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October 2024 | The Latest Updates from WSUP



The leaves have finally changed and the air sure is cooling down. The semester has been busy, but is already half over! Whether it's personal development, civic engagement, or academic success, October is a time to reflect on the progress made thus far.

Partnership Specific

Governing Board Meetings

We ended up having to cancel our October Governing Board meeting in lieu of the District Residency Connections Fair and some unforeseen circumstances, but you can still review the [materials](#), including the [directors report](#) and [financial report](#) which will all be discussed at January's meeting. The next WSUP Governing Board meeting will be held in January 2025 over Zoom. Time and date will be determined soon.

We had a total of 97 CoEd students who attended and 17 school districts & education organizations including: Albany 1, Big Horn 2, Campbell 1, Carbon 1, Converse 1, Hot Springs 1, Laramie 1, Laramie 2, Niobrara 1, Platte 1, Platte 2, Sheridan 3, Sublette 9, Sweetwater 2, Washakie 2, PTSB and WEA.



We also hosted two panel discussions:

Student Panelists; Josh Buccholz, Amelia Gee, Ruby Homer-Wambeam, and James Pharaoh

Ed Leadership Panelists: Craig Barringer, Shelley Hamel, Grady Hutcherson, Alison Mercier, Brendan O'Connor, and Justin Pierantoni.

District Residency Connections Fair

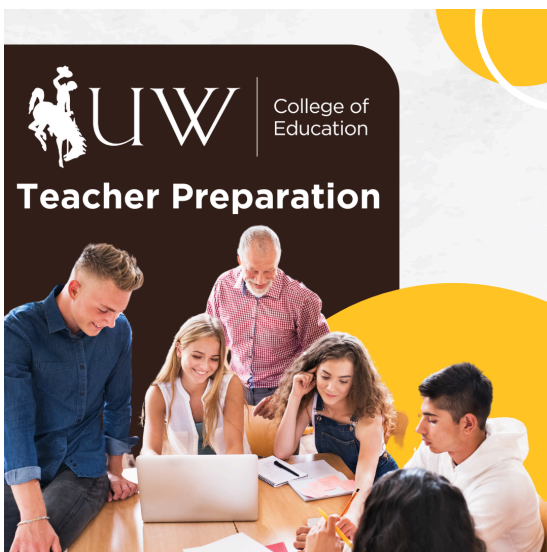
On October 10 & 11, the Wyoming School-University Partnership hosted the third annual District Residency Connections Fair where the University of Wyoming College of Education students connected with WSUP member districts and education organizations about student teaching. See you all again next year!

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National Association of School-University Partnerships Conference

Just a reminder that the NASUP presentation proposal deadline has passed. Malinda Garcia, Principal at Whiting High School in Albany #1 submitted a proposal for her work with [Voices in the Field](#), a project that was conceived as a collaboration between WSUP and Malinda during her time in Fremont #6. Proposal acceptance letters will be sent out on November 22.

If you would like to attend the conference this year, please reach out to Nicholas directly. We have a couple more spots!



Teacher Preparation Discussion with Secondary Ed Faculty

Nicholas attended the University of Wyoming College of Education Secondary Education Faculty meeting on Monday September 30, 2024. Associate Dean, Dr. Alan Buss, shared portions of the WSUP Governing Board's teacher preparation discussion from our July meeting with the group. Currently Secondary Education Faculty are working hard to address teacher preparation needs in the state and region. This includes responding to accreditation, PTSB licensing, and the UWYO general education requirements. More to come.

Potential WSUP/BYU Affiliate Partnership

Back in early August, Colby, Craig, and Nicholas met with the Brigham Young University-Public School Partnership team to discuss creating an intermountain National Association of School University Partnerships affiliate group. During this time we discussed hosting a regional conference for teacher preparation programs and school districts to share their collective work on improving education, teacher preparation, and public education renewal. If you have ideas you'd like to contribute or if you'd like to take part in helping us plan this, please let us know.

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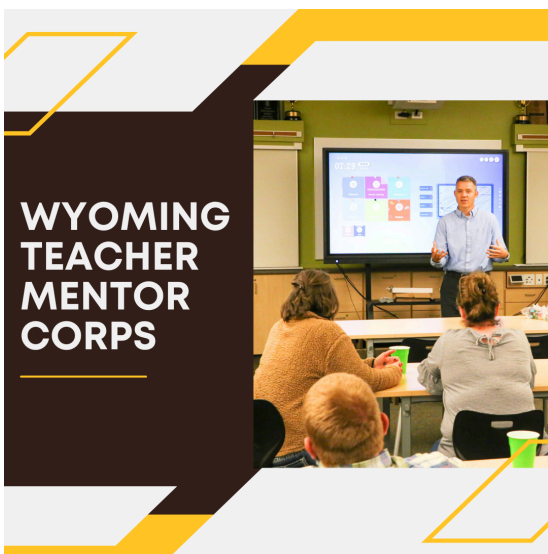


Weekly updates from the Dean



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Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps Update

Cohort 2 of the Wyoming Teacher Mentor Corps graduated on September 25th and were recognized as Affiliate Faculty in the University of Wyoming College of Education. Nominations for Cohort 4 will begin in early January 2025. The Corps is striving to have 50 teacher mentors in this cohort, so please start identifying teachers in your districts who you would like to participate in this opportunity.

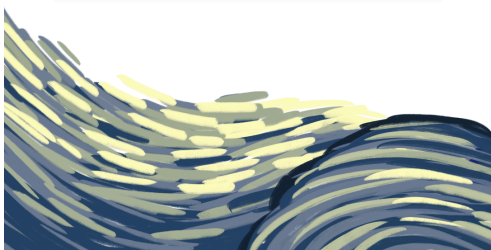
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307 Principal Leadership Academy Update

Since July 2024, the 307 Principal Leadership Academy (307PLA) has engaged participants in conferences and mentor training focused on leadership, communication, and reflection. The program, with 36 mentors supporting 43 new or aspiring principals, emphasizes mentorship through the University of Wyoming to foster leadership growth. Additional professional learning opportunities, including a PLC event on April 7, 2025 and the annual conference on August 5-6, 2025, will further enhance principals' skills. The 307PLA is built on 10 leadership pillars aimed at improving schools and student outcomes.



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2024 Art Education Research Institute (AERI) Presentation

Dr. Howe Yang, Assistant Professor of Art Education at the University of Wyoming, presented at the AERI Annual Symposium at the University of Cambridge back in September. His presentation, [Flattening the Hierarchy: Rethinking Art Teacher's Role in the East Asian Art Classroom](#) explored the power dynamics between art teachers and students when considering and applying choice-based pedagogies, as well as the influence of socio-cultural traditions in East Asia on the formation of classroom culture.

WDE Releases 2024 Assessment Data

WDE has released results for the 2023-2024 Wyoming test of Proficiency and Progress and Wyoming Alternate Assessment. Shout out to member district Washakie #2 who excelled with top proficiency in all three content areas. Member district Park #1 was also noted for scoring top proficiency in two content areas. Way to go!

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Upcoming Conferences and PD Opportunities

Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals Fall Conference



WASSP Fall Conference

The Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals will host their fall conference on **November 10-12 at the Ramkota Inn in Casper, WY**. Speakers include Senator John Barrasso, Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder, and Keynote Speaker Steve Gilliland. Wyoming education leaders and principals will also be leading sessions during the conference. This conference is open to anyone who wishes to attend, noting that registration rates are higher for non-members.

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Educational Resources & Student Experiences



Civic Engagement and Your Right to Vote

As many of us know, the general election is less than two weeks away. Absentee voting is already well underway across the country and in Wyoming. Be sure to check your county clerk's website for polling locations, voting dates, and hours of operations if you plan to vote absentee/early in this election.

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Free Career Technical Education Course

The University of Wyoming College of Education will be providing a free opportunity for Wyoming high school students to earn three college credits in the Spring 2025 semester through their Career and Technical Education Course.

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LGBTQ+ History Month

Each year, the United States observes October as LGBTQ history month. Recognizing our history as a nation and learning about folks who made outstanding contributions to the growth of our country is deeply rooted in education. Take a moment to learn more about the history of this incredible community.

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