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## November 2022 | The Latest Updates from WSUP

The holidays are upon us and the end of the year is just around the corner. We encourage you to read through some updates and opportunities coming up this holiday season.

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 October 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, January 11, 2023 on Zoom**.

A calendar invite was sent out on November 16th, 2022.

#### District Residency Connections Fair

On October 13th, 2022 the Wyoming School-University Partnership (WSUP) and the School of Teacher Education (STE) hosted an inaugural [District Residency Connections Fair](#). The fair was designed to connect education majors, future student teachers, and other College of Education students with rural districts around Wyoming, while simultaneously giving students a window into each respective district's offerings. Since this was the [first year](#) of District Residency Connections Fair, there were limited spaces open to districts as a way to test district interest and student engagement.

If your district is interested in the District Residency Connections Fair contact [Elizabeth McMahan](#) or [Sarah Rundall](#).

#### High Altitude Pathways

The University of Wyoming College of Education and Trustees Education Initiative (TEI) was awarded a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support rural high school students' enrollment and persistence in post-secondary education. The grant's funding cycle began on October 1, 2022 and runs through September 20, 2025. The College is working with [College for Every Student \(CFES\)](#) to provide high quality training and resources to rural Wyoming school staff and students. [Learn more](#) about the goals of the High Altitude Pathways program.

For more information contact [Dr. Colby Gull](#).

#### Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps

The first cohort of the Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps is approaching the halfway point in their training agenda. The inaugural cohort of 22 was selected from over 90 nominations across the state and represent teachers in almost every content area and grade-level. Mentors in the first cohort have a variety of mentoring responsibilities including mentoring first year teachers in classrooms next door, mentoring teachers in the same building, but in different content areas, and even mentoring

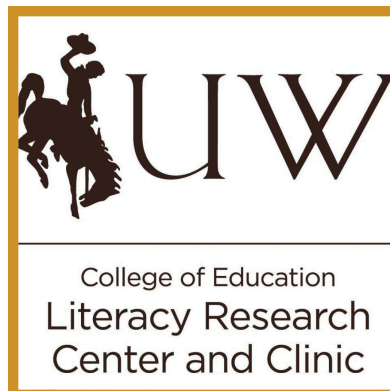
teachers in completely different states. [Learn more](#) about what the Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps is doing in the coming months.

For more information contact [Dr. Colby Gull](#).

## Education Community Updates

### Free Literacy Leadership Course for K-12 Educators

Check out this [free course](#) developed by the UW LRCC for current K-12 educators. Literacy Leadership I is a great opportunity to increase literacy leadership skills. Share this opportunity with teachers in your network who need PTSB credit to renew their teaching license. The course must be completed before December 31st and will be offered again next semester.



### Secondary Career & Technical Education - Bachelor of Applied Science Online Program

The University of Wyoming College of Education recently launched the [Secondary Career & Technical Education Bachelor of Applied Science \(B.A.S.\)](#) Online. With this online program, you can educate the next generation and launch your teaching career all at once. This program equips you with the skills to prepare high school students for a wide range of high-wage, high-demand careers, such as an engineer, chef, plumber, welder, accountant or computer scientist.



### Discursive Mathematics Protocol

Rick Kitchen, Endowed Chair in Mathematics Education at UW, has created an instructional protocol in math called the [Discursive Mathematics Protocol \(DMP\)](#) that teachers in grades 4-12 can use to support the development of their students' mathematical reasoning and learning of the language of mathematics through problem solving.

If your school or district is interested in learning more about the DMP, please contact [Rick Kitchen](#).



### Dunham Family Fellows

A recent gift from Dave and Kelly Dunham to the University of Wyoming College of Education has created the [Dunham Family Fellows](#) program. The program will develop future teacher leaders in Wyoming. It was designed to provide innovative and unique experiences during an impressionable time in a future teacher's educational journey. The Dunham family has a passion to create positive experiences that solidify students' belief in their decision to enter the teaching profession and provide them with an optimistic view of the opportunities that lie ahead.



## International Education Week at UW

**International Education Week** is an **initiative** of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education which is celebrated annually at the University of Wyoming with a wide range of activities, international foods, scholarship spotlights, country displays, fundraisers, visiting authors, and more.

### What is International Education Week (IEW)?



## Opportunities to Share



### Open Minds, Open Spaces Conference

The Wyoming Afterschool Alliance is hosting their 3rd Annual **Open Minds, Open Spaces Conference** November 17-18, 2022. The Open Minds, Open Spaces Conference is in partnership with five other state afterschool networks and will host **Dr. Bianca Baldrige** as the Keynote.

Tickets are \$50 each.

[Register and learn more.](#)



### 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.



### Implementing Evidence-Based Practices for ELSWD: Lesson Tuning Protocol

This session is taking place from 9:30-11:00 am on November 17th. In this session offered by the Wyoming Department Education, participants will engage in using a lesson tuning protocol in small teams, with support from WestEd to collaboratively "tune" a lesson.

[Learn more and register](#)

### Fall 2022 Pitch Challenge

The Wyoming Young Entrepreneur Pitch Challenge is a contest for youth across the state to promote their ideas for goods and services that will benefit communities and, or the environment. Wyoming Afterschool Alliance is looking to celebrate the state's social innovations and innovators. The challenge is open to age groups 6-9, 10-14, and 15-18.

Submission deadline is November 30, 2022. [Learn more and enter.](#)



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

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