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August 2022 | Updates, Opportunities, and Resources

The Wyoming summer is beginning to wind down and with school around the corner, there are fresh educational opportunities to take part in. Forward this update to those you think might benefit from it!

Partnership Updates

Governing Board Meetings

Feel free to **review the minutes and materials from the July Governing Board Meeting** to ensure you are up-to-date on discussions and activities. The next WSUP Governing Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 19, 2022 in Casper; time TBD.**

Level Up Next Level Summit

WSUP will be collaborating with Wyoming Department of Education in September to host the annual **Level Up Next Level Summit**, which seeks to elevate Wyoming's educational professionals by providing leadership development to an annual cohort of Wyoming's leading educators. The summit will be held in Laramie on September 15th and 16th and will provide the opportunity to engage with educational resources that the University of Wyoming has to offer, while touring state of the art facilities here on campus. Some examples include: the Rocky Mountain Herbarium, Trustees Education Initiative and Mursion, Shell 3D Visualization Center, Engineering Education Research and Student Innovation Center, Studio COE, and many more.

Education Community Updates

WSUP Presents Ellbogen Transition Program Project to Wyoming State Board of Education

On Thursday August 4, WSUP Director Leslie Rush, along with Kristy Palmer and Nicholas Jesse, **presented data** on workforce/college readiness transition programs offered at different schools around Wyoming to the Wyoming State Board of Education. The project is being funded by the Ellbogen Foundation and its primary goal is to establish a database that includes program names, where they are located, goals of the program, and other specific categories related to the courses. The data is being compiled into a web tool called **Batch Geo** which will map the data into an at-a-glance look using location information.



High Altitude Pathways Program

The University of Wyoming College of Education and the UW Trustees Education Initiative were awarded a \$1.2 million grant to improve postsecondary enrollment and completion among rural students. This grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education's Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development Program.

UW will collaborate with College for Every Student (CFES) Brilliant Pathways to develop the UW High Altitude pathway program to provide high school-aged students and local community leaders with tools to improve enrollment and graduation rates among Wyoming's rural students.

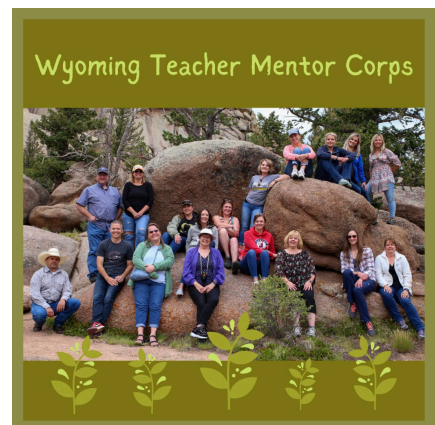


If you would like more information on how to partner with this program, please contact **Colby Gull**.

Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps

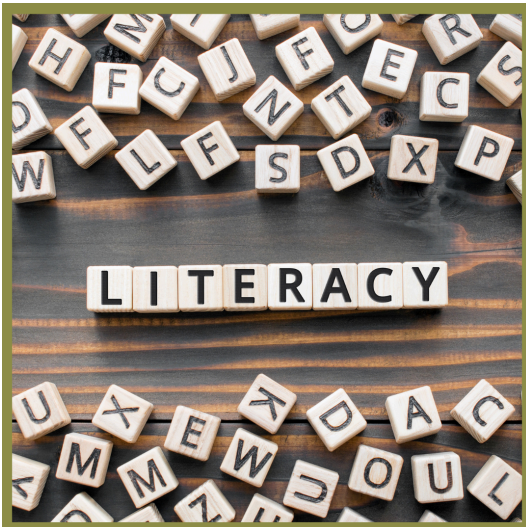
The inaugural **Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps** cohort will be meeting for their fall institute in September in Thermopolis. During this gathering, the WTMC cohort will learn about feedback styles, how to own your own feedback style, employing empathy for people with different communication styles, and having difficult conversations.

Inaugural WTMC Cohort Members: *Lindsay Adam, *Jennifer Albrandt, *Abby Bruch, *Donita Correra, *Miriah Eisenman, Kathleen Engle, *Jennifer Horath, Meredith Huggins, *Deb Jensen, *Shae Lynch, *Abby Markley, *Cynthia Porter, *Troy Reichert, Jenna Schultz, *Kodi Schwarz, *Patty Smith, Suzanne Smith, *McKenzie Sullivan, *Jon VanOverbeke, Kasi White, Jennifer Wilson



Members with an * by their name are cohort members who work in districts that are members of WSUP.

Opportunities to Share



Literacy Education Conference

Registration has opened for the University of Wyoming Literacy Research Center and Clinic's **Literacy Education Conference: Science of Reading**. The conference will take place on September 17, 2022. Wyoming PTSB renewal credit of 1/2 will be available to Wyoming certified teachers and the conference will feature a variety of breakout presentations.



Ignite Wyoming

In an effort to showcase the incredible work Wyoming educators are doing around the state, **Ignite Wyoming** is asking educators to submit videos of classrooms and schools. These videos will be professionally edited then shared online and on television. **Step-by-step instructions** are provided for uploading your footage and **video submissions** are available for some ideas on what to highlight.

We encourage you to send this newsletter to your network contacts.

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