Several employees at Utah State University’s Center for Persons with Disabilities were honored for their years of service at an Employee Recognition Luncheon at the Taggart Student Center on March 19. Alma Burgess was honored for 10 years of service. Burgess is a project coordinator and works on many projects including Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP), Citizen's Reutilizing Assistive Technology Equipment (CReATE), Interdisciplinary Disability Awareness and Service Learning (IDASL), Assistive Technology Assessments, Maintenance and Repair and Utah Military Family Support 360. Thomas Higbee was honored for 10 years of service. Higbee is a CPD Faculty Fellow, a faculty member in the Utah Regional Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (URLEND) program and the founder and director of Autism Support Services: Education, Research and Training (ASSERT) program. Higbee is currently on sabbatical in Brazil.

Monica Urrutia was honored for 10 years of service. Since coming to the CPD in 2002, she has worked on various projects including Traumatic Brain Injury, AgrAbility, UATP and Utah Assistive Technology Foundation (UATF). Urretia teaches Spanish at Utah State University and also serves as the liaison for the Latino community. Gordon Richins was honored for 15 years of service. As Consumer Liaison, he works at improving the relationships between the CPD, persons with disabilities, and organizations that serve people with disabilities. He provides staff support for the CPD Consumer Advisory Council, is an active member of the AUCD and the Council on Community Advocacy (COCA) and is involved with several local and statewide organizations within the disability community. Cathy Mace was honored for 15 years of service. Mace is a Registered Dietitian, a Certified Early Interventionist II and a Service Coordinator for the Up-to-3 Program. She coordinates the LEAP (Let's Eat And Play) Frog picky eaters group and is a member of the Up to 3 Feeding Team, Child Find Committee, Parent Resource and Concerns Committee and the Social Committee. Cynthia Budge was honored for 20 years of service. Budge is the Multimedia Specialist for the Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) Center and is responsible for conference planning, formatting, layout, and design of the TAESE materials and other publications used in conferences and institutes throughout the United States. Margaret Lubke was honored for 25 years of service. Lubke has worked in the technical assistance division, in the USU psychology department, and now heads up the assessment responsibilities for the CPD’s New Mexico Start Smart K-3 Plus i3 project.