

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to invite you to the second *High School to Higher Education Science Transitions Summit* that is being sponsored by the Wyoming School-University Partnership, the University of Wyoming Science and Mathematics Teaching Center, and the University of Wyoming Biology Program. The meeting is scheduled for February 23 from 9:30AM – 3:30PM at the Best Western Conference Center in Douglas, Wyoming. Similar to last year's gathering, this meeting will provide an opportunity for K-16 life science faculty and administrators to join in conversation about student success in the life sciences across the K-16 education system. I believe there is enormous potential in working collectively to improve student success in the life sciences, particularly as students work through the transition from high school to college. Moreover, I continue to believe that the stage and time is perfect within our state to continue these conversations, most notably with implementation of the Hathaway Scholarship Program.

At last year's meeting, we examined a diverse body of student work shared by the participants. This year, we would like to examine student work that focuses on *Science as Inquiry*. Specifically, we would like participants to bring examples of student work that demonstrate students' abilities to 1) pose problems and identify questions and concepts to design and conduct an investigation, 2) collect, organize, analyze and appropriately represent data, 3) give priority to evidence in drawing conclusions and make connections to scientific concepts, or 4) clearly and accurately communicate the result of an investigation. You should bring three examples of your students' work; one example of high, one example of medium, and one example of low quality student work on an assignment or assessment piece. Please bring eight copies to share with a small working group for discussion.

You can register for the meeting at [www.uwyo.edu/wsup](http://www.uwyo.edu/wsup). Registration will close at 5PM on February 12. Lunch will be provided as will snacks and beverages throughout the morning and afternoon sessions. If you want or need to come early, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western for your reservation (307-358-9790).

I sincerely hope you will consider participating in this meeting, as it is only through true collaboration that we can work to improve student success in the life sciences. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the meeting.

Sincerely,  
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