

2026 Circle of Excellence Nominees

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Adam Gerlach
Wallace Stegner Academy

Aislinn Ross
Legacy Preparatory Academy

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Summit Academy

Amber Edelman
Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning

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Elevated Charter School

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Wallace Stegner Academy

Anthony Sudweeks
Wallace Stegner Academy

Becky Hogan
Salt Lake Academy

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Legacy Preparatory Academy

Cindy Phillips
Rockwell Charter School

Darci Cordero
Early Light Academy

David Fox
Reagan Academy

Deborah Vaughn
Weber State University Charter Academy

Denise Mathews
Entheos Academy

Diane Wirth
Channing Hall

Dave Bullock
Quest Academy

Elayne McArthur
Spectrum Academy

Emily Andersen
Canyon Grove Academy

Erick Diaz
Wallace Stegner Academy

Eryn Woolston
American Preparatory Academy

Esther Blackwell
Entheos Academy

Ethan Wivietsky
Monticello Academy

Janese Vance
Mountainville Academy

Janice Newton
Ascent Academies of Utah

Jared Ferguson
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Jason Nielson
Mountainville Academy

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Syracuse Arts Academy

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Jonathan Seal
Lumen Scholar Institute

Katelynn George
Vista School

Katie Chappell
DaVinci Academy

Lindsey Heinig
Monticello Academy

Lisa Erwin
Good Foundations Academy

Marissa Maxfield
Excelsior Academy

Matt Fullmer
Freedom Preparatory Academy

Melissa Wood
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Michael Fry
Providence Hall

Rachael Simpson
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Rachel Bunson
Treeside Charter School

Rachel Ebeling
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Salt Lake Academy

Sarah Nielsen
Franklin Discovery Academy

Shelley Turner
Weilenmann School of Discovery

Shevon Lopez-Haro
Ogden Preparatory Academy

Sophie Enquist
Legacy Preparatory Academy

Staci Madsen
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Stephanie Prieto
Good Foundations Academy

Stephanie Schmidt
Early Light Academy

Tana Archer
North Star Academy

Vickie Peterson
Beehive Science & Technology Academy

Wendy Long
Syracuse Arts Academy

BOARD OF THE YEAR

Good Foundations Academy

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Leadership Learning Academy

Mountain Heights Academy

Mountain View Montessori

Mountainville Academy

Noah Webster Academy

Promontory School of
Expeditionary Learning

Salt Lake Academy

Terra Academy

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North Star, Mountain West Montessori,
Mountain Heights, and North
Davis Preparatory Academy

Dana Durham

Terra Academy

Jacki Stout

Channing Hall

Nicole Desmond

Lakeview Academy

Nicole Laird

Salt Lake Arts Academy

Tricia Bigler

Treeside Charter School

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**Adriana Rosales**

Wallace Stegner Academy

Aileigh Long

Syracuse Arts Academy

Alisa Vanderloo

Monticello Academy

Amie Ogg

Good Foundations Academy

Brandy Browning

Good Foundations Academy

Cindy Wade

Gateway Preparatory Academy

Crystal Ingersoll

Mountain Heights Academy

Darcy Young

Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning

Debbie Hepworth

Good Foundations Academy

Devon Edwards

Providence Hall

Elizabeth Anis

Mountain Sunrise Academy

Jana Adams

Good Foundations Academy

Jennifer Parks

Advantage Arts Academy

Judy Brunson

American Leadership Academy

Kalley Witaker

Monticello Academy

Kathryn McFall

Legacy Preparatory Academy

Kira Ogden

Good Foundations Academy

Kriste Bennion

Noah Webster Academy

Lindy Johnson

American Leadership Academy

Marjorie Sprague

Monticello Academy

Mindy Jones

Legacy Preparatory

Misty Biesinger

Greenwood Charter School

Sara King

Beehive Science & Technology Academy

Shannon Thorn

Canyon Grove Academy

Susan Gulley

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Tamra Taylor

Legacy Preparatory Academy

Valerie Christenson

Legacy Preparatory Academy

Whitney Lamb

Spectrum Academy

Yayoi Hoecherl

Channing Hall

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Weber State University Charter Academy
Mentor Teacher

Amanda Lucherini

Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
Classroom Aide

Amy Maentz

Winter Sports School
Volunteer of the Year

Brandi Browning

Good Foundations Academy
Sp.Ed. Support

Breanna Murdock

Summit Academy
Instructional Coach

Cathy Adair

Monticello Academy
Sp.Ed. Teacher

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Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
Sp.Ed. Teacher

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Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
Paraprofessional

Gayle Dearden

Legacy Preparatory Academy
Counselor

Holly Larsen

Summit Academy
Paraprofessional

Janeil Jones

Salt Lake Academy
Counselor

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Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
Instructional Coach

Jenni Wurm

Mountain Heights Academy
Counselor

Kayleen Rodemack

Syracuse Arts Academy
Speech and Language Pathologist of the Year

Kelcie Vance

Summit Academy
Counselor

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Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
Paraprofessional

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Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
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Sp.Ed. Director

Matthew Reid

St. George Academy
Counselor

Nelson Demeester

Treeside Charter School
Technology Innovator

Paige Gustafson

Spectrum Academy
Sp.Ed. Teacher

Rhett Fronk

Syracuse Arts Academy
Counselor

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Legacy Preparatory Academy
School Psychologist

Salt Lake Academy

Turn Around School of the Year

Shae Dewitt

Summit Academy
Paraprofessional

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Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
Classroom Aide

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Legacy Preparatory Academy
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Aidan Stotesbery
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Amy Maentz
Winter Sports School

Ashton Bennion
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Brayden Moss
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Brittany Glenn
Canyon Grove Academy

Caleb Chaney
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Cameron Anderson
Monticello Academy

Casey Rogers
Monticello Academy

Cheyenne Hunsinger
Wallace Stegner Academy

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Grace Krueger
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Jaclyn Crook
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Kara Mikesell
Utah Connections Academy

Kathryn McFall
Legacy Preparatory Academy

Kensie Egbert
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Lexi Purdy
Navigator Pointe Academy

Marissa Lee
Canyon Grove Academy

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Salt Lake Academy

Michelle Taylor
Good Foundations Academy

Molly Stark
Wallace Stegner Academy

Natalie Bolen
Wallace Stegner

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Legacy Preparatory Academy

Reagan Hendricks
Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning

Richard Squire
Leadership Learning Academy

Sarah Arellano
Monticello Academy

Sarah Lloyd
Endeavor Hall

Sharon Soares
Legacy Preparatory Academy

Sheldon Carvalho
American Leadership Academy

Tatyana Mara
Ascent Academies of Utah

SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Advantage Arts Academy

American Preparatory Academy

**Beehive Science &
Technology Academy**

Channing Hall

Early Light Academy

Excelsior Academy

George Washington Academy

Good Foundations Academy

Highmark Charter School

Legacy Preparatory Academy

Lincoln Academy

Maria Montessori Academy

Monticello Academy

**Promontory School of
Expeditionary Learning**

Salt Lake Academy

St. George Academy

Syracuse Arts Academy

**The Center for Creativity, Innovation
and Discovery Charter School**

The Open Classroom

Thomas Edison Charter School

Utah County Academy of Sciences

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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Syracuse Arts Academy
Amy Butterfield
C.S. Lewis Academy
Andria Robison
Good Foundations Academy
April Young
Legacy Preparatory Academy
Ashley Nash
American Preparatory Academy
Audra Morley
American Leadership Academy
Brandy Dial
Treeside Charter School
Breanna Berchtold
Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
Brett Broadbent
Excelsior Academy
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Good Foundations Academy
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American Preparatory Academy
Courtney Austin
Legacy Preparatory Academy
Daisy Bingham
Wallace Stegner Academy
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Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning
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Syracuse Arts Academy
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Syracuse Arts Academy
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Maria Montessori Academy
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Providence Hall
Jen Foley
Terra Academy
Jenna Marshall
Entheos Academy
Jenny Sanders
Summit Academy
Jess Jenkins
Vanguard Academy
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Legacy Preparatory Academy
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Kriste Bennion
Noah Webster Academy
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Salt Lake Academy
Mandi Tull
Advantage Arts Academy
Maria Higginson
Legacy Preparatory Academy
Mark Hauber
Legacy Preparatory Academy
Megann Johns
Syracuse Arts Academy
Mekenna Foster
Ascent Academies of Utah
Melissa Lee
Legacy Preparatory Academy
Naomi Foreman
Salt Lake Academy
Natalie Anderson
Noah Webster Academy
Rachel Peterson
Mountain View Montessori
Ralph Bennett
Monticello Academy
Roxana Carreno
Ignite Entrepreneurship Academy
Sara Taylor
Legacy Preparatory Academy
Sarah Lyons
Mountain Heights Academy
Sarah Read
Syracuse Arts Academy
Shari Mabbitt
Good Foundations
Sharon Judd
Mountainville Academy
Stephanie Brown
Spectrum Academy
Stephanie Player
Gateway Preparatory Academy
Sven Livingston
Quest Academy
Synda Whipple
Syracuse Arts Academy
Tahlia White Welling
Canyon Grove Academy
Tara Stephens
Syracuse Arts Academy
Thomas Saunders
Syracuse Arts Academy
Timothy Whipple
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Tracy Ladle
Excelsior Academy
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Wallace Stegner Academy
Virginia Allen
Ogden Preparatory Academy
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