



UTAH ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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Secondary Principals,

Happy National Principals Week! We hope you were spoiled by your teachers and staff. You certainly deserve it. We have amazing principals at our secondary schools in Utah!

A reminder that this week is National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 6 (Wednesday) is National School Nurse Day!

Please make note of the following:

1. UASSP SUMMER CONFERENCE - June 8-10

We are excited for our UASSP Summer Conference, which will be held at the Eccles Center at Park City High School. Some of our keynote speakers include:

Sandy Zimmerman: Shared her message of strength and perseverance with audiences on The Kelly Clarkson Show, CNN, E! News, the Huffington Post and Women's Health. She is a 10-time competitor on NBC's hit show American Ninja Warrior. She was inducted into the National Teacher Hall of Fame, is a TEDx speaker, a national judo champion, and author of the book "Get Out of the Car."

Brad Cohen: Author of the book "Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had." The book about his story was made into a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie. He was given the *First Class Teacher of the Year* Award and appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Tim Clue: An award winning writer, educator and comedian who opened for Jerry Seinfeld. He combines comedy, improv, and teaching expertise to help organizations across the nation build connections, strengthen focus, and rethink how teams learn and collaborate.

In addition to our Keynote Speakers, there will be "ED" Talks, presentations from Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year, honors for retiring principals, entertainment, good food, great company, and more! Register now at uassp.org.

[Summer Conference Agenda](#)

2. GOLF AND PICKLEBALL OPPORTUNITIES

On the morning of June 8, options include playing golf or pickleball:

A. Golf - If you are interested in playing, register and pay when you complete your conference registration. For questions about golf contact Terri Howell at terri.howell@washk12.org or Darren Perkes at darren.perkes@ccsdut.org.

B. Pickleball - If you are interested in playing pickleball at no charge, email rhonda.bromley@uassp.org for more information.

3. CONFERENCE HOTELS

See the following information for official conference hotels, which offer a discount for attendees: (Note the deadlines for booking)

[Sheraton Park City](#) (Marriott Hotel)

Book by May 11th

[Hotel Thaynes Park City](#) (Marriott Hotel)

Book by May 21st

4. POWER HOUR REVIEW

We appreciate Ryan Bishop for joining us on last week's Power Hour. He is passionate about how athletics and activities help students stay connected to their schools. He is first and foremost an educator and is excited to stay connected with the principals in the state. He will spend time this year on a "listening tour," and would love to be invited to schools and districts to hear ideas and concerns. We appreciate that one of Ryan's goals is for UHSAA and UASSP to be in "lockstep."

We appreciate Ryan's service on our UASSP Legislative Council and wish him luck in his new role as the Executive Director of the Utah High School Activities Association.

5. BOOK OF THE MONTH

Our Book of the Month is *Good to Great* By Jim Collins. This management classic is based on a five-year research study. Collins and his team identified companies that made the leap from average to exceptional and compared them to a control group of similar companies that failed to make the leap. The book argues that greatness results not from circumstances or luck, but from the deliberate process of disciplined people, thought and action.

In the following book review, UASSP Executive Board Member Ken Rowley shares five key takeaways from the perspective of a secondary principal.

[Good to Great Book Review](#)

6. AMERICAN EXCHANGE PROJECT REMINDER

The American Exchange Project gives graduated high school seniors the chance to participate in a unique adventure: The summer after graduating, they'll spend one week discovering a new American town and

a second week rediscovering their own. All essentials for both weeks—meals, flights, activities, lodging, transportation—are covered in full. There are 20 available slots for Utah high schools to join beginning next school year (2026-27). They pay educators \$6,000-\$8,000 to coordinate the program for a group of ten students. If you are interested in the Exchange Manager role beginning next school year, contact Ryan Kenney at rkenney@americanexchangeproject.org. See the following link for more information: [American Exchange Project](#)

It is officially May. It's going to be a busy, yet fun month full of activities, championships, testing, concerts, parties, awards assemblies, dances, graduations, and more! It will go by quickly so enjoy every minute of it!

Rhonda
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