March 23, 2023

Secondary Principals,

Happy Spring Break Season! We hope you had or will have a much needed break. A reminder that National Assistant Principal Week is April 3-7. We have some amazing assistants in our secondary schools in Utah......including our Assistant Principal of the Year, Kyle Campbell from Snow Canyon HS!

Principals.....Do something to spoil and say thank you to your assistants!

Please make note of the following:

1. **UASSP Summer Conference  - Lead With Intention**
It is time to register for our UASSP Summer Conference. It will be held on June 6-8 at the Sheraton in Park City. We have great presenters and activities planned. Register now at [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=42103fe579&e=77161a8d36). The following are just some of the things that you can plan on with more details to come:

A. **Keynote Speaker: Jimmy Casas**
Jimmy Casas has been an educator for over 30 years and was the Principal at the "Best High School in the Country" according to Newsweek. He is the author of 9 books including best sellers:
-Culturize: Every Student. Every Day.
-Live Your Excellence: Bring Your Best Self to School Every Day
-Recalibrate the Culture
-Whatever it Takes
-Handle with Care: Managing Difficult Situations in Schools with Dignity and Respect

B. **Keynote Speaker: Beth Houf**
Beth has been the NASSP Principal of the Year for 2022. She is the co-author of Lead Like a Pirate: Make School Amazing for Your Students and Staff. She is a Principal Advisor for Future Ready Schools and is a Solution Tree PLC At Work Associate.

C. **Mentalist: Sean Bott**
Back by Popular Demand! Sean presented at our mid-winter conference last year and still has us confused about how he did things! You asked us to bring him back!

D. **Presenter: Rob McDaniel - Utah High School Principal of the Year**
Rob is the Principal at Cyprus High School in Granite School District.

E. **Presenter: Tiffanie Miley - Utah Middle Level School Principal of the Year**
Tiffanie is the Principal at Springville Junior High School in Nebo School District.

F. **Presenter: Kyle**Campbell**- Utah Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year**
Kyle is the Assistant Principal at Snow Canyon High School in Washington School District

2. **UASSP Board Elections**
It is that time of the year......UASSP Board Elections. We appreciate those that are willing to serve on the Board. We want to make sure that all secondary administrators in Utah are represented. Please remember the following information as per the UASSP By-Laws:

A Middle Level School is a middle school, junior high or intermediate school.
Small Middle Level School - Up to 600 students
Medium Middle Level School - Between 600-1200 students
Large Middle Level School - Above 1200 students

This year, we have the following middle level school positions open:

A.**President-Elect:**
The president-elect should be a principal from a **small or medium** **middle level school**.

B.**Large Middle Level Representative**
The large middle level rep should be a principal from a **large middle level school**.

C. **Medium Middle Level Representative**
The medium middle level rep should be a principal from a **medium middle level school.**

D. **Middle Level Assistant Principal Representative**
This can be an assistant principal at any middle level school of any size.

Please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org if you qualify and would like to be put on the ballot, or if you would like to nominate another administrator, I will reach out to them to see if they are interested. Please respond by April 7.

3. **Power Hour - March 11**
Our next Power Hour will be on Tuesday, March 11 from 10 - 11 AM. The topic will center around grading, assessment, reporting and student voice.

We are excited to have Myron Dueck join us. He is the author of the books Grading Smarter, Not Harder - Assessment Strategies that Motivate Kids and Help Them Learn. and Giving Students a Say! Smarter Assessment Practices to Empower and Engage, which was released in January of 2021. Myron is "in the trenches," and is more about practice than theory. From his practical strategies giving students ownership of assessment to his ideas of embracing tools like ChatGPT, Myron is never one to run away from change. Myron is an innovator who is skilled at staying one step ahead of change.

This will be a packed hour! If you would like to participate please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org. (You are welcome to have other members of your leadership team join as well.)

4. **Administrative Spotlight - Jacinto Peterson at Valley High School**
Our spotlight this month is Principal Jacinto Peterson and his team at Valley High School in Jordan School District. Valley is an alternative HS and has had to learn how to "do things differently." After being put on CSI Turnaround status five years ago, find out how they increased their graduation rates by 25%!

"Besides grad rates being central to the school's overall success, the staff at VHS believes that there are other things (such as developing the habits of grit, fortitude, accountability, and social skills) that will help students become productive members of society." Great job VHS! Read more at [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=04ff70553c&e=77161a8d36).

5. **Book of the Month**
Our Book of the Month is **I Love it Here**by Clint Pulver. Find out more about the book from Executive Board Member Terri Howell at [uassp.org](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=17b4f0db83&e=77161a8d36).

6. **Upcoming dates to remember:**
A. National School Leaders Advocacy Conference: March 27-29
B. National Junior Honor Society [Outstanding Achievement Award](https://uassp.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=77f503ba158804aa40a5c2292&id=7952e591c1&e=77161a8d36) applications are due
C. National Student Leadership Week: April 24-28
D. Administrative Professionals' Day: April 26
E. UASSP Summer Conference: June 3-6
F. Ignite23 National School Leader Conference: July 12-15

Thank you for all that you do everyday to make a difference in the lives of your students. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

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