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January 2023 | The Latest Updates from WSUP

Happy New Year! Let's make 2023 an incredible year for education.

Partnership Updates

Governing Board Meetings

Feel free to review the [minutes and materials from the January Governing Board Meeting](#) to ensure you are up-to-date on discussions and activities pertaining to the Partnership. The next WSUP Governing Board meeting will be held on [Wednesday, April 12, 2023 on Zoom](#). A calendar invite was sent out on January 18, 2023.

Take a moment to read the featured Governing Board Article that was used to guide our grounding discussion: ["A lesson in motion stays in motion: If students lead, will teachers follow?."](#)

New Year, New Leadership



The Partnership would like to welcome Dr. Colby Gull who was hired as the Director of the Wyoming School-University Partnership on January 1, 2023. Colby has been with the College of Education since July 2019 where he was hired as the Managing Director of the Trustees Education Initiative. Prior to that Colby served as the Superintendent of Uinta County School District #6 in Lyman, Wyoming for six years. The Partnership is very excited to have Colby aboard and looks forward to seeing how Colby's leadership experience will shape the future of WSUP. [Learn more](#) about our new director and the valuable experience he brings to WSUP.

Education Community Updates

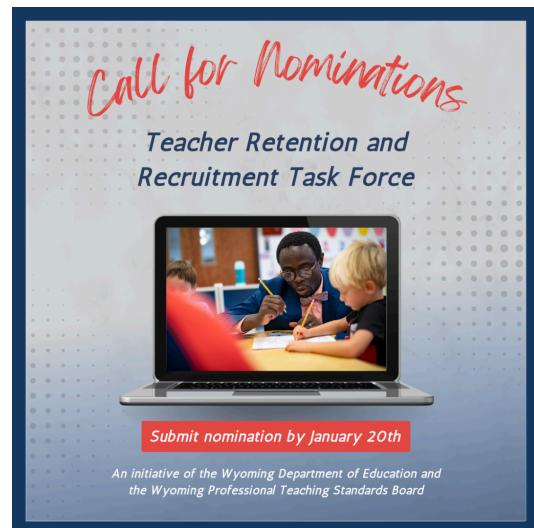
Teacher Retention and Recruitment Task Force

From January 9-20, 2023, the WDE and PTSB will begin accepting applications for stakeholders to participate. The task force will be composed of up to three district superintendents, three principals, 10 teachers, one parent, one teacher who has left the profession, one personnel director, one school counselor, and one post-secondary representative.

Those applying will need to be available for an initial in-person meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2023, in Casper, followed by monthly meetings held in-person on the second Saturday of the month through May. Additional virtual meetings will be scheduled as needed. Applicants will be notified of their selection status by February 1, 2023.

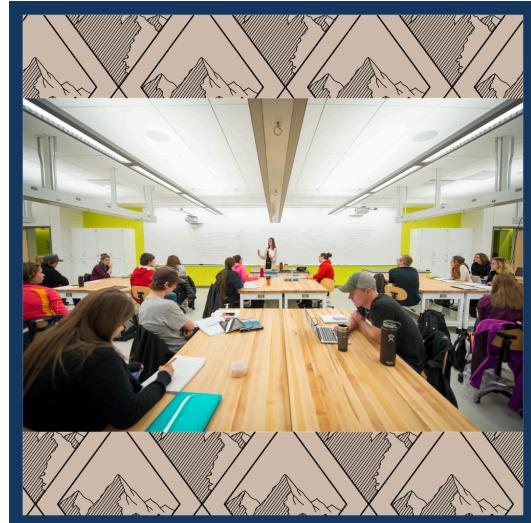
Rural Teacher Corps Update & Meeting

The University of Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps (RTC) held its first meeting and get together with student members. The 2022-2023 RTC cohort is comprised of 12 students interested in exploring and/or pursuing teaching in rural schools post-graduation. Through academic, social, and professional mentorship, the RTC will support new teachers in rural settings and attain skills that are relevant to living and working in rural communities.



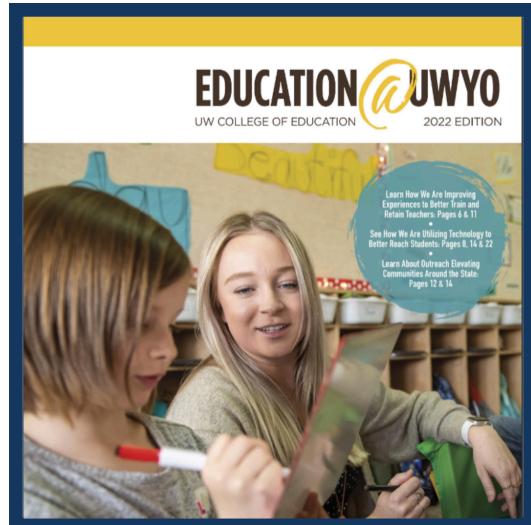
CoE Education Summit

The Summit is designed to serve as a forum for faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in the College of Education (CoE) to present their scholarship and/or teaching. The Summit provides an informal potentially rich opportunity to inform the College of Education community about the diverse scholarly and teaching activities that are being carried out within the College. The second Education Summit will take place on Friday March 31st, 2023. View the [Call for Proposals](#) which are due on February 17, 2023.



Digital College of Education Magazine

The 2022-2023 Edition of the Education@UWYO is out. [Read the full issue](#) to see our College's year in review and learn about the University of Wyoming's impact on education in Wyoming and beyond.



Opportunities to Share



Afterschool Educator Professional Development Opportunities

Click2Engineering Winter Community of Practice -

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Join Kindness Wyoming for Random Acts of Kindness week February 12-18, 2023 and request your K-12 kit.

STEAM Drone Challenge

Check out this year's upcoming STEAM Drone Challenge Events for students of all ages! There are many opportunities

Wednesdays: February 1st & 15th and March 1st & 15th from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

[Register.](#)

Customized for elementary, middle, and high schools, each kit includes stickers, kindness ideas, and a RAK Week Bingo card. Be sure to coordinate with others in your school if you are requesting an entire school kit!

to fly and compete this year throughout Wyoming. [Learn more, register, and don't miss out](#) on the fun events happening soon.

[Request your kit.](#)



Education Trunks

The Wyoming State Museum's [education trunks](#) provide

hands-on learning to more than 4,000 students each year. These trunks provide teachers with materials to deliver engaging lessons to their students, within their own classroom. Each trunk contains human artifacts and animal biofacts from the museum's teaching collection along with corresponding curricula to help teachers inspire students.



Wyoming MTSS Coaching Institute Community of Practice

The Wyoming Department of Education is holding monthly Community of Practice sessions. The purpose is to provide ongoing support and updates on relevant topics associated with MTSS implementation as well as technical assistance on their implementation modules.

[All virtual sessions](#) will be held from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month.



Safe and Just Schools - Social Justice Conference

The Wyoming Education Association is holding the [Safe and Just Schools Conference](#) February 24-26, 2023 in Cheyenne. At this conference expect to learn from fellow Wyoming educators about how we can make Wyoming public schools safe, just, and inclusive. The conference will host keynote speaker Jeff Mack, the Executive Vice President of the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

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

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