

MCSD 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 12/14/18dw)*

2018– 2019

TBD – 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year

TBD – 2018-2019 Classified Employee of the Year

Geri Smith, MCSD Elementary Technology Coach – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

ISTE Conference (International Society for Technology in Education, June 23-26, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA

Lynn Gutzwiller, MCSD Secondary Technology Coach – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship

CUE National Conference (Computer-Using Educators), March 14-16, 2019 in Palm Springs, CA

Pinnacle Awards – TBD

Chick Fila “We Are Murray” Awards presented by District Admins, Chick Fil A Cow & representatives:
 December 2018

- Jennifer Allred-Salvaasen, Hillcrest math
- Thayne Burnette, Liberty custodian
- Marie Cook, Viewmont Special Education
- Jessica DeMann, McMillan 4th grade
- Jennifer Frampton, Grant 1st grade
- Sharon Gillen, Longview secretary
- Merissa Graves, Horizon 5th grade DLI English
- Emily Horne, District Special Education
- Lindsay Mazella, Parkside 6th grade
- Jennifer Syevens, Murray High Special Education

Other District Recognitions & Awards:

- Laura deShazo, Murray High School – 2018 Women Tech Award for Education Innovator

2017 – 2018

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

SXSW (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 – 6th grade teacher, Liberty Elementary
Sarah Buck – classified Spartan Station Nursery School Manager, Murray High
Ellie Ferrero – 5th 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 “We Are Murray” Awards presented by District Admins, Chick Fil A 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 – McMillan Elementary 1st Grade Teacher
- Keira VanBeekum – McMillan Elementary 3rd/4th Grade Teacher
- Anne Kjar – Longview Elementary 3rd 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 3rd grader (winter basketball program) 12/8/17
- Active U Sports Scholarship Program – Abigail Greenburg, Murray HS 11th grader (\$250 for MHS Girl's Tennis Team fees) 12/8/17
- Active U Sports Scholarship Program – Ngalu Pahulu, Hillcrest JH 8th grader (Club Union Volleyball fees) 12/8/17
- Youth Leadership Conference, Washington, DC as KRCL's Radio ACTive Youth Ambassador – Siada Dahir, Murray HS 11th grader (Fall 2017)

2016 – 2017

Haley Binggeli (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 – 1st 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 (special administrator award)

Rod Pace – classified, MCSD Buildings & Grounds Coordinator

Shauntel Page – 2nd/3rd 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 Oyler – Bus Garage

Board of Education Monthly Awards 2016-2017:

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

2016-2017 Murray Chamber of Commerce Educator Appreciation Awards (spring 2017 luncheon, 4th yr.)

Grant: Melissa Keating, literary coach/teacher; Jordan Stock, 6th gr student
 Horizon: Jen McNatt, 6th gr teacher; Alyssa Barnes, student
 Liberty: Amy Koehler, 5th gr teacher; Katie McIntosh, 4th gr student
 Longview: Kathryn Stone, teacher; Macy Ashcroft, student
 McMillan: Keira Van Beekum, 3rd/4th gr teacher; Ashley Lake student
 Parkside: Rachel Macchiarola, teacher; Ali Khalaf, 5th 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 6th 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)
 Kymberlyn 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 6th gr & Title 1

Randy Bodily – math teacher RJH
 Cami Butler – special edu Parkside
 Megan Denney – special edu HJH
 Rebecca Kubinak – Kindergarten Longview
 Lesa Lafferty – 1st gr teacher Grant
 Shauna Maughan – 1st/2nd Gifted & Talented Magnet Class McMillan
 Wade Meier – MHS athletic coordinator & PE
 Leigh Nelsen – 5th gr Viewmont
 Colette Parry – 3rd gr Liberty

2015-16 Classified Employee of the Year Nominees:

Jim Derbis – MCS D Carpenter Maintenance
 Sherrie Elder – TA III Special Ed McMillan
 Kraig Fisher – Head Custodian RJH
 Angie Hall – TA III Special Ed & Reading Longview
Randi Leffel* – MCS D Accounting Technician
 Marcia Meher – Custodian Liberty
 Loren Oyler – Contract Bus Driver and Driver Trainer
 Rod Pace – MCS D 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, 3rd gr students Longview; Hannah Allred & Kaleb Snell, 6th 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, 6th 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, 9th 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; Morrisa 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/3rd 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: Shauna 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 4th Grade DI teacher

Joelle Rasmussen – Parkside Elementary Speech Lang pathologist

Jeanne Simpson – Grant Elementary 4th grade teacher

Janet Thackeray – Riverview JH volunteer 2015

Toni Wilkins – Liberty Elementary 4th grade teacher

Other District Awards

- Ryan Moffett, MHS art teacher – Utah Arts and Museums Art Educator Award (5/7/15)
- Vangee Watts, 1st 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 2nd gr
- Jen Frampton – Grant Elementary 1st gr
- Brittany Garner – Longview Elementary 1st gr
- Kristin Loulias – Viewmont Elementary 4th/5th gr split
- Amy Mautz – McMillan Elementary social worker
- Alex Tor – Parkside Elementary 6th gr
- Marce Wilson – Hillcrest JH PE/Head Baseball Coach
- **Rob Wilson – MHS Band & Orchestra***
- Meg Wongsuwan – Horizon Elementary 2nd 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, 4th gr teacher Liberty Elementary
- OCT 2014: Anne Renz, 6th gr teacher Viewmont Elementary; Mark Allred, 6th 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, 6th gr student Liberty Elementary
- APRIL 2015: Rachel Christensen, 5th 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 (2nd year of recognition)

Grant: Jen Frampton, 1st gr teacher; Blade Carlson, 1st gr student
 Horizon: Liz Naccarato, 6th gr teacher Dual Lang Immersion; Josiah Johnson, 6th gr student
 Liberty: Shalice Benedum, 6th gr teacher; Allie Jensen, student
 Longview: Jennifer Allred, 6th gr teacher; Ava Child, student
 McMillan: Donna Drown, 2nd/3rd gr split teacher; Porter Henricksen, student
 Parkside: Liz Horstman, 1st gr teacher; Valeria Mendez, 5th gr student
 Viewmont: Nic Scott, 4th gr teacher; Zach Linton, 4th 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 2nd grade teacher – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship
 I Teach 1st National Conference, Las Vegas, NV; July 7-10, 2014
 Lisa Smith, 3rd grade teacher Parkside Elementary – PTA Golden Apple Award
 Tina Nilsson, 6th grade teacher Longview Elementary – Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education

Pinnacle Awards:

Keri Hohnholt – Grant Elementary 6th grade teacher
 Jill Horne – Longview Elementary 4th grade teacher
 Courtney Lee – Liberty Elementary Kindergarten teacher/Extended Day
 Erick Perry – Murray High French & German language teacher
 Kathy Reynolds – McMillan Elementary 1st 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 Rodriguez-Perez* – Parkside**
- Jean Blackbird – Viewmont
- Nanette Walker – Hillcrest JH
- Chris Mitchell – Riverview JH
- Syd Baird – MHS

2013-2014 Murray Chamber Golden Apple Awards (1st year of recognition):

Grant Elementary – Megan Birth (3rd Grade)
 Horizon Elementary – Jane Johnson (2nd Grade)
 Liberty Elementary – Shauna Venturino (Special Education Teacher)
 Longview Elementary – Robin Griego (4th Grade)
 McMillan Elementary – Toni Lasater (Literacy Specialist)
 Parkside Elementary – Sheralee Webb (Kindergarten)
 Viewmont Elementary – Lorraine Jaeger (3rd/4th 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 (3rd 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 – 3rd grade teacher/Parkside Elementary
 Jill Burnside – Literacy Specialist/Liberty Elementary
 Karen Emery – 3rd 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 3rd 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 2nd 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 Drechsel – 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 2nd grade; Chantel Olsen, MHS English

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

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

December 2012: David Evans, McMillan Elementary 4th grade

November 2012: Ellie Ferrero, Liberty Elementary 5th 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 4th grade – Laura Baker Teacher Scholarship (beginning year)

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

Pam Hansen (Viewmont Elementary 2nd grade) – 2012 Golden Apple Award

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

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

Pinnacle Awards:

Trudy Burton – reading coordinator/Horizon Elementary

Barbara Haun – 6th 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 3rd grade; Claire Meier, Parkside Elementary 5th grade

April 2012: Belva Parks, Murray High math

March 2012: Tracy Findley, Longview Elementary Reading Coordinator; Karen Peterson, Horizon Elementary 4th 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 6th grade

December 2011: Liz Eggertsen, Grant Elementary 4th 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 (special 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 5th Grade; Leigh Nelson, Viewmont Elementary 5th 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 – 1st grade teacher/Horizon Elementary

Kristin Loulias – 5th grade teacher/Viewmont Elementary

Krystin Elder – choral teacher/Hillcrest Junior High

Cheryl Weiss – 6th 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:

Theresa 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 5th grade) – Golden Apple Award
 Pam Aoyagi (Longview Elementary teacher 1st 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)

2005 – 2006

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 5th grade; Misti Weaver, Horizon Elementary Reading Coordinator

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

January 2006: Melissa Spencer, Creekside High School math

November 2005: Jane Fitzgerald, McMillan Elementary 3rd/4th 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

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

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 Fankauser, Teacher of 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 Brunker, Teacher of the Year

1979 – 1980

Karen Johnson, Teacher of the Year

1978 – 1979

Sondra Miller, Teacher of the Year