Sorenson Legacy Awards for Excellence in Arts Education to be Presented Thursday

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE), supported by a grant from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, will honor Utah arts teachers and programs on May 5 through the Sorenson Legacy Awards for Excellence in Arts Education. Awards from both 2020 and 2021 will be presented at the banquet due to pandemic postponement. The awards recognize distinguished educators who embrace the arts with excellence in their practice at Utah’s public schools.

The awardees will be honored with a banquet at the Salt Lake City Marriott University Park on May 5. This year’s recipients are:

- **Angela Tanner**, Alpine School District
  Elementary Dance Instruction

- **Lisa Kirkwood Bean**, Nebo School District
  Elementary Drama Instruction

- **Marie Smith**, Crescent and Oakdale elementary schools, Canyons School District
  Elementary Music Instruction
• Chalynn Thomas, Ashley and Davis elementary schools, Uintah School District
  Elementary Music Instruction

• Claudia G. Marsden, Nebo School District
  Elementary Visual Arts Instruction

• Melinda Van De Graaff, Willow Springs Elementary, Canyons School District
  Elementary Visual Arts Integration

• Lori Nickerson, Westland Elementary, Jordan School District
  Elementary Arts Integration

• Jill N. Smith, Lehi Jr. High, Alpine School District
  Secondary Music Instruction – Junior High

• Leah Tarrant, Taylorsville High, Granite School District
  Secondary Music Instruction – High School

• Bart Francis, Mountain View High, Alpine School District
  Secondary Visual Arts Instruction

• Erinne Roundy, North Davis Preparatory Academy
  Secondary Visual Arts Instruction

• Noemí Hernández-Balcázar, Granite School District
  Exemplary Arts Education Administration

• Mary Ann Lee, Tanner Dance
  Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education

Recipients from 2020 are:

• Chara Huckins, Backman and Parkview elementary schools, Salt Lake City School
  District
  Elementary Dance Instruction

• Amy Hickenlooper, Early Light Academy
  Elementary Music Instruction

• Joshua Roberts, Blackridge Elementary, Jordan School District
  Elementary Music Instruction

• Sarah Butterfield, Altamont and Centennial elementary schools, Duchesne School
  District
Elementary Theatre Instruction

- **Marie Mattinson**, Edgemont Elementary, Provo School District
  Elementary Visual Arts Instruction

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- **Tina McClooch**, Provo Peaks Elementary, Provo School District
  Elementary Arts Integration

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- **Deborah Kesner-Steinberg**, Eisenhower Jr. High, Granite School District
  Secondary Dance Instruction

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- **Geoff Anderson**, Fremont High, Weber School District
  Secondary Music Instruction

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- **Todd Campbell**, Woods Cross High, Davis School District
  Secondary Music Instruction

- **Brian Cox**, Indian Hills Middle School, Canyons School District
  Secondary Music Instruction

- **Kara Poulsen**, Diamond Fork Jr. High, Nebo School District
  Secondary Theatre Instruction

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- **Georgiana Simpson**, Whitehorse High, San Juan School District
  Secondary Visual Arts Instruction

Secondary Visual Arts Instruction

- **Douglas Allen**, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Brigham Young University Arts Partnership
  Administration of Arts Education

Exemplary Arts Program

- **Weber State University Arts Learning Collaborative, Kelly Bruce Glynn, Taara Goldbogen, Erinne Roundy**

Exemplary Arts Program

- **Julie Christofferson**, Nebo School District
  Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education

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