

Expanding Your Horizons – Ogden November 7, 2009

Mt. Ogden Jr. High
3260 Harrison Blvd
Ogden, UT
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Tamara Goetz
State Science Advisor for Utah



Tamara Goetz was appointed by Gov. Jon M. Huntsman as state science advisor for Utah in August 2007. Prior to her appointment, Goetz served as the director of the Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) biotechnology program for six years and helped to create educational programs and resources for students in Utah with support from a grant from the National Science Foundation. These programs included the two-year biotechnology program at SLCC and a one-year high school biotechnology program for juniors and seniors. Goetz additionally led InnovaBio, a student-driven, nonprofit contract research company that provides high school and college students with opportunities to work as interns for a life science company.

As state science advisor, Goetz is the lead on Utah's U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development Initiative (WIRED), which promotes education and training for life sciences. She is also the director for the Utah Life Science Economic Development Cluster for the Governor's Office of Economic Development. She has served and continues to serve on many boards and committees including the Governor's State Advisory Council for science and technology and the board of directors for The Leonardo. She has received numerous awards and recognitions including Utah Business Magazine's "40 Under 40 Rising Stars" in 2004 and "30 Women to Watch" in 2007; the Award of Merit by the National Association for Career and Technical Education for her work to support science and math secondary education programs; and the 2008 Women Technology Council "Community Builder" award.

Goetz earned her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Missouri in physiology/animal sciences in 1988 and 1991 respectively, and her doctorate degree in biochemistry and biophysics from Washington State University in 1996.

