IN UTAH COUNTY

Migrant workers fill jobs left open by labor shortage

Editor's Note: This is one of many weekly stories in the Daily Herald's series Latinos in Utah County, publishing through November.

BY CARLEY PORTER
Daily Herald

Recent data from the state Department of Workforce Services says Utah's unemployment rate continues to be well below the national average, at 2.8%, compared to 3.7%. In Utah County specifically, that rate drops to 2.6%.

It sounds like good news, but

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Sharing culture



MICHAEL SCHNELL, SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Dancers perform a cultural dance on stage on Saturday in Provo.

Festival Latinoamericano bridges generations

BY BRALEY DODSON
Daily Herald

Alicia Hortall Campbell loves watch-

ing the older Latinos and Latinas watch cultural performances.

"You can see that happiness in their

faces," she said. "Their experiences are so touching, and that's one of the rewards for me."

Hortall Campbell has been the Festival Latinoamericano's artistic director since the festival began at least 18 years ago.

It's an event that she said showcases local Latino talent, bringing together both children and adults to dance, sing and put on other performances.

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