



Wasatch Education Foundation Seeks Nominations for Distinguished Educator Award

Last year, the Wasatch Education Foundation (WEF) raised more than \$300,000 in scholarship funds for graduating seniors from Wasatch High School due to the generosity of local donors. The WEF hopes to raise even more for students in 2022, and invites the community to contact Kirsta Albert at k.albert@wasatch.edu, to learn more about supporting graduating seniors from the Class of 2022.

This year, the community will also be able to recognize 14 amazing teachers within Wasatch County School District who help students achieve every day! In Spring of 2021, a few generous, anonymous community members created the Distinguished Educator Award to honor the incredible work and sacrifice teachers provide to the students in the Valley, with awards presented privately in May of last year. So far this year, \$150,000 has been collected for the 2022 awards, which will allow 14 outstanding teachers to each be granted \$11,500, including one teacher from each elementary school, one from Wasatch Learning Academy, two from each middle school and four from the high school.

Teaching is a wonderful profession that is often difficult, with teachers sometimes going unrecognized. The teachers that will be awarded are making a difference every day for our children. They have wonderful teaching skills and subject matter knowledge, but also offer genuine love, concern, and time for their students.

To help select this year's Distinguished Educator Award recipients, community members, students, parents, fellow teachers, and administrators will have the chance to nominate teachers deserving of these awards. The nominations will be carefully reviewed by select donors and the Wasatch Education Foundation Board to help make the final decisions on recipients. The intent of this program is to thank, award, and inspire greatness among our teachers in the Wasatch County School District, and the hope is it will be supported and cheered on by community members, fellow teachers, and staff members for many years to come.

Attached to this letter is a **Wasatch Education Foundation Distinguished Educator Award nomination form** and **criteria for qualification**. Between now and **April 1, 2022**, please nominate teachers that deserve recognition this year. Please do not nominate yourself, or teachers that you are personally related to. Each teacher will be vetted and nominations taken seriously. Only one nomination is needed per person, per teacher. Extras will be discarded and winners will not be decided by number of entries.

Winners will be awarded in their classroom at the end of April, and will be announced online at Wasatch.edu, WasatchEd.org, on social media and in the Wasatch Wave.

Thank you and we are excited to learn more about amazing teachers from our community members. If you are interested in helping this award grow to recognize even more of our outstanding teachers, please contact Kirsta Albert at k.albert@wasatch.edu, or visit WasatchEd.org, to donate.



Wasatch Education Foundation Distinguished Educator Award Nomination Form

- See eligibility criteria on the back of this form

Please fill out the following form completely (information will not be shared, but must be filled out for the nomination to count)

Your Name: _____

Profession: _____ **Place of employment:** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Age and grade in school (if under 19): _____

Teacher you are nominating _____

School, grade, and subject matter _____

What qualities does this teacher demonstrate that make them a candidate for this award? Please include specific examples of what this teacher has done to make a difference in the lives of the students they teach, and how this teacher specifically promotes Excellence in Teaching:

Please include any other reasons this teacher should be considered for this award:



Distinguished Educator Award Criteria for Selection

- An instructor currently teaching students in the classroom.
- Dedication to student learning and welfare.
- “Works to Teach” and shows concern for **all** children in the classroom, regardless of level of learning ability, background, ethnicity, or gender.
- Excels in knowledge of subject matter and the ability to teach it.
- Takes continuing education courses to continually better his/her professional ability in the classroom.
- Has a creative approach that captures kids’ attention and sparks their desire to learn.
- Goes above and beyond to inspire and educate.
- Is a good employee, arrives on time, and is dependable to administration, district leadership and fellow staff.
- Works well and communicates effectively with parents.
- Is at minimum a third-year teacher within the District and school.
- Has not won the award in the past four years