

UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

December 7, 2025

Secondary Principals,

Happy Holidays! This is such a fun time of the year in our secondary schools. Good luck with all of the concerts, programs, food drives, sub for santa's, assemblies, ball games, competitions, etc. Thank you for the extra time we know you are putting in this month with everything that is going on.

Please make note of the following:

1. Power Hour with Senator Derrin Owens is THIS WEDNESDAY

Our virtual Power Hour will be this Wednesday at 10 AM. Senator Owens is looking forward to speaking with us about the upcoming legislative session. He is anxious to listen to any concerns we have as well as answer questions. If you would like the link to the Power Hour and have not yet done so, please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org.

2. UASSP Legislative Priorities Approval

The Executive Board and Legislative Council met this past week to discuss the UASSP Legislative Priorities for this year. The vote was unanimous to approve the JLC Priorities and to add an additional UASSP Priority for the 2026 Session.

The additional UASSP Priority is:

Ensure Funding for CTSO's at the State Level.

We encourage all administrators, CTE teachers and especially students that participate in CTSO's, to communicate with your local legislators and *Share Your Story* about the positive impact of CTSO's.

3. December Book of the Month

Our book for this month is *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch.

Randy was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. Instead of focusing on death, he delivered a lecture centered on living fully and intentionally. His Last Lecture (and later the book), became a global phenomenon. Read the full book review by UASSP Past-President, Terri Howell. Remember, you can see all of our previous books of the month, including book reviews at uassp.org.

The Last Lecture

4. UASSP Mid-Winter Conference - January 26-28

Registration is open now for our annual UASSP Mid-Winter Conference. It will be held at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George. Some of our keynote speakers are: Dr. Molly Hart, Elizabeth Smart, Kirby Heybourne, and Ben Snyder. We will also have a *Dealing with a Crisis* panel. Our breakout sessions will include: UHSAA, AI for Administrators, Women in Leadership, Boot Camp for new Administrators, Administrator Burnout, Crisis Management, School Branding and more!!

Optional golf and pickleball will be available the morning of January 26. There will be an option to golf either 9 or 18 holes. You will register for golf along with your conference registration. If you are interested in playing pickleball, please email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org. The conference will begin that day with registration at 1:30 PM with the first general session at 3 PM, and will conclude on Wednesday, January 29 at 11:30 AM. Register now at uassp.org.

The following hotel links will get you the discounted conference rates:

Book Your Discount at Hilton Garden Inn Here

Next to the Dixie Convention Center

\$122 - Link expires January 12th

Book Your Discount at Holiday Inn Here

2 min drive from Dixie Convention Center \$110 - Link expires January 12th

Please let any UASSP Executive Board member know if there is anything we can provide that would be of help to you. We appreciate all that you do for our secondary students in Utah.

Continue to have a wonderful holiday season!

Rhonda #leadwithfocus

