

Discover the  
**POWER**  
within

# Nebo News

**Nebo**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 34,000 students in 2019-2020.
- Nebo District has approximately 4,500 employees.
- Nebo District is the 7th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest employer in Utah County.

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## Superintendent Discover the Power Within – Shine Brightly

“Society teaches that it is better to be the only bright light than be in a forest of bright lights... And yet, my research shows that this isn't actually the case.

“When we help others become better, we can actually increase the available opportunities, instead of vying for them...Once we learn to coordinate and collaborate with those around us, we all begin to shine brighter, both individually and as an ecosystem.

“By becoming a ‘positive node’ in your workplace, company, or community, and helping those around you improve their creativity, their productivity, their abilities, their performance, and more, you are not only helping the group become better; you are exponentially increasing your own potential for success.

“The more you help people find their light, the brighter you both will shine.”  
(Big Potential, Shawn Acor, p. 17-18.)

Reminder to get involved in your caucus meetings on Tuesday, March 24,  
Republican Caucuses  
[www.utgop.org](http://www.utgop.org)  
Democrat Caucuses  
[www.utahdemocrats.org](http://www.utahdemocrats.org)  
Go, be involved and VOTE!

## Exciting News – iCampus Replaces Aspire

We are excited to announce that Nebo School District will be changing from Aspire Student Information System (SIS) to Infinite Campus SIS (iCampus SIS) for Fall 2020. Aspire, our current program, is not meeting the needs of our growing district. Please take advantage of the new software training workshops that will soon be available. More information and details will be coming through your administrator. Some quick facts about iCampus include:

- ◆ is used in 45 states,
- ◆ is similar to Google classroom or Canvas,
- ◆ allows multiple classes taught during the same period to be combined in the same gradebook,
- ◆ allows both standards based and regular grading,
- ◆ scheduling takes much less time.

Go to [iCampus](#) for more information.

## Nebo Administrative Appointments

### Dates to Celebrate:

**March 1-31**

National Nutrition Month  
 Social Work Month  
 Women's History Month  
 Youth Art Month

**March 2**

Read Across America Day  
 Dr. Seuss's Birthday

**March 3**

Adoption of U.S. National Anthem in 1931.  
 World Wildlife Day

**March 2-6**

National School Breakfast Week  
 School Social Work Week

**March 8**

International Women's Day  
 Daylight Savings Time begins

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

**March 20**

First Day of Spring  
 Great American Cleanup  
 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

**March 22**

World Water Day



Michael Harrison  
 Business Administrator



RaShel Shepherd  
 Secondary Director



David Knudsen, Principal  
 Valley View Middle



Keith Richards  
 Principal, Salem Junior



Jade Andersen  
 Assist. Principal, SFHS



Nathan Whitney, Principal  
 Maple Grove Middle



Alison Hansen, Principal  
 Spring Canyon Middle



Jesse Sorenson  
 Principal Payson High



Kevin Mecham  
 Principal Payson Junior



Holly Henderson  
 Assist. Principal, PHS



Tamsen Halcrow, Assist.  
 Principal, Payson Junior



Shea Bradshaw  
 Principal, Maple Mountain



Terry Krieger-James  
 Assist. Principal, MMHS



Michael Adams, Assist.  
 Principal, Salem Junior



Lori Cunningham, Assist.  
 Principal Valley View Middle



Everett Kelepolo  
 Coord., School Services



Troy Bohling  
 Coord., Human Resources



Robert Fleming  
 Principal, Springville High



Kali Brown  
 Principal, Barnett Elem.



Ryan Murray  
 Principal, Spanish Oaks



Keri Huntsman  
 Principal, Orchard Hills



Angela Stoddard  
 Principal, Foothills Elem.



# Classified Employees of the Year

## 2019-2020



**Jan Gordon**  
*District Classified Employee of the Year*  
Superintendent Rick Nielsen,  
School Board President Christine Riley,  
Human Resources Coordinator Ryan Kay



Sherry McDaniel  
Child Nutrition



Jake Olson  
Technical Services



Kathryn Anderton  
Educational Technician



Benton Locke  
Custodian



Heather Ash  
Transportation



Lynette McMullin  
Secretary



Ross Beck  
Warehouse



Jan Gordon  
Special Education Services

# February 2020 PEAK Awards

To read the nomination submissions, go to February 2020 PEAK Awards: <http://www.nebo.edu/news/3002>.

To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee page and scroll down, or go to: [www.nebo.edu/PEAK](http://www.nebo.edu/PEAK).



Nominated by: Amber Capell  
PEAK Award: Rhett Rowley, Assistant Principal, Mt. Nebo Jr. Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Monica Valerio  
PEAK Award: Stacey Holmes, Secretary, Apple Valley Elem. Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Mike Sorensen & Brenda Burr  
PEAK Award: Sandy Caceres, Counselor, Diamond Fk. Junior Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Alison Hansen  
PEAK Award: BJ Wright, Teacher, Sage Creek Elementary Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Kathryn Salzi, Jeffrey Glenn, Carrie Denning, Janelle Kraling, Cynthia Van Buren  
PEAK Award: Kellie Anderson, Secretary, Summit Center Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Dawn Draper, Shannon Hales, Sharta Barber, Leslie Swenson, Melissa Nielson,  
PEAK Award: Danny Lundell, Social Worker, SFHS Board President Christine Riley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



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### Academic Winter All-State

**Girls' Swimming**

Camryn Payne, MMHS  
Amy Blake, PHS  
McKenzie Graham, SHHS

**Boys' Swimming**

Simon Hovanski, MMHS  
Tucker Back, MMHS  
Chase Tingen, PHS  
Logan Smith, SFHS  
Maxwell Colton, SFHS  
Cameron Green, SHS  
Jacob Jackson, SHS

**Drill Team**

Kristy Atwood, PHS  
Aorie Evans, SFHS  
Jocelyn Hurst, SFHS  
Sydney Hansen, SFHS

**Girls' Basketball**

Sadie Marvin, PHS  
Hailee Oldroyd, SHHS  
Keanna Vaitohi, SHHS  
Erica Allan, SFHS  
Katelyn Beckstead, SFHS  
Lavinia Iketau, SFHS  
Evelyn Ethington, SHS

**Boys' Basketball**

Hayden Madson, SHHS

**Wrestling**

Wyatt Hone, PHS  
Tyler Mathews, SHHS  
Jace Witney, SHS

*If your successes are not listed, please get awards to [iana.hiskey@nebo.edu](mailto:iana.hiskey@nebo.edu) with Award Nebo News in the subject line.*

## Nebo District's Celebrations

**Student Celebrations**

**SHS Boys' Basketball** State Champions.

**Sarah Ward**, SHHS, received the Prudential Spirit of Community Award on Capitol Hill.

**Liv McClellan**, Mapleton, was selected as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

**Cole Jensen**, PHS, 120 State Champion 5A Wrestling.

**Layne Shepherd**, PHS, 126 State Champion 5A Wrestling.

**Andrew Jensen**, MMHS, 170 State Champion 5A Wrestling.

**SFHS Cheerleaders** win Nationals.

**PHS Wrestling** takes Second at 5A State.

**SHS Girls' Basketball** Second at 5A State.

**Employee/Program Celebrations**

**Angela Stoddard**, Barnett, voted as Instructional Leader of the Year by the UAESP.

**Mike Duncan**, East Meadows, voted as Utah's National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the UAESP.

**Julie Christofferson**, Arts Specialist, inducted into the **Hall of Fame** by the Utah Music Educators Association.

**MMHS Girls' Basketball Team** honored for UIAAA 5A Academic Champions for the highest GPA.

**Emily Blaisdell**, Mapleton, was selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

**Sherry Heaps**, PHS, recognized as FCCLA Region Advisor of the Year.



*If you have noticed any wonderful people or experiences that need to be recognized, please email them to [iana.hiskey@nebo.edu](mailto:iana.hiskey@nebo.edu).*