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Embrace the warmth of May with our latest edition of the WSUP newsletter! As college and high school graduation season begins wrapping up, join us in celebrating student achievements and don't forget about summer activities. There are also exciting some exciting professional development opportunities for educators across Wyoming.

## Partnership Specific

### Governing Board Meetings

Review the [minutes and materials from the April 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 July 24, 2024 - Location TBD](#). A calendar placeholder will be sent out soon.



## WSUP's Project Coordinator Receives UW's Laramigo Award

Congratulations to Nicholas Jesse on receiving UW's Laramigo Award for Community Engagement. Born and raised in Laramie, Nicholas has sparked positive change through his volunteer work and leadership roles. His dedication to community advocacy and inclusivity exemplifies the spirit of this award.

[Read More](#)

## Education Community

### Principal Mentor Certification Program



**Nomination Submissions  
Extended Through May 24**



**FOSTERING Excellence in Mentorship**

## Wyoming Principal Mentor Certification Nominations Extended

Nominations for cohort two of the Wyoming Principal Mentor Program **have been extended to May 24**. As a component of the developing Wyoming Principal Leadership Academy, this program is designed to support excellence in mentorship for Wyoming school leaders and create a community of educators who support each other and those who are new to the field.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Bailey Iacovetto: Shared about both her experience in Rural Teacher Corps & her attendance at a national conference. Her poster shared about key ideas for rural ed and how she plans to use place-based ed in her future classroom.

Toby Johnson shared about his experience attending the national conference in the fall and takeaways from his time in Rural Teacher Corps.

Calista Dugger shared about what she's learned about place-based education from multiple school visits at rural schools and her connection with ag in the classroom.

Dani Clapper and Jake Jelesiewicz shared about their experience working in the community of Chugwater, WY where they planned and hosted a place-based STEM night.

Holly Qualm shared about her experience planning and hosting a place-based community night for families in Centennial, WY.



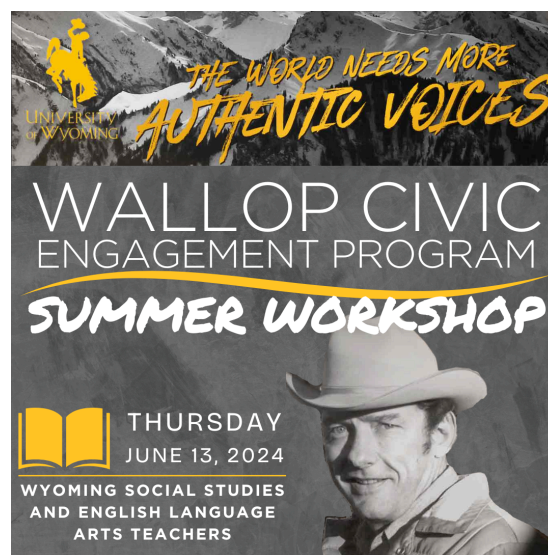
## Rural Teacher Corps Capstone Presentations

On April 30, the Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps held their annual Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps Capstone Fair. This year, the Year 2 members of the Rural Teacher Corps shaped their own participation by designing projects that focused on their interests within rural education. At the Capstone Fair, they present posters that detailed their projects, shared stories of their participation with Rural Teacher Corps, and described what they've learned from their time as a corps member.

[View 2024 Capstone Posters Here](#)

## Wallop Summer Workshop

The Wallop Civic Engagement Program Team in partnership with the Wyoming School-University Partnership will host a virtual professional development workshop Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for 20 Wyoming social studies and English language arts teachers.







## Congratulations Wyoming College Graduates

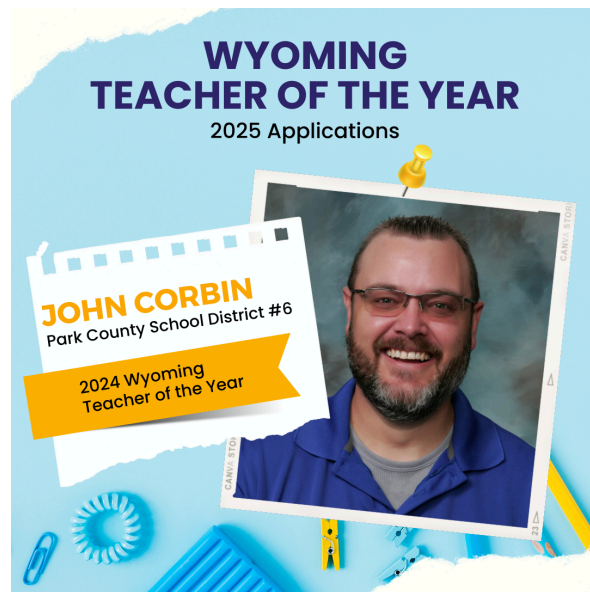
Hats off to all of the incredible Wyoming college graduates! Your hard work, dedication and perseverance have paid off. Whether you're embarking on a new career path, pursuing further education, or exploring exciting opportunities, know that your journey is just beginning. Cheers to your bright futures ahead!

## 2025 Wyoming Teacher of the Year Applications Open

To apply for the 2025 Wyoming Teacher of the Year, complete the application (linked below) by June 28, 2024. Guidelines for applicants can be found in the [application information document](#). Applicants must be actively engaged in teaching through December 2025 to apply and can learn about [additional requirements and responsibilities](#).

[Tips and tricks](#) for the application process are available.

[Apply Today](#)



## Upcoming Conferences and PD Opportunities



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## NEW SPED TEACHER BOOTCAMP

July 29- 30, 2024  
Holiday Inn | Riverton

### SPED Teacher Bootcamp

The Special Education Programs invites new special education teachers with three or less years experience for a special training to help support your work. This bootcamp will offer in-depth discussion on topics such as providing FAPE, IEP development, inclusion, classroom strategies, specially designed instruction, high leverage practices, and behavior strategies. This training precedes the 2024 WAVE conference and WDE suggests you attend both for a solid foundation in strategies and best practices.

[Learn more about the SPED Teacher Bootcamp.](#)

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## WAVE CONFERENCE

July 31- August 2, 2024  
Central Wyoming College | Riverton

### WAVE Conference

The Wyoming Department of Education Special Education Programs Division, is pleased to announce their in-person Week of Academic Vision For Excellence Conference to be held July 31-August 2, 2024. The conference will be held at Central Wyoming College in Riverton, WY. This conference is WDE's in-person statewide special education conference for special education directors, administrators, special and general educators, parents, partnering agencies, and other Wyoming stakeholders.

[Learn more about the WAVE Conference.](#)

[Register Here](#)

## Educational Resources & Student Experiences



## Stan Lee, Beyond the Book Exhibition

The American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming opened its immersive exhibition, "Stan Lee, Beyond the Book" back on May 1, 2024. The exhibition will offer attendees a firsthand look at the remarkable impact of Lee on popular culture, from comic books to film and TV. The exhibition, housed at the AHC on UW's campus in Laramie, will run through November 1.

[Learn More](#)

## Free Summer STEM Academy

Central Wyoming College's Lander campus is hosting a Summer STEM Academy for students entering 3rd-8th grades at their Alpine Science Institute from June 3-6. Participants will have diverse learning opportunities, including GIS tech, drones, invertebrate biology, first aid skills for the great outdoors, and more. Made possible by a grant from the Department of Energy, the Summer STEM Academy is free to attend.

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