

## MCS D EMPLOYEE AWARDS

MEF Pinnacle Awards – District Teacher & Classified Employees of the Year – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship – PTA Golden Apple  
Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education – Board of Education Awards – Murray Chamber of Commerce Awards & Other  
*Teacher of the Year is named in advance of the upcoming school year in order to participate in  
national competition. \*Indicates awarded honoree of Teacher and Classified nominees. (Updated 09/10/18dw)*

<b>2018– 2019</b>
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**TBD – 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year**

**TBD – 2018-2019 Classified Employee of the Year**

TBD – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

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<b>2017 – 2018</b>
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**Jason Carpenter (HJH English & history teacher) – 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year**

**Miriam Luna (teaching assistant & computer aide) – 2017-2018 Classified Employee of the Year**

Jennie LaFortune, Murray HS English teacher – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

SXS W (South by Southwest) Educators Conference in Austin, TX

Patti McConnell, Riverview JH computer teacher – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

Google Workshop at CUE (Computer-Using Educators) Conference in Palm Springs, CA

**2018-2019 Teacher of the Year Nominees:**

Grant – Melissa Keating

**HJH – Jason Carpenter**

Horizon – Trudy Burton

Liberty – Lawren Whipple

Longview – Chris Calderwood

McMillan – Cynthia Richards

MHS – Todd Thompson

Parkside – Lisa Pereira

RJH – Kathie Webster

Viewmont – Cherran Zullo

**2017-2018 Employee of the Year Nominees:**

Grant – Fidel Garcia

HJH – Sydney Baird

**Horizon – Miriam Luna**

Liberty – Nicole Wintch

Longview – DeAnn Swensen

McMillan – Dee Heath

MHS – Jean Bayles

Parkside – Tiffany Kastelic

RJH – Chris Stephan

Viewmont – Tyler Walker

District Office – Megan Kunzler

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Issach Beh – English/ESL teacher, Murray High

Shalice Benedum – 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Liberty Elementary

Sarah Buck – classified Spartan Station Nursery School Manager, Murray High

Ellie Ferrero – 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Liberty Elementary

Amanda Halverson – English teacher, Hillcrest Junior High

Cheree Larson – volunteer, Hillcrest Junior High

Rochelle McGowan – math teacher, Riverview Junior High

**Chick Fila Monthly Awards** presented by the District Celebration Team, Chick Fila Cow & representatives:

#### April 2018

- MacKenzie Erger – Parkside 4th Grade Teacher
- Jessica Felt – Viewmont Kindergarten Teacher
- Fidel Garcia – Grant Head Custodian
- Shelley Phillips – Hillcrest JHS Special Ed Teacher
- Barbara Stewart – Riverview JHS Cook I
- Christy Vuyk – McMillan 2nd Grade Teacher

#### March 5, 2018:

- Jessie Agiriga – Murray High School Special Education Teacher
- Dolph Church – Murray High School Assistant Principal
- Jodi Jessop – McMillian Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
- Keira VanBeekum – McMillan Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- Anne Kjar – Longview Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

#### Board of Education Monthly Awards:

- November 2017 – Horizon Elementary staff; Assistant Principal Whitney Anderson; PTA President Wendi Larsen
- October 2017 – Liberty Elementary School staff

#### Other District Recognitions & Awards:

- Jason Carpenter, HJH English & history teacher – Grant award to attend the July C-Span 2018 Summer Educators' Conference in Washington, DC.
- Keeko Georgelas, MHS Athletic Director – Certified Athletic Administrator recognition by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (May 9, 2018)
- Mildred Horton, district volunteer/former Board of Education member – Utah High School Activities Association SUPER FAN; one of six state-wide (March 2018)
- Jill Burnside, Liberty Elementary principal – Instructional Leader of the Year Award for State of Utah, Utah Association of Elementary School Principals (UAESP) Mid-Winter Conference (Feb. 15, 2018)
- Jane Haight, Hillcrest JH teacher – Driven2Teach Field Study Grant on the Civil War in VA, PA and Washington DC; sponsored by Larry H Miller Education Project & Zions Bank
- Johnny McConnell, Riverview JH science teacher – Cyprus Credit Union Teacher of the Month Award (12/6/17)
- Kristen Davis, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent – Murray City Arts Recognition for Exceptional Service to the Community (Oct. 2017)

#### Student District-wide Awards (various):

- Jeb Price – MHS, 2018 State Champion Skills USA Carpentry Contest (May 2018)
- Jeb Price – MHS, Senate Visual Arts Scholarship Competition (placed for scholarship) 2/5/18
- Active U Sports Scholarship Program – Trey Harper, Grant Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grader (winter basketball program) 12/8/17
- Active U Sports Scholarship Program – Abigail Greenburg, Murray HS 11<sup>th</sup> grader (\$250 for MHS Girl's Tennis Team fees) 12/8/17
- Active U Sports Scholarship Program – Ngalu Pahulu, Hillcrest JH 8<sup>th</sup> grader (Club Union Volleyball fees) 12/8/17
- Youth Leadership Conference, Washington, DC as KRCL's Radio ACTIVE Youth Ambassador – Siada Dahir, Murray HS 11<sup>th</sup> grader (Fall 2017)

<b>2016 – 2017</b>
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#### Haley Binggelli (MHS Math Teacher) – 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year

#### Stephen Curtis (HJH Security Monitor) – 2016-2017 Classified Employee of the Year

Deb Ashton, DO Coordinator/Court Liaison Prevention Programs – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship  
National School Social Work Conference, San Diego, CA; March 22-25, 2017

Zachary Giddings, MHS instrumental music instructor – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship  
The Midwest Clinic Music Conference, Chicago, IL; December 14-17, 2016

#### Pinnacle Awards:

Stephanie Benware – 1<sup>st</sup> gr teacher, Liberty Elementary  
Christin Jacketta – school social worker, Riverview Junior High  
John Johnston – CTE/Industrial Arts teacher, Riverview Junior High  
Steven Hirase – Superintendent Murray City School District  
Rod Pace – classified, MCSD Buildings & Grounds Coordinator

Shauntel Page – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> gr teacher, Longview Elementary  
 Will Saxton – theatre/communications teacher, Murray High  
 Rebecca Westenskow – volunteer, McMillan Elementary PTA & Spelling Bee

**Other District Awards:**

- Heather Preece, MHS school social worker – Promising Youth Conference Award (spring 2017)
- Kathy Dale, RJH librarian – KSL Newsradio Teacher Feature recognition
- Gina Dansie, RJH social studies teacher – Driven2Teach Field Study Grant Award trip
- MCSD for Hillcrest Jr. High School Replacement – ENR (Engineering News-Record) Mountain States Regional Projects 2016 award
- Alan Scott, MHS vocal music – UHSAA (Utah High School Activities Association) Music Educator of the Year

**2017-2018 Teacher of the Year Nominees:**

Reenie Stewart – Grant Elem  
 Whitney Anderson – Horizon Elem  
 Kat Nelson – Liberty Elem  
 Jill Horne – Longview Elem  
 Keira Van Beekum – McMillan Elem  
 Macy McFatter – Parkside Elem  
 McKenzie Hillman – Viewmont Elem  
 Nicole Shannon – Hillcrest Jr. High  
 Kathy Dale – Riverview Jr. High  
**Haley Binggeli\* – Murray High**

**2016-2017 Employee of the Year Nominees:**

Lindsay Preece – Grant Elem  
 Deleen Fowlks – Liberty Elem  
 Sherrie VanRoosendaal – Longview Elem  
 Corey Peterson – McMillan Elem  
 Roxie Weston – Parkside Elem  
 Sunshine Szedeli – Viewmont Elem  
**Stephen Curtis\* – Hillcrest Jr. High**  
 Christine Mitchell – Riverview Jr. High  
 Barbara Stewart – Riverview Jr. High  
 Colleen Paswaters – ECEC Steve Ure – Maintenance  
 Loren Oylar – Bus Garage

**Board of Education Monthly Awards 2016-2017:**

OCT 2016: Aimee Ballard, Library & PE teacher Longview; Ellie Nordstrom, 6<sup>th</sup> gr student Longview; Steve Cottam, S.T.A.R. volunteer Longview  
 NOV 2016: Caryn Waterman, administrative secretary Horizon; Konor Larsen 6<sup>th</sup> gr student Horizon; Adam Meyers volunteer & AmeriCorp member, Horizon; Officer Russ Burnside, Special Recognition  
 DEC 2016: Cynthia Richards, Literacy Specialist McMillan; Allysea Nielsen, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr student McMillan; Kristen McCrae & Becca Westenskow, volunteers McMillan; Cris Westerfield, Special Recognition District ESL Lead  
 JAN 2017: Geralyn Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr teacher Viewmont  
 FEB 2017: Karen Smith, English/Spanish Teacher RJH; Marshall Wood, 6<sup>th</sup> gr student Viewmont; Nicole Jimenez, 9<sup>th</sup> gr student RJH; Petra Winegar, volunteer RJH  
 MAR 2017: D'Launa Rindlisbacher, math teacher HJH; Tichelle Dimick, hourly custodian HJH; Eli Powell, 9<sup>th</sup> gr student HJH  
 APRIL 2017: Toni Wilkins, 4<sup>th</sup> gr teacher Liberty; Thayn Burnett, head custodian Liberty; Serenity Snow, 5<sup>th</sup> gr student Liberty; Jenn Schwendiman volunteer Liberty  
 MAY 2017: Trina Evans, 1<sup>st</sup> gr teacher Parkside; Kaiser Gerrard, 4<sup>th</sup> gr student Parkside & Katie Barker, 6<sup>th</sup> gr student Parkside; Michelle Cross, volunteer Parkside

**2016-2017 Murray Chamber of Commerce Educator Appreciation Awards** (spring 2017 luncheon, 4<sup>th</sup> yr.)

Grant: Melissa Keating, literary coach/teacher; Jordan Stock, 6<sup>th</sup> gr student  
 Horizon: Jen McNatt, 6<sup>th</sup> gr teacher; Alyssa Barnes, student  
 Liberty: Amy Koehler, 5<sup>th</sup> gr teacher; Katie McIntosh, 4<sup>th</sup> gr student  
 Longview: Kathryn Stone, teacher; Macy Ashcroft, student  
 McMillan: Keira Van Beekum, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> gr teacher; Ashley Lake student  
 Parkside: Rachel Macchiarola, teacher; Ali Khalaf, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student  
 Viewmont: Mindy Ball, kg teacher; Sari Johnson, student  
 Hillcrest JH: Kathy Schroeder, teacher; Maryan Osman, student  
 Riverview JH: Patti McConnell, teacher; Mikaela Dinger, student

Murray HS: Ari Romo, teacher; Jose Artiz, student

**2015 – 2016**

**Lindsey Armstrong (Horizon 6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Title 1 Coordinator) – 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year**

**Randi Leffel (DO Accounting Technician) – 2015-2016 Classified Employee of the Year**

Laurel Brown, RJH/MHS Speech Language Pathologist & Adult Transition – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention, Denver, CO; November 11-15, 2015

Amber Rydalch, MHS Instructional Coach – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

Instructional Coaching Institute/University of Kansas Center for Research and Learning, Lawrence, KS; July 17-20, 2016

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Judy Anderson – secretary, Murray High (classified)

Teresa Bigelow – secretary, McMillan Elementary (classified)

Kymerlyn Farrugia – Title 1 Coordinator/teacher, Parkside Elementary

Tracy Findlay – 1st gr teacher, Longview Elementary

Mildred Horton – volunteer, Murray High

Maura Thatcher – School Success teacher, Hillcrest Junior High

Heather Wihongi – English teacher, Riverview Junior High

**Other District Awards:**

- Dr. Steven Hirase – Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congresswoman Mia Love (In recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community.)
- Christy Waite, MHS – Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar Fellowship at the University of Chicago
- Lavinia Gripenrog – Utah CEC Joanne Gilles Teacher of the Year
- Dr. Steven Hirase – National Schools Public Relations Association (NSPRA) “Superintendent to Watch” national award

**2016-17 Teacher of the Year Nominees:**

**Lindsey Armstrong\* - Horizon 6<sup>th</sup> gr & Title 1**

Randy Bodily – math teacher RJH

Cami Butler – special edu Parkside

Megan Denney – special edu HJH

Rebecca Kubinak – Kindergarten Longview

Lesia Lafferty – 1<sup>st</sup> gr teacher Grant

Shauna Maughan – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Gifted & Talented Magnet Class McMillan

Wade Meier – MHS athletic coordinator & PE

Leigh Nelsen – 5<sup>th</sup> gr Viewmont

Colette Parry – 3<sup>rd</sup> gr Liberty

**2015-16 Classified Employee of the Year Nominees:**

Jim Derbis – MCSD Carpenter Maintenance

Sherrie Elder – TA III Special Ed McMillan

Kraig Fisher – Head Custodian RJH

Angie Hall – TA III Special Ed & Reading Longview

**Randi Leffel\* – MCSD Accounting Technician**

Marcia Meher – Custodian Liberty

Loren Oyler – Contract Bus Driver and Driver Trainer

Rod Pace – MCSD Building & Grounds Coordinator

Debbie Parker – TA III Reading Viewmont

Jamie Pehrson – Contract Custodian MHS

Caryn Waterman – Administrative Secretary Horizon

Marsha Wilson – TA III Title 1 Liberty

**Board of Education Monthly Awards 2015-2016:**

OCT/LGV: Jordan Jeppson & Miguel Perez, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr students Longview; Hannah Allred & Kaleb Snell, 6<sup>th</sup> gr students Longview; KayLee Schatten, volunteer Longview

NOV/LBT: Shawn Johnson, psychologist Liberty; Laurie Martinez, teaching assistant Liberty; Sheri Heaton, Special Education teacher Longview; Garrett Heaton, 6<sup>th</sup> gr student Liberty; Davis May, IT/DO

DEC/HZN: Lindsey Romero, assistant principal Horizon; Julie Rugg, teaching assistant Horizon; Wendi Larsen, volunteer Horizon

JAN/HJH: Nicole Shannon, art teacher HJH; Piper Nache, 9<sup>th</sup> gr student HJH; Nathan Longhurst, volunteer HJH

FEB/MCM: Samantha Walters, kg teacher McMillan; Zachary Kap, McMillan student; Kristen McRae, volunteer McMillan

MAR/RJH: Pam Mantle, counselor RJH; Heidi Peaslee, counselor RJH; Izyc Bryner, student RJH; Morrissa Blackwell, student RJH

APRIL/PKS: Nichole Penix, assistant principal Parkside, Officer Matt Black, DARE; Sarah Bright, volunteer Parkside; Boston Garreau-Drawn, student Parkside

MAY/MHS: Ilene Nelson, secretary to the principal MHS; William Taylor, student Horizon; Brianny Christensen, student MHS; Laurel Fetzer, volunteer MHS

**2015-2016 Murray Chamber of Commerce Educator Appreciation Awards** (spring 2016 luncheon/3<sup>rd</sup> yr.)

Grant: Danelle Nessen, teacher; Cael Herrera, student  
 Horizon: Michelle Christie, teacher; Maddie Graves, student  
 Liberty: Stephanie Benware, teacher; Nico Oakeson, student  
 Longview: Tina Nilsson, teacher; Ashlyn Christensen, student  
 McMillan: Shaunna Maughan, teacher; Maili Valero, student  
 Parkside: Laura Olson, teacher; Noah Wilson, student  
 Viewmont: Kathy Beesley, teacher; Mercedes Wyatt, student  
 Hillcrest JH: Steven Curtis, teacher; Jayde Lundy, student  
 Riverview JH: Kara Olsen, teacher; Laney Dennis, student  
 Murray HS: Alan Scott, teacher; Preston Hunter, student

**2014 – 2015**

Rob Wilson (MHS band teacher) – 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year  
 Sharon Gillen (Longview secretary) – 2014-2015 Classified Employee of the Year  
 Shawn Johnson, Horizon Elementary school psychologist – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship  
     NASP (National Association of School Psychology), Lake Buena Vista, FLA; Feb. 17-20, 2015  
 Heather Wihongi, Riverview JH English teacher – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship  
     IFTE/CEE (International Federation of Teaching of English) Conference, Fordham University, NY, NY; July 5-July 10, 2015

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Leslie Campbell – Liberty Elementary Library Aide classified  
 Laurel Fetzer – Parkside Elem, RJH & MHS volunteer 2014  
 Ian MacDonald – Murray High Chemistry teacher  
 Karen Peterson – Horizon Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade DI teacher  
 Joelle Rasmussen – Parkside Elementary Speech Lang pathologist  
 Jeanne Simpson – Grant Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher  
 Janet Thackeray – Riverview JH volunteer 2015  
 Toni Wilkins – Liberty Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

**Other District Awards**

- Ryan Moffett, MHS art teacher – Utah Arts and Museums Art Educator Award (5/7/15)
- Vangee Watts, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher Viewmont – KSL Teacher Feature (5/15)
- Rick Kelson, Horizon 5th grade teacher – Supplies for Success Teaching Award, Christensen & Hymas Law Firm (5/15)
- Jennifer Covington, principal HJH – Outstanding Middle Level Administrator/Utah Middle Level Assoc.
- Jessica Dalton, Special Education teacher Viewmont – Utah CEC Joanne Gilles Teacher of the Year
- Shawn Johnson, Horizon Elem School Psychologist – Utah CEC Hilda B. Jones Special Educator of the Year

**2015-2016 Teacher of the Year nominees:**

- MaryAnn Birch – Liberty Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> gr
- Jen Frampton – Grant Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> gr
- Brittany Garner – Longview Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> gr
- Kristin Loulias – Viewmont Elementary 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> gr split
- Amy Mautz – McMillan Elementary social worker
- Alex Tor – Parkside Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> gr
- Marce Wilson – Hillcrest JH PE/Head Baseball Coach
- **Rob Wilson – MHS Band & Orchestra\***
- Meg Wongsuwan – Horizon Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> gr
- Brenda Wright – Riverview JH science

**2014-2015 Classified Employee of Year nominees (secretaries):**

- Mary-Ann Anderson – Viewmont Elementary
- Jamie Bailey – Grant Elementary
- Teresa Bigelow – McMillan Elementary
- Tricia Drake – MDO
- **Sharon Gillen – Longview Elementary\***
- Gloria Herrera – Hillcrest JH
- Debbie Hymas – MHS
- Kay Lindorff – Riverview JH
- Debbie Otteson – MDO

**Board of Education Awards 2014-2015:**

- SEPT 2014: Michael Okumura, 4<sup>th</sup> gr teacher Liberty Elementary

- OCT 2014: Anne Renz, 6<sup>th</sup> gr teacher Viewmont Elementary; Mark Allred, 6<sup>th</sup> gr teacher Viewmont Elementary; Cyndi Boulden, volunteer Liberty Elementary
- NOV 2014: Janel Williams, volunteer Horizon Elementary; Mitch McMillan, head custodian McMillan Elementary
- DEC 2014: Wendy Arnold, music teacher Liberty Elementary; Rebecca Westenskow, volunteer McMillan Elementary
- JAN 2015: No Awards
- FEB 2015: Steve Cloward, head custodian Horizon Elementary; Erica Meyer, District substitute teacher
- MAR 2015: Brayden Mann, 6<sup>th</sup> gr student Liberty Elementary
- APRIL 2015: Rachel Christensen, 5<sup>th</sup> gr student Horizon Elementary
- MAY 2015: Natalie Cullen, Title 1 Para-Educator Parkside Elementary; Lucy Scarpa – Liberty student; Annie Dow, Library Media Aid Parkside Elementary
- JUNE 2015: Greg Hayward, Special Ed Para Horizon Elementary

#### **2014-2015 Murray Chamber Golden Apple Awards (2<sup>nd</sup> year of recognition)**

Grant: Jen Frampton, 1<sup>st</sup> gr teacher; Blade Carlson, 1<sup>st</sup> gr student

Horizon: Liz Naccarato, 6<sup>th</sup> gr teacher Dual Lang Immersion; Josiah Johnson, 6<sup>th</sup> gr student

Liberty: Shalice Benedum, 6<sup>th</sup> gr teacher; Allie Jensen, student

Longview: Jennifer Allred, 6<sup>th</sup> gr teacher; Ava Child, student

McMillan: Donna Drown, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> gr split teacher; Porter Henricksen, student

Parkside: Liz Horstman, 1<sup>st</sup> gr teacher; Valeria Mendez, 5<sup>th</sup> gr student

Viewmont: Nic Scott, 4<sup>th</sup> gr teacher; Zach Linton, 4<sup>th</sup> gr student

Hillcrest JH: Maura Thatcher, School Success teacher4; Claudia Perez, student

Riverview: JH Brenda Wright, science teacher; Victoria Mecham, student

Murray HS: Amber Rydalich, social studies teacher; Riley Richmond, student

#### **2013 – 2014**

**Chantel Olsen (MHS Work-Based Learning coordinator) – 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year**

**Karina Rodriguez-Perez (cook CNP) – 2013-2014 Classified Employee of the Year**

Haley Binggeli, Murray HS math teacher – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Conference, New Orleans, LA; March 2014

Tracy Findlay, Liberty Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

I Teach 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference, Las Vegas, NV; July 7-10, 2014

Lisa Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Parkside Elementary – PTA Golden Apple Award

Tina Nilsson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Longview Elementary – Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education

#### **Pinnacle Awards:**

Keri Hohnholt – Grant Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

Jill Horne – Longview Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

Courtney Lee – Liberty Elementary Kindergarten teacher/Extended Day

Erick Perry – Murray High French & German language teacher

Kathy Reynolds – McMillan Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher

Chandra MacDonald – Riverview Junior High kitchen lead/classified

#### **Other Awards in the District:**

- AnnMarie Nielson (MHS volunteer & classified employee) – Utah PTA Spirit of PTA
- Murray Early Childhood Center – Jeanette M. Misaka Outstanding Service Award, University of Utah Dept. of Special Education (4/14)
- Kay Morgan (MHS ProStart teacher) - ProStart Educator of Excellence, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (3/14)
- Myrlene Buck (Horizon Special Ed teacher) - Utah Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Joanne Gilles Teacher of the Year award (2/14)

#### **Board of Education Awards (2014 beginning year):**

- JANUARY 2014: Adalei Moore, student Longview Elementary; Nils Larsen, student Hillcrest JH; Nathan Fetzer, student Hillcrest JH; Lorenz Rindlisbacher, ISS Coordinator Hillcrest JH
- FEBRUARY 2014: Kelle Baer, student Viewmont Elementary; Elizabeth Sage Holman, student MHS; Theresea Daniel, teacher Viewmont Elementary; Taralyn Horton, volunteer Liberty Elementary
- MARCH 2014: Sage Holman, student MHS; Amy Johnson, volunteer Viewmont Elementary; Hailey Peterson, 2nd grade student McMillan Elementary; Maylee Zollinger, 2nd grade student Viewmont Elementary
- APRIL 2014: Miriam Luna, computer lab assistant Horizon Elementary; John Preece, classroom volunteer Parkside Elementary
- MAY 2014: Joan Anderson, counselor MHS; Shelly Eyre, volunteer; Debbie Hymas, counseling office secretary MHS
- JUNE 2014: Lori Beck, volunteer Viewmont Elementary

#### **2014-2015 Teacher of the Year nominees:**

- Jeanne Simpson – Grant
- Meg Wongsuwan – Horizon
- Kristen Flower – Liberty
- Robin Griego – Longview
- Toni Lasater – McMillan
- Chris Calderwood – Parkside
- Jennifer Zak – Viewmont
- Jewell Loveless – Hillcrest JH
- Rochelle McGowan – Riverview JH
- **Chantel Olsen\* – MHS**

**2013-2014 Classified Employee of Year nominees (child-nutrition program):**

- Janie Sessions – Horizon
- Nancy Roundy – Liberty
- Gerri Cox – Longview
- Sue Groves – McMillan
- **Karina Rodriquez-Perez\* – Parkside**
- Jean Blackbird – Viewmont
- Nanette Walker – Hillcrest JH
- Chris Mitchell – Riverview JH
- Syd Baird – MHS

**2013-2014 Murray Chamber Golden Apple Awards (1<sup>st</sup> year of recognition):**

Grant Elementary – Megan Birth (3rd Grade)  
 Horizon Elementary – Jane Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
 Liberty Elementary – Shauna Venturino (Special Education Teacher)  
 Longview Elementary – Robin Griego (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 McMillan Elementary – Toni Lasater (Literacy Specialist)  
 Parkside Elementary – Sheralee Webb (Kindergarten)  
 Viewmont Elementary – Lorraine Jaeger (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Hillcrest JH – Renee Magnusson (Special Ed Teacher)  
 Riverview JH – Jackie Morgan (Art Teacher)  
 Murray High School – Josh Demoux (Psychology / Financial Literacy Teacher)

**2012 – 2013**

**Kay Lee Schatten (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher/Longview Elementary) – 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year**

**Carey Chatwin (bus driver/Transportation Dept.) – 2012-2013 Classified Employee of the Year**

Michael Paap, Hillcrest JH math teacher – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship  
 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference, Denver, Co; April 17-20, 2013

Heather Preece, Murray High School Success – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship  
 Texas School Social Workers Conference, Austin, TX; February 20-22, 2013

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Cal Beck – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher/Parkside Elementary  
 Jill Burnside – Literacy Specialist/Liberty Elementary  
 Karen Emery – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher/McMillan Elementary  
 Jennifer Mackay – science teacher/Riverview Junior High School  
 Kathy Chappell – financial secretary/Murray HS  
 Carol Flannery – volunteer/Viewmont Elementary

**Other Awards in the District:**

- Karen Emery (McMillan 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) – KSL Teacher Feature (3/13)
- Michelle Dansie (Riverview JH Para-educator) – CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) Para-educator of the Year (2/13)
- Pam Hansen (Viewmont 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) – Christensen & Hymas Golden Apple School Supplies Program (2/13)
- Grayce Rees (MHS Family & Consumer Sciences) – Area 2 Advisor of the Year, Utah Family Career and Community Leaders of America/FCCLA (2/13)
- Rebecca Elder (MHS math) – Finalist Presidential Awards For Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching (fall 2012)

**2013-2014 Teacher of the Year nominees:**

- Jessica Pace – Grant
- Kelly Stewart – Horizon
- Christy Vuyk – Liberty
- **Kay Lee Schatten\* – Longview**
- Shauna Maughn – McMillan
- Carole Drecksell – Parkside
- Mindy Ball – Viewmont

- D'Launa Rindlisbacher – Hillcrest JH
- Rochelle McGowan – Riverview JH
- Wendy Sander – MHS

**2012-2013 Classified Employee of Year nominees (Bus Drivers):**

- **Carey Chatwin\***
- Paul Krueger
- Tony Manning
- Gordon Thompson

**Murray Chamber of Commerce Teacher Awards 2012 – 2013 School Year**

May 2013: Mindy Ball, Viewmont Elementary kindergarten; Kelli Kercher, Horizon Elementary special education K-6

April 2013: Janet Anderson, Parkside 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Chantel Olsen, MHS English

March 2013: Jennifer Allred Salvesen, Longview Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Jennifer Simpson, Grant Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> grade

February 2013: Jane Haight, Hillcrest JH English & history; John Johnston, Riverview JH CTE

December 2012: David Evans, McMillan Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade

November 2012: Ellie Ferrero, Liberty Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**2011 – 2012**

**Stacy Parker (Hillcrest JH Utah Studies/History) – 2012-2013 Murray Teacher of the Year**

**Trudy Gerrard (Liberty Elem head custodian) – 2011-2012 Murray Classified Employee of the Year**

Cambria Demke, Riverview JH English – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship (beginning year)

Boothbay Literacy Retreat, Newagen Seaside Inn, ME; June 24-28, 2012

Rebecca Elder, McMillan Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship (beginning year)

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference, Philadelphia, PA; April 25-28, 2012

Pam Hansen (Viewmont Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) – 2012 Golden Apple Award

Amy Hall (Murray High math) – Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education Award

Judy Mahoskey (Liberty Elem 6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education Award

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Trudy Burton – reading coordinator/Horizon Elementary

Barbara Haun – 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher/McMillan Elementary

Kay Morgan – CTE Foods/ProStart teacher/Murray High School

Alan Scott – choral music teacher/Murray High School

Kathie Webster – instrumental music teacher/Riverview Junior High School

Karen Peterson – school secretary/Liberty Elementary

Traci Black – volunteer/Viewmont Elementary & Riverview Junior High School

**2012-2013 Teacher of the Year nominees:**

- Keri Hohnholt – Grant
- Linda Curtis – Horizon
- Jennifer Dean – Liberty
- Tracy Findlay – Longview
- Karen Emery – McMillan
- Susan Buehler – Parkside
- Carol Forsythe – Viewmont
- **Stacey Parker\* – Hillcrest JH**
- Gina Dansie – Riverview JH
- Ashley McSwain – MHS

**2011-2012 Classified Employee of Year nominees (custodians):**

- Steve Cloward – head, Horizon
- **Trudy Gerrard\*** – head, Liberty
- Kathy Fairbourn – custodian, Longview
- Boyd Reynolds – custodian, McMillan
- Brad Robinson – head, Parkside
- LaRae Kajma – head, Hillcrest JH
- Fidel Garcia – custodian, Riverview JH
- Chris Stephan – custodian, MHS

**Murray Chamber of Commerce Education Awards 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

May 2012: Karen Emery, McMillan Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Claire Meier, Parkside Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade

April 2012: Belva Parks, Murray High math

March 2012: Tracy Findley, Longview Elementary Reading Coordinator; Karen Peterson, Horizon Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade

February 2012: Dan Demarco, Hillcrest JH Special Education; Heather Wihongi, Riverview JH English

January 2012: Jessie Dalton, Viewmont Elementary Special Education; Shalice Benedum, Liberty Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade



December 2011: Liz Eggertsen, Grant Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade

**2010 – 2011**

**Matt Nelson – 2011-2012 Murray Teacher of the Year**

**Kari Sturgeon – 2010-2011 Murray Classified Employee of the Year**

Alan Gatenby (Murray High School CTE auto mechanics teacher) – Golden Apple Award

Scott Bushnell (Murray High principal) – Utah State Principal of the Year

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Allison Bulson – physics teacher/Murray High

Kelli Kercher – Special Ed teacher/Horizon Elementary

Danelle Nesson – KG teacher/Grant Elementary

Judith Payne – coordinator teacher/Nature Center

Richard Tranter – superintendent/MCSD (\*administrator award)

Christy Waite – English teacher/Murray High

Braden Cooper – classified employee/IT MCSD

Bridgette Stowell – parent volunteer/Murray High, Riverview JH

**2011-2012 Teacher of the Year nominees:**

- Kari Shewmake – Grant
- Margaret Swanicke – Horizon
- Shalice Denison – Liberty
- Tina Nilsson – Longview
- Sheri Winn – McMillan
- **Matt Nelson\* – Parkside**
- Jennifer Lightfoot – Viewmont
- Jennie LaFortune – Hillcrest JH
- Amy Roberds – Riverview JH
- Laura deShazo – MHS

**2010-2011 Classified Employee of Year nominees:**

- Cherie Clawson – Grant
- Louise Elison – Horizon
- Jonelle Dansie – Liberty
- Darla Lee – Liberty
- Jo Zimmer – Liberty
- De Ann Swensen – Longview
- Ken Udall – McMillan
- Sheri Cox – Parkside
- Debbie Parker – Viewmont
- Tracy Cunningham – Hillcrest JH
- Marilyn Mills – Riverview JH
- **Kari Sturgeon\* – MHS**

**Murray Chamber of Commerce Education Awards 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

May 2011: KymBerlyn Farrugia, McMillan Elementary Title 1 Coordinator; John McConnell, Riverview JH science

April 2011: Kay Morgan, FACS/Pro-Start Murray High School; Stacey Parker, Hillcrest JH Social Studies

March 2011: Teachers from Horizon Elementary & Longview Elementary

February 2011: Elizabeth Smith, Parkside Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; Leigh Nelson, Viewmont Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**2009 – 2010**

**Kathy Dale (Riverview JH librarian) – 2010-2011 Murray Teacher of the Year**

**Charlie Hollister (District Maintenance) – 2009-2010 Murray Classified Employee of the Year**

Rebecca Ivory (Riverview JH vocal music) – Golden Apple Award

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Scott Bushnell – principal/Murray High (\*administrator award)

Linda Curtis – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher/Horizon Elementary

Kristin Loulias – 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher/Viewmont Elementary

Krystin Elder – choral teacher/Hillcrest Junior High

Cheryl Weiss – 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher/McMillan Elementary

Danielle Cowley – classified employee/Parkside Elementary Special Ed aid

Dana Adams – parent volunteer/Murray High

**2010-2011 Teacher of the Year nominees:**

- Kat Nelson – Grant
- Marsha Yates – Horizon
- Colette Smith – Liberty
- Jill Horne – Longview

- Cynthia Richards – McMillan
- Linda Auwerda – Parkside
- Carol Forsythe – Viewmont
- Michelle Loomis – Hillcrest JH
- **Kathy Dale\* – Riverview JH**
- Will Saxton – MHS

**2009-2010 Classified Employee of Year nominees:**

- Terry Campbell – Bus
- Jim Derbis – Carpentry
- Collin Dimich – Maintenance
- **Charlie Hollister\* – Electrician**

**2008 – 2009**

Connie Johnson (Grant Elementary reading coordinator) – 2009-10 Murray Teacher of the Year

Denise McDougal (District HR) – 2008-2009 Murray Classified Employee of the Year

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Janet Anderson – teacher/Parkside Elementary

Rebecca Elder – teacher/McMillan Elementary

Carmen Fiori – teacher/Grant Elementary

Cari Hartman – teacher/MHS

Kaylee Schatten – teacher/Longview Elementary

Margaret Lewis – classified employee/Murray High secretary

Coco James – parent volunteer

**2009-2010 Teacher of the Year nominees:**

- **Connie Johnson\* – Grant**
- Kelli Kercher – Horizon
- Courtney Greene – Liberty
- Jill Burnside – Longview
- Cheryl Weiss – McMillan
- Donna Drown – Parkside
- Jessica Dalton – Viewmont
- Dan Demarco – Hillcrest JH
- Ron Gray – Riverview JH
- Keith Wood – Murray HS

**2008-2009 Classified Employee of Year nominees (secretaries):**

- Shannon Hoff – Grant
- Diane Burbidge – Horizon
- Karen Peterson – Liberty
- Teresa Bigelow – McMillan
- Mary Ann Anderson – Viewmont
- Ilene Nelson – Hillcrest JH
- AnnaLee Hinnen – Riverview JH
- Debbie Hymas – MHS
- Lisa Adair – DO At-Risk Student Services
- Kristi Hankins – DO Finance & Curriculum
- **Denise McDougal\* – DO Human Resources**
- Debbie Otteson – DO Finance & Accounting

**2007 – 2008**

Crystal Fish (Hillcrest JH math) – 2008-2009 Murray Teacher of the Year

Christy Van Wagoner (Hillcrest JH food services) – 2007-2008 Murray Classified Employee of the Year

Jennifer Kranz (Parkside Elementary principal) – Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Theresea Daniel – teacher/Viewmont Elementary

Dale Johnson – teacher/Longview Elementary

Mark Pope – teacher/Hillcrest Junior High

Colleen Smith – teacher/Grant Elementary

Lillian Tsosie-Jensen – counselor/Murray High

Janie Moysh – classified employee/Riverview Junior High secretary

Debbie Baldrige – parent volunteer

**2006 – 2007**

Rachelle Peterson (Parkside Elementary extended KG) – 2007-2008 Murray Teacher of the Year

Mitch McMillan (McMillan Elementary head custodian) – 2006-2007 Murray Classified Employee of Year

Cindy Durante (Longview Elementary teacher 5<sup>th</sup> grade) – Golden Apple Award

Pam Aoyagi (Longview Elementary teacher 1<sup>st</sup> grade) – Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Cindy Durante – teacher/Longview Elementary

Alan Gatenby – teacher/Murray High

Pamela Hansen – teacher/Viewmont Elementary

Shauna Maughan – teacher/McMillan Elementary

Anne Renz – teacher/Horizon Elementary

Michael Mikesell – classified employee/Parkside Elementary head custodian

Corey Peterson – parent volunteer

**Other District Awards**

- Joanne Gilles – Teacher of the Year, Utah Council for Exceptional Children Conference
- Cathy Hansen (Riverview JH counselor) – Counselor of the Year, Utah School Counselor Association
- Shauna Maughan (McMillan Elementary) – Calvin Taylor Award for Teacher of the Year, Utah Association for Gifted Children
- Jake Shewmake (MHS special education teacher) – Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year
- Marjorie Tuckett (Murray School Board President) – Lifetime Merit Award, Utah Association of Career & Technical Education
- *Teacher of the Year & Classified Employees of the Year nominee lists not available.*
- *Murray Chamber of Commerce Education Awards 2007 – 2010 SCHOOL YEARS (no tracking)*

Murray High School LaPoint Teacher of the Month:

- March 2007 – Wade Meier (PE/drivers education)
- February 2007 – Cindy Nackos (English/writing)
- January 2007 – Shawna Stokes (social studies)
- December 2006 – Lynn Westberg (health sciences)
- November 2006 – Keith Wood (history/English)
- October 2006 – Audra Kasperian (Spanish)
- September 2006 – Ryan Moffett (art/film making)

<b>2005 – 2006</b>
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Alan Scott (Murray High choral instructor) – 2006-2007 Murray Teacher of the Year

Louise Elison (Horizon Elem ESL teaching assistant) – 2005-2006 Murray Classified Employee of Year

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Mary Lambert – teacher/McMillan Elementary

Judy Mahoskey – teacher/Liberty Elementary

John McConnell – teacher/Riverview Junior High

Gaylene Seaman – teacher/Grant Elementary

Steve Scheidell – teacher/Murray High

Charlotte Mitchell – classified employee/District bus driver

Pam Shupe – volunteer

**Other District Awards:**

- Becky Anderson (MHS counselor) – High School Counselor of Year, Utah School Counselor Association
- Melody Barrenbruggee (McMillan) – Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year
- Connie Buckner (Grant principal) – 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award, University of Utah Special Education
- Quinn Drury (MHS vocational carpentry) – Concurrent Teacher of the Year
- Robin Griego (Longview) – Outstanding Arts Educator Award from A.R.T.S., Inc.
- Jennifer Kranz (Creekside HS principal) – Book of Golden Deeds Award, National Exchange Club; Murray Elks Club Superior Teacher/Administrator Award
- Beverly Labrum (Horizon) – KSL Radio Teacher Feature
- Larry Swim (MHS) – Utah High School Swimming Coaches Association Coach of the Year
- Heather Wihongi (Hillcrest JH) – Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year
- Community Arts Award/Murray City & Murray Arts Advisory Bd. – Riverview JH Custodial Staff: Trent Assay, Mike McCleery, James Lobato, David Lindorff
- Grant Elementary School – 1st Place Statewide Utah Jazz Reading Contest
- *Teacher of the Year & Classified Employees of the Year nominee lists not available.*

**Murray Chamber of Commerce Education Awards 2005 – 2006 SCHOOL YEAR**

May 2006: Brenda Wright, Riverview JH science; Chandra Vostral, Hillcrest JH science

March 2006: Marsha Newman, Longview Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Misti Weaver, Horizon Elementary Reading Coordinator

February 2006: Pam Hansen, Viewmont Elementary 1st/2<sup>nd</sup> grade

January 2006: Melissa Spencer, Creekside High School math

November 2005: Jane Fitzgerald, McMillan Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Gifted Talented

October 2005: Amy Wagstaff, Grant Elementary kindergarten

September 2005: Steve Scheidell, Murray High biology/biotechnology

**2004 – 2005**

Kay Erwin (Grant Elementary Perspectives Program) – 2005-2006 Murray Teacher of the Year  
 Kathy Chappell (Murray High financial secretary) – 2004-2005 Murray Classified Employee of the Year  
 Richard Tranter (Murray City School District superintendent) – Utah State Superintendent of the Year

**Pinnacle Awards:**

Brent Bateman – principal/Parkside Elementary (\*administrator award)  
 Shawn Johnson – school psychologist/Horizon Elementary  
 Norman Tatro – teacher/Viewmont Elementary  
 Barbara Wall – teacher/Parkside Elementary  
 Rob Wilson – teacher/Murray High  
 Nanette Walker – classified employee, District kitchen manager  
 Vicki Mackay – volunteer

**2003 – 2004**

Jody Triptow (Horizon Elementary special education) – 2004-2005 Murray Teacher of the Year  
 Rod Pace (District maintenance supervisor) – 2003-2004 Murray Classified Employee of the Year  
**Pinnacle Awards** (*first year of Murray Education Foundation Pinnacle Awards*):

Becky Anderson – counselor/Murray High  
 Bev Labrum – teacher/Horizon Elementary  
 Molly Norton – teacher/Grant Elementary  
 Rebecca Williams – teacher/Hillcrest Junior High  
 Keith Wood – teacher/Murray High  
 Kathy Peterson – classified employee/Parkside Elementary secretary  
 Sharlee Gallegos – volunteer

**2002 – 2003**

Cindy Hansen (MHS English), 2003-2004 Teacher of the Year  
 Kathy Dokos (McMillan Elementary Spec Ed Aide), 2002-2003 Classified Employee of the Year  
 Becky Anderson (MHS counselor), KSL Radio Teacher Feature recipient

**2001 – 2002** (*change of teacher naming date begins*)

Tami Lundberg, 2002-2003 Teacher of the Year  
 JoAnn Turner, 2001-2002 Classified Employee of the Year

**2000 – 2001**

Pam Aoyagi, Teacher of the Year  
 Mike Mikesell, Classified Employee of the Year

**1999 – 2000**

Cathleen Paulson Davis, Teacher of the Year  
 Phil Bocchino, Classified Employee of the Year

**1998 – 1999**

Ellen Stone, Teacher of the Year  
 Barbara Cheshire, Classified Employee of the Year  
 Richard Tranter (MCSD), Administrator of the Year UHSAA  
 (Utah High Schools Activities Association)

**1997 – 1998**

Heath Wolf, Teacher of the Year  
 LaRae Kajma, Classified Employee of the Year

**1996 – 1997**

Beverly Labrum, Teacher of the Year  
 Lenis McDonald, Classified Employee of the Year

**1995 – 1996**

Larry Swim, Teacher of the Year  
**Barbara Moore, Classified Employee of the Year**

**1988 – 1989**

Eldred Nelson, Teacher of the Year  
 Ilene Bennett, Classified Employee of the Year

**1987 – 1988**

Ornona Ruegner, Teacher of the Year  
 Gary Pehrson, Classified Employee of the Year

**1986 – 1987**

Jeralie Fankouser, Teacher of Year

**1994 – 1995**

Barbara Kennington, Teacher of the Year  
 Karen Hess, Classified Employee of the Year  
 Richard Tranter (MHS), Utah State Principal of the Year

**1993 – 1994**

Scott Bushnell, Teacher of the Year  
 Charles Crosby, Classified Employee of the Year

**1992 – 1993**

Peggy Lundberg, Teacher of the Year  
 Lorraine Henderson, Classified Employee of the Year

**1991 – 1992**

Ruth Patterson, Teacher of the Year  
 Frankie Roylance, Classified Employee of the Year

**1990 – 1991**

Susan Taylor, Teacher of the Year  
 Brian Peek, Classified Employee of the Year

**1989 – 1990**

Pamela Hart, Teacher of the Year  
 Sharon Merrill, Classified Employee of the Year

Edward Petrovich, Classified Employee of the Year

**1985 – 1986**

Dee Jensen, Teacher of the Year  
 Hertha Dunn, Classified Employee of the Year

**1984 – 1985**

Janice Hunsaker, Teacher of the Year  
 Laura Johnson, Classified Employee of the Year

**1983 – 1984** (*classified employee awards begin*)

Leland Flinders, Teacher of the Year

Adrian Flink, Classified Employee of the Year

**1982 – 1983**

Dorothy Meadows, Teacher of the Year

**1981 – 1982**

Jacki Chavis, Teacher of the Year

**1980 – 1981**

Barbara Brunner, Teacher of the Year

**1979 – 1980**

Karen Johnson, Teacher of the Year

**1978 – 1979**

Sondra Miller, Teacher of the Year