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October 2022 | Updates, Opportunities, and Resources

With September behind us, and the holidays on the horizon, we encourage you to read through some updates and opportunities coming up in October and November.

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 at UW Casper from 10 am - 12 pm in Room UU315 or on Zoom.**

A calendar invite was sent out on Wednesday October 5.

PrePARE

The University of Wyoming College of Education has initiated and implemented a program called **PrePARE (Pre-Service Preparation Advanced Residency Experience)** to build robust, year-long student residencies to strengthen pre-service educator development and support school personnel while supporting students. PrePARE is currently in pilot in two Wyoming districts, Laramie County School District #1 (LCSD1) with four students and Natrona County School District #1 (NCSD1) with one student.

If your district is interested please contact [Dr. Tiffany Hunt](#) for more information.

Education Community Updates

Carol Mead Leaders in Literacy Award

The University of Wyoming Literacy Research Center and Clinic is accepting nominations for the Carol Mead Leaders in Literacy Award now through October 21st. This award is a way to recognize and honor Wyoming citizens, organizations, businesses or communities that have made substantial contributions that enhance literacy development among the Wyoming community.

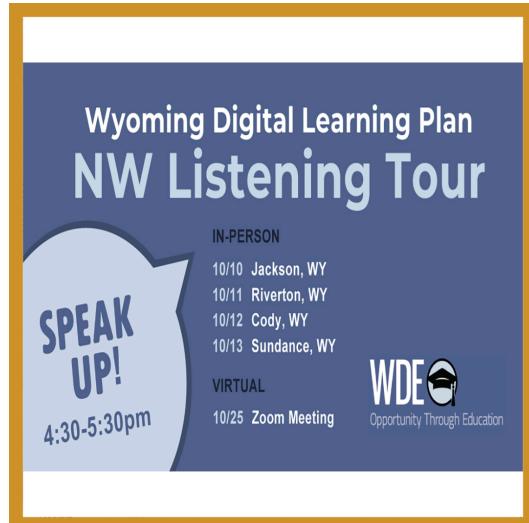
[Learn more and submit a nomination.](#)



Digital Learning Plan Northwest Listening Tour

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is seeking your thoughts on the role of digital learning in the classroom to inform the state's strategic direction. The first round of listening sessions are scheduled for the week of October 10th. WDE will have virtual sessions and another listening tour in November to ensure they hear as many voices as possible.

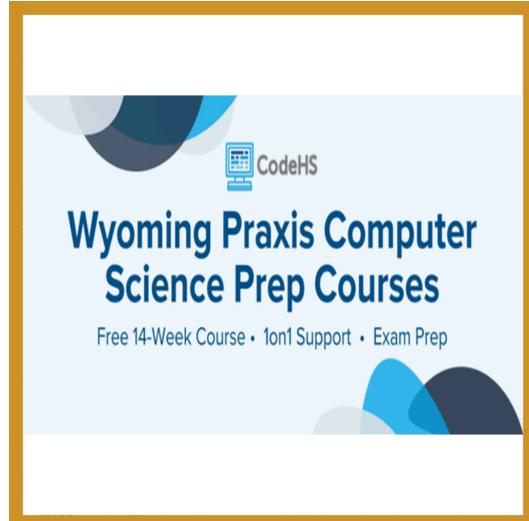
View the [schedule](#) for listening session dates and times.



Free Wyoming Praxis Computer Science Preparation Course

CodeHS is partnering with the Wyoming Department of Education to host **FREE**, in-depth professional development cohorts to prepare Wyoming K-12 teachers to take the Praxis Computer Science Exam.

The course is delivered within a 14-week cohort model where teachers work through the course at the same pace on the CodeHS platform. During the course, teachers are provided with 1:1 support sessions, live Q&As, exam prep sessions, networking opportunities, and more. If you have questions, contact hello@codehs.com.



[Check eligibility and view the upcoming courses.](#)

[Register for the courses.](#)

[Learn more about WDE's other October Professional Development offerings.](#)

UW College of Education Names 2022 Award Recipients

The University of Wyoming College of Education has honored five faculty members, a staff member, and two graduate students for their outstanding accomplishments and service to the college. Every year, the college recognizes select faculty, staff, and graduate students by presenting awards and a \$750 stipend to each recipient. The faculty and staff awards are selected by the dean and associate deans from a pool of nominations. Other awards are determined by past recipients, the chair of the college's Tenure and Promotion Committee and other college administrators as determined by the dean.



Opportunities to Share



Wyoming Innovations In Learning

[Registration](#) is now open for the 2022 Wyoming Innovations in Learning Conference with Wyoming Department of Education. The Innovations Conference will be held virtually on November 3-4, 2022 and is an opportunity for educators from kindergarten through higher education to share and explore innovative teaching and learning practices for classrooms and distance learning environments.

If you have questions, contact Robin Grandpre at 307-777-5315 or



2022 Cowboy State Early Childhood Conference

There is still room for the Friday Session of the Cowboy State Early Childhood Conference happening on October 21, 2022. Tickets are \$20-\$50 and the workshops are taking place from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm with Networking from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

[Register and learn more.](#)



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 Baldridge](#) as the Keynote.

Tickets are \$50 each.

[Register and learn more.](#)

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Creativity Camp

Wyoming Destination Imagination with the Wyoming Association for Creative Youth is sponsoring a Creativity Camp for all Wyoming students grades 3-12 on October 22nd. The camp will take place 9 am - 4 pm at CY Middle School in Casper.

Registration costs \$25 and includes lunch and materials for four different sessions.

[Registration](#) is open now.

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.](#)

US Presidential Scholars Program

The Wyoming Department of Education is inviting Wyoming high schools and district employees to nominate Wyoming high school seniors to be nationally recognized during the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, as a Presidential Scholar.

Nominations can be submitted now through November 1st.

[Learn more and submit a nomination.](#)

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

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