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## Press Release

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### **2012 Pinnacle Award Recipients Named** *Murray Education Foundation announces eight honorees*

**February 23, 2012, Murray, UT** – Murray Education Foundation (MEF) proudly announces recipients of the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinnacle Awards**, a recognition that honors outstanding efforts of excellence in education in the Murray City School District. In collaboration with leading Utah businesses and the Murray community, the program's purpose is to recognize that educators, classified employees, and volunteers are important, and that outstanding achievement is appreciated and recognized.

**This year's Pinnacle Awards recipients are:**

- Trudy Burton – Horizon Elementary reading coordinator (12 years in Murray schools)
- Barbara Haun – McMillan Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher (21 years in Murray schools)
- Kay Morgan – Murray High School CTE Foods/ProStart teacher (22 years in Murray schools/26 total)
- Alan Scott – Murray High School choral music teacher (17 years in Murray schools/23 total)
- Kathie Webster – Riverview Junior High instrumental music teacher (27 years in Murray schools/31 total)
- Karen Peterson – school secretary, Liberty Elementary (22 years)
- Traci Black – volunteer, Viewmont Elementary

**These five educators, one classified employee and a volunteer will be honored guests at the yearly Pinnacle Awards Gala, Thursday, March 22, 2012.** They will also be presented a cash award of \$500, a statuette and a gift basket. Community, business and education leaders will gather at this special event to recognize the exemplary educational efforts of these recipients as the Gala is held in the Commons Area at Murray High School.

For more information contact: Jeanne Habel, MEF Executive Director, 801-808-1301 or 801-268-0076; or Angie Mann, Pinnacle Chair, 801-313-9876.

The Murray Education Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization. It actively promotes and recognizes excellence in the Murray schools by encouraging contributions and building community partnerships to enhance education. The Foundation board is comprised of community leaders interested in improving our public schools.

*Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society.  
 Dr. Steven Hirase is superintendent and chief executive officer of the Murray City School District;  
 Darrell Pehrson is president of the Murray Board of Education.*

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