UASSP Update

October 11, 2022

Secondary Principals,

Happy National Principals Month! What a fun thing to celebrate. Thank you for working tirelessly to help our 440,000+ secondary students in Utah be successful. We have amazing principals!

Please make note of the following:

1. **Assistant Principals Conference**

We are looking forward to learning along with assistant principals at our AP Conference on November 9. The theme is "Courage to Lead....and GROW." It will be held at The Gardens at Thanksgiving Point with registration and breakfast starting at 8 AM. We have great speakers, activities, food, collaboration, and more. Register now at [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=84563cbdcf&e=77161a8d36). See the following links for the full agenda and speaker bios:

[Assistant Principals Conference Agenda](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=d02eec4f2d&e=77161a8d36)

[AP Conference Speaker Bios](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=a4e223110b&e=77161a8d36)

2. **Power Hour**

Thanks to those of you that joined us for our Power Hour last week. Superintendent Syd Dickson did a great job facilitating a discussion on best practices in our schools.

Our next Power Hour will be on Thursday, October 27 at 10 AM. The guest for the virtual meeting will be **Rob Cuff, Executive Director of the Utah High School** **Activities Association**. He will share current things happening at UHSAA, including the process for re-alignment and classifications (without talking about specific school situations),  the importance of keeping athletics in our schools, updates about transgender athletes in Utah, and more. **If you would like the link for the Power Hour with Rob Cuff on October 27 at 10 AM, please email**[rhonda.bromley@uassp.org](mailto:rhonda.bromley@uassp.org)**.**

3. **Principals of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year Nominations**

It is time to begin the process of naming the High School and Middle School Principal of the Year and the Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year for 2023. Doug Webb, HS Principal of the Year, Mindy Robison, MS Principal of the Year, and Mike Felix, AP of the Year are doing a great job representing Utah as the 2022 winners. Our new winners will be announced at the Mid-Winter Conference in January.**This year, the Assistant Principal of the Year will come from the high school level.**

If you would like to nominate someone for POY or APOY, please email [rhonda.bromley@uassp.org](mailto:rhonda.bromley@uassp.org) with the following information: (Note: In order to be eligible, they have to have been in their position for at least three years, not counting this year. Same position, not necessarily the same school.)

**Name of Nominee:**

**Name of Current School:**

**Position:**

**# of Years in Position (does't have to be at the same school):**

**A paragraph about why you believe they should be awarded the POY/APOY:**

**Nominations are due this Friday, October 14**. Finalists will be notified about additional information that will be needed to advance in the process.

4. **UASSP Mid-Winter Conference**

It isn't too soon to start thinking about the Mid-Winter Conference! It will be held January 23-25 in St. George. We are excited to have Todd Whitaker as our keynote speaker, along with other amazing presenters and activities. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

5. **Rethinking Graduation Requirements**

***\*We need to take advantage of being part of this discussion....***

USBE staff are recruiting stakeholders from all educational areas to participate in a focus group considering a redesign of Utah’s graduation requirements for K-12 education. The focus groups’ participants will engage in a series of discussions to better understand how Utah students can achieve the knowledge, skills, and dispositions of Utah’s Portrait of a Graduate through the learning experiences they engage in leading to high school graduation. The focus groups will be provided with a choice of face-to-face or virtual engagement to provide access to all who want to participate, will be held in October and November and will each be two hours long. To register, please submit the information [HERE](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=166f3a2054&e=77161a8d36) by October 21, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Throndsen at [jennifer.throndsen@schools.utah.gov](mailto:jennifer.throndsen@schools.utah.gov)  
  
6. **Secretaries Conference**  
We have the best secondary secretaries! Thanks to those of you that encouraged your secretaries to attend the conference last week. We had a great turn out. We learned from Casey Pehrson about the importance of S.E.L.F.I.E., from Stephen Covey about our role in building trust, and from Diljeet Taylor about putting ourselves first sometimes! It was fun to have many students participate; the AFHS Steel Drums Band, the state student leadership team, and students from the Lehi Junior High School Choir. We gave away a lot of cash and prizes. Peter Glahn and Mindy Robison spoke for all of us in saying how grateful we are for our fantastic secretaries. We already have next year's conference scheduled - mark your calendar now for Wednesday, October 4.  
  
7. **UASSP Membership**  
For those that haven't already done so, don't forget to register to become an official member of UASSP. Membership information can be found on the [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=071d5175f4&e=77161a8d36) website, including how to register, cost, and benefits you receive for being a member.    
  
8. **National School Lunch Week**  
It is officially National School Lunch Week. Give a shout out to your great nutritional services team at your school!   
  
It is exciting (and strange) to think that the first term is already almost over. Have a fun and relaxing fall break! Please let any of our board members know if you have questions or concerns.  
  
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