From left: Starr Fowler, senior aerospace engineering major from Hurricane; Michael Zajac, junior marketing major from Sandy; Cade Jones, finance/economics/pre-law major from Clearfield; and Spendlove

Eleven members of the MGMT 3110 class at Utah State University gathered in North Logan one sunny afternoon with a mission: to build a fence. The recipient of the 6-foot-tall cedar fence is a client of the Up to 3 Early Intervention program at USU’s Center for Persons with Disabilities.

The purpose of the class, said Landon Spendlove, a junior accounting major from West Point, is to teach students the basics of how to be a manager.

“The main project is supposed to benefit an individual or a charity, and we decided to go with a service project,” Spendlove said. “Although it’s a group project, we all have different parts of the project to oversee, so we have to learn how to collaborate with other managers as well.”

Last year, members of the same class did several activities with participants at the CPD’s Developmental Skills Lab, a day program for adults with severe disabilities. Activities included working in the accessible community gardens and a mini money lesson using tokens with which participants could “buy” pizza toppings.