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Dr. David Britt won the Robins Award for Teacher of the year. If you are unaware the Robins award is the most prestigious award at USU. In our department Dr. Tim Taylor is the only other person to have one.

The Robins Awards are the most coveted of all Utah State honors. They reward students and faculty for hard work and dedication to their individual goals, as well as the goals of USU.

The awards memorialize William E. Robins, a campus hero who had a rare quality to turn his vision into Utah State’s vision. Robins was a Sigma Nu at Utah State who served as USU’s student body president in 1949. He was the primary and initial visionary of today’s Taggart Student Center.

In 1954, Bill and wife Geraldine died in a plane crash, leaving behind a one-year old orphan boy. This prompted Bill's fraternity to set up a fund so the boy could go to USU when he was ready. Tragically, the boy died at the age of eight from leukemia. Since then, the fund has been used to continue the Robins Award tradition. Each year, the gallant event is held in the evening, and several awards are presented. The ceremony is followed by the Spring Formal dance. Throughout the years, the name of Bill Robins has stood as a symbol of the best efforts students can offer. As a memorial to him, the night's feature award is called the Bill Robins Memorial Award. Other awards include: Achievement of the Year, Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Organization of the Year, and the Val R. Christensen Service of the Year.