

The summit is what drives us,



But **The CLIMB** itself is what matters.

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nebo District has approximately 36,000 students in 2022-2023.
- Nebo District has approximately 4,500 employees.
- Nebo District is the 6th largest district in Utah.
- Nebo District is the 5th largest employer in Utah County.

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Superintendent Mentoring on the Climb

“Super Bowl LVII was a hard fought, thrilling game with two of football’s most prolific, young quarterbacks going head-to-head in an epic battle. Patrick Mahomes, arguably the best quarterback in the league, came out victorious over Jalen Hurts and was named Super Bowl MVP.

“It’s been five years since Patrick Mahomes and Alex Smith were teammates during Mahomes’ rookie season with the Kansas City Chiefs in 2017, but Mahomes is still thankful for what Smith taught him during their one season together.

“During Sunday’s Super Bowl postgame press conference following Kansas City’s 38-35 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, Mahomes was asked about breaking in a new group of Chiefs’ receivers this season.

He used that opportunity to reflect on the leadership skills he’s been developing as the face of the franchise, and mentioned Smith in the process.

“I’ve always vocally talked, but I had to take the next step in my leadership ability of how I showed guys how we work and how I couldn’t let the little stuff slide because we have such great players around me that have done it for so long. I had to teach the culture that we have here, that I learned from Alex Smith and Derrick Johnson,” Mahomes said.

“Mahomes similarly credited Smith for his mentorship after the Chiefs won the Super Bowl back in 2020.

‘He texted me right after the game, saying he enjoyed it just as much as we did,’ Mahomes told

ESPN after that Super Bowl win. ‘He wasn’t there, but he was part of it — I think that’s the biggest thing. He built the culture that I came into. He was the guy that led the team to all these successful seasons and built that winning culture.’

“Smith, the former Utah quarterback who’s now an ESPN NFL analyst and was on-site at Sunday’s Super Bowl, mentored Mahomes during his rookie season with the Chiefs. Since then, Mahomes has gone on to win two Super Bowl championships with Kansas City and head coach Andy

Reid. He was the Super Bowl MVP during both wins, and is also a two-time NFL MVP.”¹

Alex Smith’s relationship with Patrick Mahomes is a prime example of dedicated, selfless mentoring. Other examples include: Maya Angelou to Oprah Winfrey, Steve Jobs to

Mark Zuckerberg, Steven Spielberg to JJ Abrams, Socrates to Plato, Plato to Aristotle, Audrey Hepburn to Elizabeth Taylor and Ghandi to Nelson Mandela. Each of these significant figures knew that “mentoring is one of the greatest gifts we can give someone.”²

I am profoundly grateful for the many mentors in my life who have gifted me their time, wisdom, knowledge, kindness, insight, support, encouragement, and vision. I invite us all to reflect upon the lessons we have learned from those who have mentored us and then to give the gift of mentoring to others along “The Climb.”



¹Deseret News, February 13, 2023.

²The Promise to the One, Jason Hewlett

Nebo Administrative Appointments

Dates to Celebrate:

March 1-31

National Nutrition Month
 Social Work Month
 Women's History Month
 Youth Art Month

March 2

Read Across America Day
 Dr. Seuss's Birthday

March 3

Adoption of U.S. National Anthem in 1931.
 World Wildlife Day

March 6-10

National School Breakfast Week
 School Social Work Week

March 8

International Women's Day

March 12

Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 20

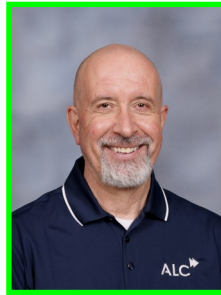
First Day of Spring
 Great American Cleanup

March 22

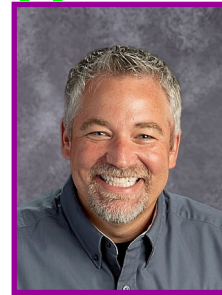
World Water Day



RaShel Shepherd, Student Success & Education Equity Director



Bart Peery, Secondary Education Director



Ryan Kay
 Food Services Coordinator



Jim Welburn, Human Resource Coordinator



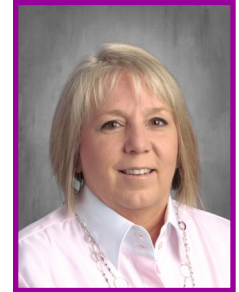
Lindsey Hughes, Customer Experience Specialist



Jo Lynn Ford, Principal
 Advanced Learning Center



Jason Beardall
 Principal Landmark High



Tona Graff
 Principal Mapleton Junior



Shaun Blakey, Asst.
 Principal Springville High



Wendi Nelson, Asst.
 Principal Springville High



JR Brandon, Asst.
 Principal Mapleton Junior



Saia Naulu, Asst. Principal
 Spanish Fork Junior



Jessica Lindley
 Principal Park Elementary



Clint Cornwall
 Principal Art City Elementary



Marcy Caldwell
 Principal Canyon Elementary



Penny McEntire, Principal
 Orchard Hills Elementary



Winter Academic All-State

Girls' Basketball

Kaylie Tracy, MMHS
 Londyn Bambrough, SHHS
 Ellie Esplin, SHS
 Kathryn Durfey, SHS
 Whitney Jeffs, SHS

Girls' Swimming

Miriam Kelly, MMHS
 Kamryn Day, PHS
 Mara Erickson, SFHS

Cheer

Alli Blake, PHS
 Morgan Sheets, PHS
 Mandy Shepherd, SFHS

Boys' Swimming

Tallin Kunz, PHS
 Collin Hawkins, SHHS
 Andrew Heap, SFHS

Drill Team

Alexis Hill, MMHS
 Sarah Warren, MMHS
 Oakley Brothersen, PHS
 Brightin Davis, SHS

Boys' Basketball

Max Mitchell, PHS
 Cayden Hansen, SHHS
 Zakery Nelson, SHHS
 Adam Whittaker, SFHS

Boys' Wrestling

Joshua Biesinger, MMHS
 Nathan Birch, MMHS
 Patrick Clay, SHS

Nebo Classified Employees of the Year

2022-2023



Rachelle Randall
District Classified Employee of the Year
 School Board President Lisa Rowley,
 Superintendent Rick Nielsen,
 Human Resource Coordinator Ryan Kay



Wilfreta Scheetz
 Child Nutrition



Rachelle Randall
 Custodian



Teresa Stewart
 Educational Technician



Ryan Hiatt
 Maintenance/Warehouse



Miranda Hjorth
 Secretary



Jana Wilson
 Special Education Services



Tricia Nielson
 Technical Services



Jamie Christensen
 Transportation

February 2023 PEAK Awards

To read the nomination submissions, go to February 2022 PEAK Awards: <https://www.nebo.edu/news/4206>.
 To submit a PEAK Award nomination, go to employee page and scroll down, or go to: www.nebo.edu/PEAK.



Nominated by: Kelly Taylor, Lynn Mecham, Tiffney Loveless
PEAK Award: Denise Butler, Special Ed. Tech., Landmark
 Board President Lisa Rowley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: April Rockwood
PEAK Award: Heather Balli, Principal, Meadow Brook Elem.
 Board President Lisa Rowley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Rachel White & Lindsey Freestone
PEAK Award: Beth Nelson, Registrar, Salem Hills High
 Board President Lisa Rowley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Amber North
PEAK Award: Tiffanie Sorensen, Para Ed., Santaquin Elem.
 Board President Lisa Rowley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Alison Hansen, Travis Moss, Brittany Lundell,
 Tiffanie Miley, Shauna Shepherd, Russ Sumens
PEAK Award: Austin Johnson, SRO, SCMS & SJHS
 Board President Lisa Rowley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



Nominated by: Rebecca Marshall & Janna Voss
PEAK Award: Kara Mackay, Teacher, Larsen Elementary
 Board President Lisa Rowley, Superintendent Rick Nielsen



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If your successes are not listed, please get awards to lana.hiskey@nebo.edu with Award Nebo News in the subject line.



Lindsay Dansie, Secretary, VVMS, “She always finds time for every person who enters our office. Lindsay is always cheery and never gets flustered. She has so much patience every single day with each student and is always finding ways to serve each person with individual care.” Recognized by Lori Cunningham & Briggs Anderson.

Dayna Vernon, Facilitator, Santaquin, “She mentors several teachers all at once from BYU practicum students, to student teachers, interns, and anyone who asks for her help! Dayna is always there to help and puts her heart into this job every day.” Recognized by Susan Hunter.

Stacy R. Johnson, Payroll, DO, “Stacy is always willing to go above and beyond when it comes to helping answer questions, solve problems, and always with an extremely positive attitude.” Recognized by Michael Johnson.

Laura Lane, Reading Tech., Meadow Brook, “She connects with students to help them feel important and successful. Her students feel how deeply she cares about them. As a result, they open up to her and share their struggles.” Recognized by Karen Smoot.

Brad Graham, Teacher, SHHS, “Brad does an outstanding job as Voice of the Skyhawks. He makes each student-athlete competing feel special and unique. He is so positive.” Recognized by Taylor Jones, Blake Francom, Jeff Hansen, Lee Gillie, Mark Holden.

Nebo Employee Critical Policies

To facilitate our Nebo employees completing Critical Policies training for the 2023-24 school year prior to summer break, Vector Solutions Critical Policies training will open on March 7, 2023, and must be completed before reporting to work on August 9, 2023. You can log in at [Critical Policies](#) using your Nebo employee number on or after March 7, 2023, to see the required training.

Nebo District’s Celebrations

Student Celebrations

State Champions in Boys Swimming:
Feliks Czarnecki, 50 Yard Freestyle, SFHS
Tallin Kunz, 100 Yard Breaststroke, PHS

State Champions in Boys Wrestling:
Breyton Banks, 106 lbs., SHHS
Karson Shelley, 113 lbs., SFHS
Ethan Boulton, 126 lbs., PHS
Colton Theobald, 144 lbs., PHS
Trevor Frank, 157 lbs., PHS
Landen Shurtleff, 190 lbs., PHS

State Champions in Girls Wrestling:
Sage Eggleston, 135 lbs., MMHS
Hotaia Valeti, 155 lbs., SHS
Aurellia Ramos, 170 lbs., MMHS
Jocelyn Hepler, 190 lbs., SHHS

Employee/Program Celebrations

Tiffanie Miley, Springville Jr., was honored as the Utah Middle Level Principal of the Year.



Molly Brenchley, MMHS, was honored as the 5A Drill Coach of the Year.

Student Team Celebrations

SHHS Girls’ Competitive Cheer State Champs.



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