



## UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Secondary Principals,

It was great to see so many of our secondary administrators last week at the UASSP Mid-Winter Conference. It was a good opportunity to learn together, to connect, and to be inspired/motivated.

Remember that February is both Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Black History Month.

Please make note of the following:

### **1. Congratulations Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year**

At our conference last week, we announced our high school and middle level principals of the year as well as our assistant principals of the year.

#### **High School Principal of the Year - Mike Martini**

West Field High School - Weber School District

#### **Middle Level Principal of the Year - Jeff Ericksen**

North Sanpete Middle School - North Sanpete School District

#### **High School Assistant Principal of the Year - Erin Stumo**

Syracuse High School - Davis School District

#### **Middle Level Assistant Principal of the Year - Melissa Swenson**

Willowcreek Middle School - Alpine School District

[Read POY/APOY Bios Here](#)

We appreciate State Superintendent, Dr. Molly Hart, as well as the District Superintendents/Leaders and School Principals for being there to present the awards to these amazing administrators. They will represent Utah at an event in Washington DC in April. We are excited to hear from each winner at our summer conference in June.

### **2. Mid-Winter Conference Re-Cap and Survey**

Thanks to those that attended and participated in our conference. Please take a few minutes to fill out

the following conference survey. We love your feedback on how we can make things even better!

[UASSP 2026 Mid-Winter Survey](#)

Thanks to our amazing keynote and breakout session presenters:

**State Superintendent Dr. Molly Hart**

**Elizabeth Smart: *Smart Resiliency***

***School Crisis Panel:* Matt Christensen, Grant Cotterell, Tammy Stuart**

**Kirby Heyborne: *Finding Joy in Leadership***

**Brad Snyder: *Success on the Other Side of Adversity***

**Breakout Sessions:** I have included resource links to the breakout sessions. They will also be available on the website at [uassp.org](https://uassp.org).

**A. Rob Cuff and Brenan Jackson: *Structure/Function of the UHSAA***

[Structure of UHSAA](#)

**B. Glen Richins: *How School Leaders Can Use AI***

[AI for School Leaders](#)

**C. Cheri Stevenson: *The Power of the Circle: Women Leading, Lifting and Learning Together***

[The Power of the Circle](#)

**D. Todd Dawson and Peter Glahn: *New Administrators: Wise Words from Wise Guys***

[Wise Words from Wise Guys](#)

[New Administrator/Articles](#)

**E. Jamal Pugmire: *Proactively Addressing Harmful and Discriminatory Speech in Schools***

[Addressing Harmful Language in Schools](#)

[Responding to Discriminatory Language](#)

**F. Spencer Weiler: *Principal Burnout: Prevalence, Causes, and Remedies***

[Principal Burnout](#)

**G. Cathy Davis: *State Support When Schools Face Crisis***

[State Support When Schools Face Crisis](#)

[Behavioral Health Crisis Contacts](#)

[Utah Crisis and Suicide Prevention Resources](#)

We always love including students at our conferences. We appreciate the Crimson Cliffs Drumline, the Snow Canyon Jazz Band and Choir, cheerleaders from high schools in Washington District, our student leaders from UASC, and the Hurricane Intermediate Orchestra.

**3. Professional Learning.....Pay it Forward**

Thanks to Superintendents, USBE, BYU School of Education, and administrators from around the state for donating books for our Pay it Forward Campaign. We were able to give away hundreds of educational and leadership books at the conference. One of the goals of UASSP is to continue learning. Reading is a great way to do just that. Remember that we review a book each month and post it at [uassp.org](http://uassp.org).

#### **4. Represent UASSP**

Keep the pictures coming! It has been fun to see administrators from around the state representing in your UASSP shirts. Remember to just take a picture and email it to [rhonda.bromley@uassp.org](mailto:rhonda.bromley@uassp.org) or text 801-830-1166 and you will receive a gift card from one of our sponsors!

#### **5. Mark Your Calendar Now for our 2026 Conferences**

A. UASSP Summer Conference: June 8-10 in Park City. Register at [uassp.org](http://uassp.org).

B. UASSP Secretary Conference: October 7 at Thanksgiving Point

C. UASSP Assistant Principals Conference: November 4 at The Barn at Thanksgiving Point \*New (larger) location this year!

Thanks for all you do for the secondary students in Utah. The end of the school year will be here before we know it! Let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

Rhonda

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