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March 2025 | The Latest Updates from WSUP



As we welcome the fresh energy of spring, the Wyoming School-University Partnership is excited to share the latest updates, initiatives, and opportunities that are shaping the future of education in Wyoming. Read about WSUP's presentation at NASUP, get registered for TeacherCon25, and engage in all things education around Wyoming.

Partnership and Member Specific

Governing Board Meetings

Our next Governing Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 29, 2025 6:15 - 8:15 pm MST.** Location will be hybrid at UW Casper and on Zoom. Please review January's [materials](#) and if you weren't able to attend, a Zoom recording has been uploaded to the drive to get you all caught up.

Avoiding Senioritis

On March 8, 2025 Stacie Anfinson (Albany 1), Sally Bernhisel (Big Horn 1), Malinda Garcia (Albany 1), Nicholas Jesse (WSUP), and three students from ACSD1 presented at the National Association of School University Partnerships' annual conference. The presentation focused on the collaborative work between Malinda, Stacie, and Sally through Voices in the Field along with elevating student voice to inform educational programming. We will get our presentation video out in our April edition.

If you are interested in bringing Voices to your district, contact **Malinda Garcia**.



Voices in the Field



[Learn More about Voices](#)

Voices in the Field Northwest

The Partnership's director and project coordinator both presented at the Voices in the Field Northwest event on March 11, 2025 held at Northwest College. Sally Bernhisel, career coordinator in Big Horn 1 and Chawna Wiechman of Washakie 2 collaborated to make this year's Voices Northwest a huge success. Without the help of the High Altitude Pathways grant and team, this lift would not have been possible. The event saw an increase in student attendance with around 300 students from Big Horn 1, Big Horn 2, Big Horn 3, Big Horn 4, Park 16, and Washakie 2.

On March 27th, WSUP will be helping with Voices in the Field in Albany 1, held at Rock River High School.



Breaking Down The Schoolhouse Doors

Join Dr. Stephen Newton, Superintendent of Laramie #1, and the College of Education, for an engaging session on leadership in education. Dr. Newton will share his insights from 30 years of experience.

The event will be hosted on Thursday April 17, 2025 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm in the Union Family Room. A light lunch will be provided.

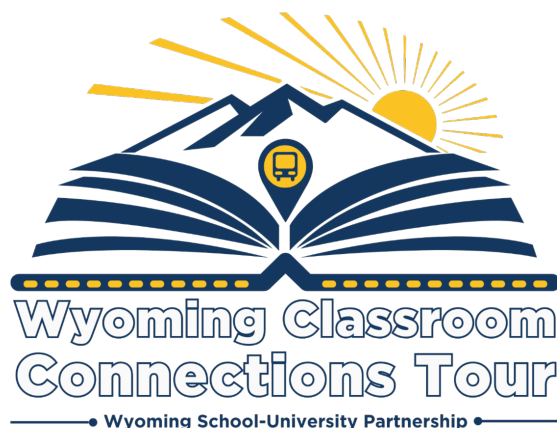
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Chase Christensen Selected as WASSP 2025 Principal of the Year

Congratulations to Chase Christensen, Superintendent of Sheridan 3, on being selected as WASSP's Principal of the year! Thank you for your service and your leadership in education!

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Wyoming Classroom Connections Tour

The Wyoming School-University Partnership and the College of Education will be in classrooms on April, 10, 2025. We are meeting with Goshen 1, Laramie 2, and Platte 1 and 2 during this round of tours. The WCCT brings together future educators, faculty, and school leaders to explore the incredible schools and communities across Wyoming. These tours are open to [WSUP member districts](#) only.

Please [email Nicholas](#) if your district is interested in hosting a tour.

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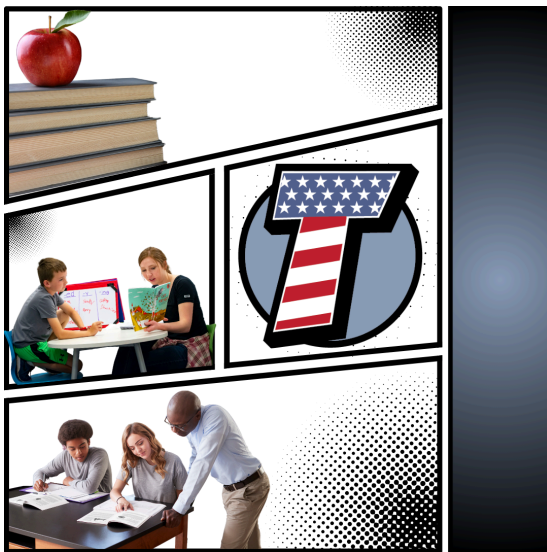
Rural Teacher Corps Hosts Annual Teacher Panel and Launches Science Kits

The Wyoming Rural Teacher Corps hosted its third annual Rural Teacher Panel, where members and undergraduate education majors explored rural teaching through conversations with experienced educators. Special thanks to panelists Lisa Lowenfels (Kelly Elementary), Jenna Schultz (Greybull High School), and Bailey Iacovetto (SOROCO High School and WY RTC alum) for sharing their insights and experiences. In addition, Alison Mercier and Rochelle Green have developed Wyoming-focused, phenomenon-driven science kits for second-grade classrooms. After professional development sessions, UW students delivered these kits to 23 classrooms across the state. The team continues to support teachers and is now working on science and literacy integrated kits for Kindergarten and first grade, further enriching local elementary education.



For more information about the Rural Teacher Corps, contact:
[Dr. Alison Mercier.](#)

Upcoming Conferences and PD Opportunities



TeacherCon2025

The Wyoming Department of Education, in partnership with the UW College of Education, is hosting its inaugural statewide educator conference, Teacher Con 2025. The conference will take place on August 4-5 at the University of Wyoming's Gateway Center. Early Registration pricing ends on May 1. The two-day PD experience will feature keynote speakers, breakout sessions, networking opportunities, and an awards dinner.

[Learn More & Register](#)

307 PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



307 Principal Leadership Academy Trainings

The Wyoming Department of Education's 307 Principal Leadership Academy (307PLA) will be hosting two trainings in the coming months.

- The first training, [Wyoming Administrators Empowering Wyoming Administrators PLC Training](#), will take place on April 7 at the Wyoming Ford Center in Casper.
- The second training, [Language and Literacy Leaders Symposium](#), will take place on June 9 at the University of Wyoming Conference Center in Laramie.



K-3 Reading Module Series

The Wyoming Department of Education offers free K-3 Reading training modules which include lessons on Word Reading Skills and outlines how phonological and phonemic awareness skill support phonics instruction.

[Learn More and Enroll](#)

Educational Resources & Student Experiences



WYAA Summer STEM Fellowship

The Wyoming Afterschool Alliance is recruiting their third cohort for the 2025 Summer STEM Fellowship. The Fellowship equips college students working in youth-serving summer programs with tools and training to deliver hands-on STEM activities, serve as mentors, and connect with youth. Cohort members can expect to grow skills in youth development, facilitation, and STEM programming.

[Learn More](#)



Douvas Memorial Scholarship

Applications are open for the Douvas Memorial Scholarship which honors the enduring legacy of Peter George Douvas. The scholarship is \$500 and aims to alleviate financial barriers and empower a Wyoming student who demonstrates significant need and strong motivation to pursue higher education.

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