

Wyoming School-University Partnership

October 2025 | The Latest Updates from WSUP



Mark your calendars for Teach Wyoming, launching November 7, 2025. This new initiative strengthens the teacher recruitment pipeline by inviting high school students to the UW campus for an overnight experience. Catch up on all things happening in the College of Education, reflect on DRCF, and check out the fall PD opportunities.

Partnership and Member Specific



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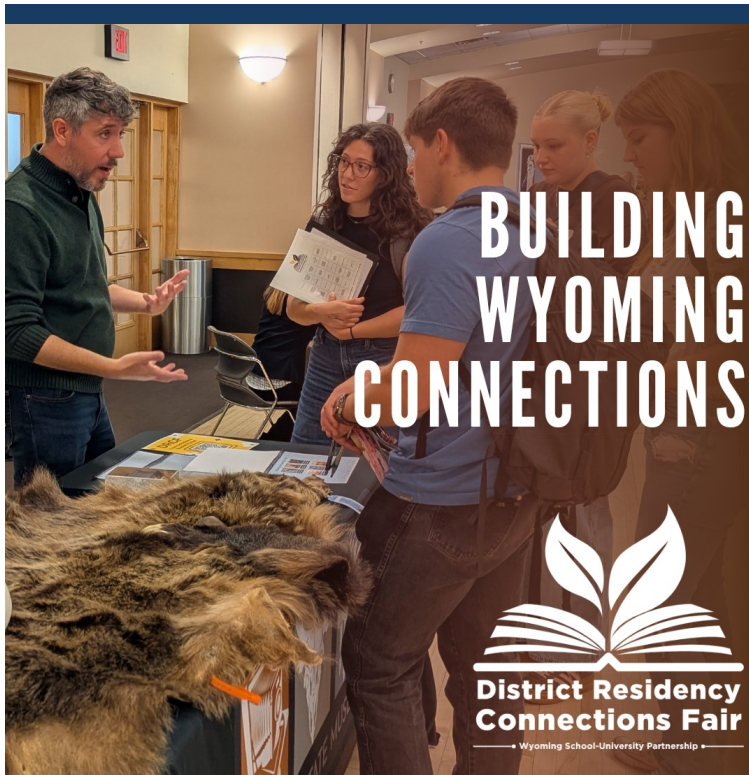
Governing Board Retreat and Meeting Minutes

Our October Governing Board meeting was replaced by the [District Residency Connections](#)

[Fair](#) at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

Our next Governing Board meeting will be held **Thursday January 15, 2026**. This meeting will be virtual and both Colby and Nicholas will work to meet in person in Washakie 2, weather permitting. We encourage districts close in proximity to join us in person.

We met quorum with our electronic vote and were able to finalize constitutional amendments. Please review our updated [constitution](#).



District Residency Connections Fair

The fourth annual District Residency Connections Fair took place on October 9, 2025. This event was hosted by the Wyoming School-University Partnership with sponsorship from the College of Education Dean's Office, College of Education Student Success Center and College of Education School of Teacher Education. We successfully hosted 93 students, 19 member districts, 3 member organizations, 10 UWyo Programs, 8 PK-12 resource partners, and 2 UWyo student resources.

[View the Photo Gallery](#)

Save the date for **October 1 or October 8, 2026**.



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BREAKING NEWS

**MEET THE MARRIED COUPLE
STEERING TEN SLEEP SCHOOL
TO TOP ACADEMIC MARKS**

WSUP Chair Elect Annie Griffin Featured in WyoFile Story

Superintendent Annie Griffin of Washakie 2 was featured in a WyoFile story published on October 16, 2025. The article captured Washakie 2's success in test scores, leadership, and learning outcomes. Take a break from what you are doing and read the full story.

[Read More](#)

College of Education Alumnus Featured in UWyo Fall 2025 Magazine

Stephen Newton, Superintendent of Laramie County School District 1, was recently featured in the UWyo Fall 2025 Magazine. The profile highlights his path from UW to district leadership, his dedication to supporting teachers and students, and his love for Wyoming.

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UWYO FALL 2025 MAGAZINE



UW Giving Day Campaign

The Partnership participated in our first ever UW Giving Day Campaign on October 23 - 24. Our campaign was a huge success and we raised \$2265 from eight generous donors. The money will be used to support our three key initiatives, District Residency Connections Fair, Voices in the Field, and Wyoming Classroom Connections Tour. Thank you for your generous contributions!



Registration Open

Registration is currently open for the National Association of School University Partnerships. The NASUP conference will be held in Crystal City, VA from February 12-14, 2026.

If you are interested in attending, please [email Nicholas](#) to coordinate travel to the conference.

[Learn More](#)

Education Community Updates



Get updates about everything happening at the University of Wyoming College of Education.

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Stay informed about what's going on at the Wyoming Department of Education.

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Connect with the exciting things taking place with our partners in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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National Forum to Advance Rural Education Presentations



Dr. Allison Mercier had the privilege of presenting work about place-based education initiatives in rural, Wyoming classrooms at the National Forum to Advance Rural Education (NFARE) in Salt Lake City, UT through her presentation titled, **Shaping Change Locally: Examples of Place-Based Education in a Rural Wyoming School**. She presented alongside teachers from Rock River (Dallie Bowers and Kelly Vallier) and a professional development coach from the Place Network (Alex Sivitskis).

"Our presentation was really well received-people loved hearing about the power and impact of place-based education in rural schools and communities" - Dr. Mercier



Educational Leadership faculty members Barbara Hickman and Margaret Hudson were joined by Colby Gull from TEI/WSUP and Beth Lougee from the Wyoming Department of Education in Salt Lake City at the National Forum to Advance Rural Education. The group presented on their work with the 307PLA, the statewide principal's Leadership academy. This work is structured around State Superintendent Degenfelder's strategic plan goal of teacher and leader recruitment and retention, as well as a strategic plan focus of the College of Education. Their presentation, **Elevating Collaboration: A Statewide Approach to Rural Principal Professional Learning**, described the work that has been accomplished, success and challenges and how the program will evolve in the coming years.

WYOMING TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Michelle Roundy, a 10th and 12th-grade English Language Arts teacher at Jackson Hole High School in Teton 1 has been named the 2026 Wyoming Teacher of the Year.

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WyoTech Partnership

The University of Wyoming College of Education is thrilled to announce a partnership with WyoTech. Through this partnership, WyoTech students and instructors will have the ability to seamlessly transfer to the University of Wyoming College of Education to pursue a BAS in Career and Technical Education (CTE).



American Indian Education for All

The College of Education is working with Lynette St. Clair from the Eastern Shoshone Tribe and Dr. Aldora White Eagle from the Northern Arapaho Tribe to infuse American Indian Education for All content from the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes into UW courses. This effort aims to help faculty and staff of the College of Education to learn more about the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho.



TEI Showcase

The Trustees Education Initiative (TEI) invites you to their annual showcase on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 in the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center Ballroom. This event offers attendees the opportunity to hear from University of Wyoming leaders in higher education including College of Education Dean Jenna Shim, and university President, Ed Seidel. The night will kickoff with a reception and student showcases, followed by dinner and presentation.

[Learn More and RSVP](#)

Upcoming Conferences and PD Opportunities



Empowering Rural Educators - STEM STRONG

The SMTC is a proud collaborator on the Supporting Teachers in Rural Communities for the Next Generation (STEM STRONG) program. This innovative initiative helps teachers bring the new science standards to life by offering professional learning, instructional support, and a vibrant online community. Teachers gain access to resources and expert guidance for designing standards-aligned lessons.

If you're interested in science or math professional learning opportunities like this, please email the [Science Mathematics Teaching Center](#).



FCS Teacher Training

The Family and Consumer Sciences training will be held on November 13-14, 2025 on the Central Wyoming College campus in Riverton, WY. This is an opportunity for Wyoming FCS teachers to collaborate and connect with fellow FCS teachers across Wyoming. University of Wyoming students who are interested in FCS content areas are welcome to join.

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Educational Resources & Student Experiences



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