Graduation Success!

J. Lynn Jones, Special Ed. and Federal Programs Director

Last August when Dave Burgess came to our opening institute and shared his immense passion for teaching, I met with our equally passionate Title VII (Indian Education) coordinators, Eileen Quintana and Brenda Beyal. We talked in depth about what “treasures” we could seek and decided to set a goal for 100% graduation for all our Native Americans who are presently seniors in high school.

Then, we started implementing plans to assist these wonderful students. Eileen and Brenda met with counselors at each of the high schools and found out the graduation status for each student.

The Indian Education coordinators met with the students and found they shared a desire to accomplish the goal. Plans were implemented to track student progress and to identify times when a student might start to “slip” a bit due to attendance issues or lower grades.

Brenda began sending regular updates on scholarship opportunities and included motivational stories and other information. She also shared fun greetings from various Native American languages. Special supports have been arranged for students to help them pass the required civics test, prepare for college entrance exams, or apply for scholarships. When students have done exceptionally well in their activities (extra-curricular success, shadowing a legislator, winning an award, etc.), I have gone to their school to congratulate them and give them a Sonic gift card.

Whenever there have been serious concerns about a student graduating, Eileen and Brenda have contacted the student, done home visits, talked with counselors, or checked in with administrators. It has been a very fulfilling project. I have been impressed with the response from our students.

We feel like we have been on a long voyage, carefully studied our map (plan), changed direction as needed, and have now found our treasure, which is: As of today, all 26 of our Native American Seniors has or will graduate this year!

We have also realized that the journey isn’t over. Many of our students, who previously felt that a college education or additional training might be out of their reach, have found that they indeed have what it takes to succeed in post high school pursuits. Many students have received scholarships and all of our students are preparing to set sail in pursuit of wonderful life treasures. We want to thank the dedicated counselors, administrators, teachers, and parents who have supported these hard working students. We feel that this is a time for true celebration and for a renewed focus on a positive future.

Voting in June Primary Election

All employees, make sure you are not only registered to vote by May 31, 2016, but AFFILIATED with your party to have the opportunity to vote in the June Primary Election. Go to: https://vote.utah.gov/vote/menu/index and then click on My Voter Profile to confirm your affiliation.
**Nebo District’s Retirees for 2016**

Margaret Allinson, Teacher, Goshen Elem., 34 yrs.
Jeffrey Ballard, Teacher, Rees Elem., 30 yrs.
Teresa Balser, Teacher, Art City Elem., 27 yrs.
Valorie Beardall, Accounts Payable, DO, 15 yrs.
Shayne Bott, Custodian Foreman, DO, 38 yrs.
Catherine Burton, Inst. Coach, Sutantaquinn & Wilson, 28.5 yrs.
Reed Butler, Teacher, Salem Junior, 27 yrs.
Lise Carpenter, Teacher, Springville Junior, 20 yrs.
Wendy Carron-Campbell, Teacher, Spanish Fork Jr., 19 yrs.
Carrie Christensen, Secretary, Salem Hills, 27 yrs.
Robert Christmas, Teacher, Diamond Fork Jr., 35 yrs.
Cheri Comaby, Speech Path., District, 40 yrs.
Sandy Coxson, Teacher, Spanish Fork Jr., 26 yrs.
Paula Darling, Secretary, DO, 24 yrs.
Carol Day, Gifted & Talented, Hobble Creek & Mapleton, 23 yrs.
Lynnette Diamond, Secretary, Diamond Fork Jr., 14 yrs.
Margie Dobson, Teacher, Spanish Fork Jr., 22 yrs.
Sherrie Dunford, Teacher, Diamond Fork Jr. 32 yrs.
Trina Ellis, Teacher, Sutantaquin, 28 yrs.
Robin Erdmann, Food Service, Canyon, 22 yrs.
Charlotte Fullmer, Teacher, Taylor, 30 yrs.
Shellie Graves, Teacher, Sage Creek, 25 yrs.
Lisa Hales, Teacher, Sage Creek, 29 yrs.
Christine Hart, Child Care, Legacy, 19 yrs.
June Hawkins, Secretary Tech., Canyon, 29 yrs.
Connie Heegem, Custodian, Springfield High, 15 yrs.
Glenn Holmes, IMC Supervisor, DO, 46 yrs.
Kim Hudson, Software Support Tech., DO, 16 yrs.
Kayye Isakson, Principal, Mt. Nebo Jr., 39 yrs.
J. Lynn Jones, SPED & Federal Director, DO, 37 yrs.
Judy Koontz, Technician, Wilson, 40 yrs.
Ellen Larsen, Teacher, Mt. Nebo Jr., 15 yrs.
Leslie Loftin, Facilitator, Spanish Oaks, 31 yrs.
Marlena Losser, Food Services, Payson Jr., 31 yrs.
Mary Anna Lowe, Custodian, ALC, 14 yrs.
Tamra Lybbert, Facilitator, Park Elem., 35 yrs.
Michael McCrillis, Custodian, Payson High, 11 yrs.
Barbara Miner, Teacher, Art City, 31 yrs.
Lee Moffitt, Carpenter Foreman, DO, 32 yrs.
Janine Murdock, Secretary, Springville Jr., 27 yrs.
Mike Murray, SPED Supervisor, DO, 40 yrs.
Gloria Nance, Literacy Mentor, DO, 24 yrs.
Sandy Nelson, Teacher, Foot Hills, 25 yrs.
Janis Olsen, Technician, Mt. Nebo Jr., 22 yrs.
Jeannine Peterson, Food Services, Mt. Nebo Jr., 22 yrs.
Rhonda Proctor, Teacher, Taylor Elem., 26 yrs.
Cinda Richins, Technicians, Sage Creek, 20 yrs.
Debra Riggs, Lunch Clerk, Taylor Elem., 22 yrs.
Todd Roach, Teacher, Maple Mountain, 30 yrs.
Teddy Spendlove, Teacher, Cherry Creek, 35 yrs.
MarJean Strong, Teacher, Cherry Creek, 23 yrs.
Sandy Sutton, Teacher, Art City, 29 yrs.
Kim Taylor, Payroll Clerk, DO, 35 yrs.
Paula Thorslom, Teacher, Rees, 20.5 yrs.
Samuel Tsugawa, Teacher, Springfield High, 27.5 yrs.
Rowene Vest, Secretary, DO, 28 yrs.
William Vest, Food Service Director, DO, 15 yrs.
Craig Wright, Counselor, Payson High, 29 yrs.

**Choose2Matter Theme 2016-17**

We are excited to announce that our theme for next school year is “Choose2Matter,” with Angela Maiers, Choose2Matter founder, as the keynote speaker at our opening meeting on Friday, August 19.

“As a young teacher, Angela Maiers had an epiphany: people need to matter. They need to be noticed, valued, and honored. Significance is even more important than success.

“Choose2Matter has a vision of a world in which everyone knows they matter, that their actions count and that they are empowered to make an impact. It is a call to action that invites people to make ‘mattering’ a way of life. When people accept that they matter and that their actions count, lives and learning change, and the world changes.”

We look forward to hearing from Angela in August and in focusing on this important theme.
Nebo Teachers of the Year 2016-2017

Judy Luther
Art City

Clea Comte
Barnett

Kristi Jensen
Brockbank

Kathleen Evans
Brookside

Jamie Hamblin
Canyon

Amy Braithwaite
Cherry Creek

Lori Kofoed
East Meadows

Lindi Lundell
Foothills

Carrie Norton
Goshen

Carol Day
Hobble Creek

Amanda Shepherd
Larsen

DeAnn Sanders
Maple Ridge

Kelsey Foster
Mapleton

Jodi McKee
Mt. Loafer

Clay Craig
Orchard Hills

Jennifer Sorensen
Park

Jared Broadbent
Park View

Sarai Memmott
Rees

Caryn Covington
Riverview

Janeen Scott
Sage Creek

Amanda Hall
Salem

Marlayne Harward
Santaquin

Myles Peterson
Sierra Bonita

Jasmine Martin
Spanish Oaks

Deana Coates
Westside

Emily Sheets
Wilson

Deana Coates —Teacher of the Year
Brad Shuler, Cheryl Cofie,
Superintendent Rick Nielsen, Board President Kristen Betts,
Elementary Director Julie Warren
Nebo District’s Celebrations

Student/Program Celebrations

**MMHS**, Science Olympiad Team takes First in State.

**Dallas Jensen & Hayden Heaton**, Mt. Nebo Junior, First Place State and will attend ISWEEP, International Science Fair in Houston Texas.

**Brody Hickman**, Landmark, was selected as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

**Madeline Remkes**, Taylor Elementary, was selected as the Daily Herald Student of the Week.

**Joseph Buck**, SFHS, finalist in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition.

**Tosh Davis, Ben Warnick, Tyler Christmas**, MMHS, won First Place in Welding Fabrication.

**Chase Farrer, Brian Mckell, Austin Wagstaff**, MMHS, won First Place in Welding Chapter Display.

Employee Celebrations

**Dave Boyack**, MMHS, was awarded the Athletic Director of the Year by the Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators.

**Lindsey Smith**, Westside Elementary, was selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

**Jethro Gillispie**, MMHS, was selected as the Daily Herald Educator of the Week.

**Nebo Graduations**

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**“X” Marks the SPOT**

**Adrian Villar**, Custodian, Larsen: “He always goes above and beyond to make Larsen look great. He fixes things before they become a major problem.” Recognized by Garrett Andersen.

**Lenna Mendenhall, Karen Pedockie, Jana Wilson**, Technicians, Bridges: “They transport kids to on-the-job training and never complain. They coach and develop students to make them more marketable.” Recognized by Kay Thomas-Perkins.

**Charlene Hatch**, Title I Tech., Park: “She worked with a student twice a day for reading. The student moved up nine levels.” The student said, “Now I can read!” Recognized by Adam Gull.

**Marilyn Frazier**, Technician, Bridges: “She works with a student one on one with many medical needs. She is always happy and willing.” Recognized by Kay Thomas-Perkins.

**Linda Baird**, Secretary, Hobble Creek: “She is the most organized person. She takes care of everything and everyone and rarely misses a day. She loves the students.” Recognized by Tina Wilkinson.

**Lynette Christensen**, Technician, Bridges: “She helps students learn to prepare their own lunches so they can become independent.” Recognized by Kay Thomas-Perkins.

**James Colyar**, Student Sweeper, Payson Jr.: “He takes care of each teacher. He is constantly vigilant to needs of the building. He brings happiness to those he meets.” Recognized by Chance Lewis.

**Deanna Lindsey**, Librarian, Art City: “Deanna is always ready to help with a smile. She makes all children feel welcome and engages them in meaningful activities.” Recognized by Alisa Morgan.

**Nora Estrellia**, Custodian, Salem Hills High: “She lays out the calendar each day so her staff will know what to expect and avoid confusion.” Recognized by Glen Thorpe.

If you have noticed wonderful people or experiences that need to be recognized, please email them to lana.hiskey@nebo.edu.