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Summers Is a Treasure in the World of Museums

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Southern Utah Museum of Art , Cedar City, Utah: As the Southern Utah Museum of Art reaches its 9th month of operation, Reece Summers says goodbye to Cedar City. At the end of April, Reece Summers will be retiring from Southern Utah University. During his time in Cedar City, he became dear friends with landscape artist Jimmie F. Jones, fostered relationships with multiple government and art entities, and brought Southern Utah Museum of Art to life.

Shauna Mendini, Dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts, said, "Reece has a

Colette Cox, Chair of the Friends of SUMA, said, "Reece Summers has been incredibly supportive of the Friends of the Braithwaite Gallery and now Friends of SUMA over the years. He understood the importance of engaging local, passionate, art lovers who have the energy and resources to raise funds and support the arts. He will be greatly missed."

Joanne Brattain, Chair of the SUMA Advisory Board, said, "Over the last eight years, while SUMA was being designed, built and opened, Reece was always at least one step ahead, quietly keeping everyone on track towards our goal. He is a wonderful mentor to both students and volunteers. I will miss him personally and professionally; for me, SUMA will always be 'the house that Reece built.'"

Completing his 10-year career at SUU, Summers will be presented with the Trustees Award of Excellence - Staff Award at the university's 118th Annual Commencement. This much deserved award honors all that he has done for Southern Utah University. Summers served as a leader in many areas of the University. He collaborated with not only the College of Performing and Visual Arts, but many departments throughout the campus.

SUU and SUMA are honored to have worked with such a cultural giant. We wish him well as he moves on to the next big adventure.

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