October 20, 2024

Secondary Principals,

Since **October is National Principals Month**, the state principals of the year met together this week in Washington DC. **Roger Arbabi**, UASSP Principal of the Year from Park City High School, did a great job representing our state.

The **US Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona**, expressed appreciation to all principals across the country and acknowledged your dedication and impact on students, schools and communities.

Congratulations to all of our amazing secondary principals in Utah!

Please make note of the following:

1. **Power Hour with Matt Pennington this Wednesday**
We are excited about our Power Hour this **Wednesday, October 23 at 10 AM**. Our guest is **Chief Matt Pennington**. In January, 2024, he was appointed as the first Utah Security Chief with the Department of Public Safety. He is responsible for **overseeing safety and security for schools in the state of Utah**. School safety is a top priority for administrators. Chief Pennington will share his perspective and plans when it comes to safety in our schools. He is anxious to hear our feedback and to answer any questions you have. If you would like a link to the Power Hour this Wednesday at 10 AM with Chief Pennington, please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.
[Chief Matt Pennington Bio](https://uasspcdn.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/upload/Chief-Matt-Pennington-Bio.docx)

2. **UASSP Assistant Principals Conference**
Our annual AP Conference will be held on **November 6 at The Gardens** at Thanksgiving Point. Registration and breakfast begin at 8 AM with the conference starting at 8:30 AM and concluding at 2 PM. The theme for the conference is Assistant Principals Inspire Greatness. See the full agenda and speaker bios at the following links. Register by November 1 at [uassp.org](http://uassp.org/).
[AP Conference Agenda 2024](https://uasspcdn.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/upload/APConferenceAgenda2024.pdf)
[AP Conference Speaker Bios](https://uasspcdn.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/upload/APConferenceSpeakerBios2024.pdf)

3. **Last Call for Nominations for Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year.**
**Nominations close this Friday, October 25 at 5 PM.**
Have you nominated a high school or middle level principal or assistant principal? It's not too late! All you need to do is email 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 at the same school. For example: someone may have been a high school principal at three different high schools over the past 8 years but this is their first year at their current school - they would be eligible.)

**Name of Nominee:**
**Name of Current School:**
**Position:**
**# of Years in Position (doesn'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 25 at 5 PM. Winners will be announced at the UASSP Mid-Winter Conference January 27-29.**

4. **Legislative Priorities**
The UASSP Executive Board and Legislative Council will meet on November 13 to vote on our Legislative Priorities for this year. In the past, we have voted to support the priorities of the JLC (Join Legislative Committee - Superintendents, School Boards and Business Administrators), then voted on some additional priorities for UASSP. Please share feedback about both with Executive Board Members and/or Legislative Council members by November 13.
[JLC Priorities](https://uasspcdn.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/upload/2025JLCPrioritiesFINAL.pdf)
[UASSP Executive Board](https://uasspcdn.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/upload/UASSPExecutiveBoard2024-25.pdf)
[UASSP Legislative Council](https://uasspcdn.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/upload/UASSPLegislativeCouncil2024-25.pdf)

5. **UASSP Membership Reminder**
Thanks to those of you that officially registered to become a member of UASSP for the 2024-25 school year. This applies to both new members as well as those that have been members in the past. To become a member, you can either join online, or print a hard copy and mail it to 420 E South Temple, Suite 390 SLC, UT 84111. For information on the benefits of being a member, please see the following:
[UASSP Membership](https://uasspcdn.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/upload/UASSP-Membership-September-8-2024-new.pdf)
[UASSP/NASSP/UASC Membership Registration](https://uassp.org/uassp-new-member-registration/)

The fall activity and sports season is winding down, which means the winter season will be here before we know it. Thanks for all that you do in your challenging positions. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

We hope to see you on Wednesday at our Power Hour.

Rhonda