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Riverton High School

March 2014

Principal's Corner



Dear Parents and Students,

The past few weeks have brought many honors and awards to faculty and students here at Riverton. We are so pleased with the number of accomplishments from our students and staff and look forward to the end of the year to hear about other great academic, athletic, and performance feats.

Recently students have placed and received high honors in Automotive Technology, TSA, Region Drama, HOSA, FCCLA, FFA, FBLA, Percussion Chamber Ensemble, Vocal & Piano Solo Festival, Bell Choir, and Colorguard. **Kenzie Cook, Chaston Hill, Talon Harker, & Cameron Richard Royce** were juried into the Springville Museum Art Show, and both **Taylor Tucker & Alexis Jackson** are state Reflections winners that will go on to compete at the national level.

Christian Lambert has recently appeared in the news as a finalist in the NASA Exploration Design contest and **Adeana Steinlauf** and **Kaden Taylor** have received appointments to the US Navel Academy and the US Air Force Academy respectively.

Faculty members **Clin Eaton** won the Utah High School Activities Association Heart of the Arts Award, girl's basketball coach **Ron Ence** was selected as Region 4 Coach of the Year, and **Evelyn Marse & Sonja Ferrufino** are being recognized with Jordan Education Foundation Outstanding Educator Awards for 2014.

We'd also like to recognize and thank boys' basketball coach **Steve Galley** for an amazing 24-year coaching career with 15 years at Riverton. We sincerely appreciate his years of service to his players.

Now that the weather is beginning to warm up, Boys Tennis, Soccer, and Baseball are all underway and doing well! Softball is really heating things up and track & field as well as girls' golf are also in full swing. If you haven't already, take a chair or blanket and enjoy the sun and the intensity at one of these events!

We also want to congratulate our Cheer team on a very successful season. RHS Cheer made it to the final round in their national competition where they took 5th place out of 10 teams in their division! Way to go!

We could go on and on with all of the amazing accolades of teachers and students. With all of these amazing accomplishments it might seem like the year is over and we've done all we've come to do. Not so! In fact, it's the home stretch where we should be the most cautious and careful. Whether it's 'Senioritis' or just spring fever, hold on and keep moving forward.

Stamina is a word we don't use very much in every day language and yet it's one of the most important characteristics of success. Stamina is an ability to sustain prolonged physical or mental effort. Ironically, right before the end of a lengthy pursuit just when the finish line is in sight some people slow down or even completely stop! Regardless of how close the end of a goal is or how difficult the journey, we are all more successful if we have developed a "stick-to-it" attitude. Truly, more people end up crossing the finish line because they stayed with the task at hand and worked hard, than because of natural talent and ability.

As we near the end of the school year I encourage you to continue developing stamina by staying focused and moving forward. Give it all you've got at this critical time when the finish line is finally in sight!

Carolyn Gough

It's time to start thinking about the
2014 GRADUATION PARTY

Where: Boondocks Fun Center in Draper
June 5th (the night of graduation) 11:00 pm - 3:00 am

Unlimited miniature Golf, Bumper Boats, Go Karts
Slick Track, XD Theater, Max Flight Simulator, and Laser Tag
All you can eat pizza, salad, and soda bar

Door prizes include movie tickets, store gift cards and a MINI IPAD!

Tickets are \$25 if you purchase them at school, \$30 at Boondocks.
*more information coming

Parents: We need chaperones and donations in order to make this party a success. If you can help, call Raelynn McCleary @ 801-446-8365 or email mrmjmjimm@comcast.net.



MORP

"See You Tonight"

April 26th,

7:00 p.m.

Country Attire

\$15 in the Main Office, \$20 at the door

Attendance School **Times**

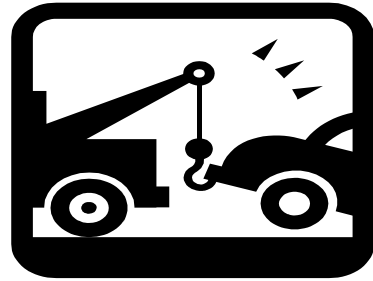
Tuesday 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am to 8:30 am
Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Subject to Change

Attention Seniors

Beginning April 28, we will begin refunding lunch money to any seniors with money in their account. Seniors will be able to come to the office, in the north end of the cafeteria, and obtain any funds in their account. Once any money is refunded, seniors will only be allowed to buy lunch with cash. We ask that no checks or online payments be made after a senior receives their refund.

If a senior has a sibling within the district, the money in their account at the end of the school year will be transferred to a sibling's account. This does not include sibling's who attend charter schools. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Susie Markus
Riverton High Lunch Clerk
801-256-5843



DRIVER EDUCATION RANGES

Please assume that a driver education range session is scheduled in the north student parking lot each school day (Mon-Fri 3-7 p.m.) as well as most school holidays and Saturdays (7 or 8 a.m. through 12 or 1 p.m.). The range area is posted with no parking signs and the parking stalls within the range are painted in maroon. If you park in a yellow stall outside of the range, you are safe from ticketing or towing.

We dislike ticketing or towing, but will do so when necessary. Please **ASSUME** there is a range! Thank you for your cooperation.

DECA News

Congratulations to our DECA students, who recently returned from state convention. Forty-five students participated—the second largest group in the entire competition—with 32 students placing in the top 10 in their events.

- Olivia Fischer—1st place (Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan)
- Lexie Pedersen—1st place (Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan)
- Gavin Funke—1st place (Human Resources Management)
- Callie Carter—2nd place (Business Services Research Event)
- Monica Schow—2nd place (Business Services Research Event)
- Sam Lawrence—2nd place (Hospitality and Tourism)
- Robert Ditty—3rd place (Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team Event)
- Derek Smith—3rd place (Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team Event)
- Rachel Bartsch—3rd place (Business Services Research Event)
- Taylor Putnam—3rd place (Business Services Research Event)
- Spencer Bauman—3rd Place (Entrepreneurship)

Note: All of the students above qualify to go to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA, representing not only Riverton High School, but also Utah and the United States. We wish them well!

As part of the DECA competition, students take a marketing or business test, which is combined with their event score to determine their overall results. The following students placed in the top 10% in the testing category and received a medal.

- Mckay Harward
- Scout Sanders
- Josh Garrard
- Sam Lawrence
- Spencer Bauman
- Olivia Fischer
- Porter Bagley
- Cole Thorpe
- Derek Smith

Also, the following students received competed and placed in the Online Virtual Business Challenge:

- Olivia Fisher and Lexie Pederson—1st place (Online Virtual Business Retailing)
- Keeve Dixon and Jacee Beenie—1st place (Online Virtual Business Finance)

NASA Exploration Design Contest Winner

A shout out to **Christian Lambert**, who entered his science fair project in the NASA Exploration Design Contest. His project was chosen as one of the Top 5 Finalists to test radiation shielding on the Orion Space Capsule Launch in September.

Christian also won 2nd place in the regional science fair in the Physics and Astronomy category. Christian has received the Dean's Award from the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, as well as a one-year full tuition scholarship to BYU and a \$4,000 scholarship to Westminster College. Congratulations, Christian!



Volunteers - The PTSA would like to thank all of our volunteers on behalf of our students, school and faculty. The help you give us helps to build a better community, not just for the students, but for everyone involved with the students and their activities. We are building a volunteer group for projects that will be done throughout the year

REMINDER —PLEASE support the Comcast Cares Day.
Comcast will donate a certain amount of money for every volunteer who shows up and participates. Volunteers will be donating their time here at the Riverton High School Campus, PLUS RHS receives the financial donation from Comcast. It's a win/win for everybody! See the flyer below for more information, and join us!

2013-2014 National PTA Reflections

Believe, Dream, Inspire

Utah Excellence Winners

Excellence winners have been advanced (except for 3D, please see below) to National PTA for judging. Winners will be announced in June at the National PTA Convention.

We are proud of all our students and the amazing talent we see each year in the Reflections Program. Utah had over 15,000 entries state-wide this year and over 600 of those advanced to State. We were able to send 24 to National.

Congratulations to all those who had entries advance to the State level. Well Done!!

Film

High School - Taylor Tucker - Riverton High, Region 6

3-Dimensional

(This is a Utah Reflections Category and winners do not advance to National)

High School - Alexis Jackson - Riverton High, Region 6

Riverton High School Marching Band

The RHS Marching Band will start our 2014 season April 30 at 3:15 PM in the RHS band room.

We are excited to start our summer parade season. All students entering 8th-12th grades are welcome to participate. No previous experience required!

Following the summer season, we will start rehearsals for our competitive fall season. 9th-12th grade students can participate in the Fall Show.

Send any questions to
jason.weimer@jordandistrict.org

**LEAD, SERVE, UNITE
JOIN PEER LEADERSHIP TEAM!**



Do you want to participate in **service**, help unite Riverton's Student Body and work closely with elementary school students and students with special needs? If so, join the **Peer Leadership Team!** Applications and information are now available! See Mrs. Craig in Room 1157 for more info.

FCCLA News

Congratulations to the following RHS students who medaled at our state competition:

Gold Medalists

Lindsay Erikson
Caitlin Stock
Lakyn Butterfield
Madison Burgess
Sierra Francis

Silver Medalists

Cammie Craig
Cheyanne Nicol
Pam Smith
Shelby Gardner
Jessica Johnson

Bronze Medalists

Mason Warr
Brock Painter
Jacqueline Pina
Kylee Tirrell
Aubrey Fredette
Sarah Maynard
Sierra Klemm

In addition, five RHS students qualified for Nationals (held in San Antonio, TX).

- Caitlin Stock—State FCCLA Officer
- Lindsay Erikson—1st place (Early Childhood Education)
- Jessica Johnson—1st place (Nutrition and Wellness)
- Madi Burgess—2nd place
- Lakyn Butterfield—2nd place
- Sierra Francis—2nd place

Also, congratulations to these RHS students who completed the FCCLA Power of One:

Lindsay Erikson	Alyssa Christensen	Brooke Barnett	Jayden White
Bailey Hirase	Afsuneh Takmili	Katilin Mueller	Caitlin Stock
Lakyn Butterfield	Nayda Barba	Dakota McDonald	Alyssa Stokes

Finally, congratulations to the entire RHS FCCLA Chapter—we took 1st Place with our activity highlighting FACTS (Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety)!

HOSA News

Congratulations to the following RHS students who competed in the HOSA State Competition--

- Madison Angell
- Arthur Chidester
- Drew Cook
- Rachel Coy
- Brittney Ennis
- Alexandra Hansen
- Julia Holt
- Richie Jeff
- Brock Jensen
- Brenna Lawson
- Madison Mangum
- Tanner Moore
- Lauren Mulestein
- Abigail Murray
- Trentan Pecorelli
- Courtland Rausch
- Andrew Rice
- Dacota Shell
- Rhealynn WEeda
- Dani Welland

*Special congratulations to **Brenna Lawson** and **Rachel Coy** who took 1st place in Health Education and qualified for Nationals in Florida!*

Spirit of Community Award

Congratulations to **Jessica Smith**, who was honored for her volunteer service by the National Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Jessica was among the top 10 percent of all Utah applicants. This award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.

Sterling Scholar Winners

Congratulations to **Amber Barron** for being selected as the state Sterling Scholar in Science.



Also congratulations to **Wyatt McNeill**, who was awarded the state Sterling Scholar Service Award.

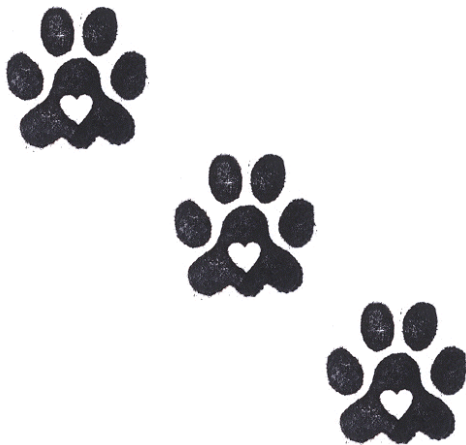


Teacher Spotlights



Lisa Craig

Lisa Craig has been teaching for 13 years, the last eight here at Riverton High. She got her bachelor's degrees in physics and mathematics from the University of Utah and master's degree in physics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Mrs. Craig is a nationally board certified teacher and was named 2013 Jordan Education Foundation Teacher of the Year. She worked at the DZero Detector at Fermilab and was part of the Higgs boson team before starting her teaching career. Her first week of teaching was in downtown Manhattan where she and her students experienced first-hand the events of September 11, 2001. Mrs. Craig entered the teaching profession to share her love of math and science and try to instill the same joys and thrills of discovery in her students. She enjoys teaching and seeing her students get excited about science! Mrs. Craig is married and has two children, Kelly, age 4, and Lauren, age 6. In her free time, she enjoys everything outdoors, including camping, hiking, and skiing and plays on a recreational soccer team.



Robyn Harris

I have been teaching for the past 22 years. My career started at Bingham where I taught for 7 years. I was happy to help open up and be a part of Riverton beginning in 1999; this is where I intend to finish out my career, which is still a ways away.

I graduated from BYU in 1980 with a Bachelor's degree; I earned a master's degree (a major accomplishment for me!) in art education from BYU in 2002. I teach the Drawing, Painting and AP Art classes and have taught ceramics when needed. I love art, and I love helping students gain an appreciation for art and creating art even if they only are with me for one class. As a teacher, who doesn't love it when we see "AH HA" moments with our students?

I have a set of keys that I seem to misplace every day, with a key chain that says "Keys I Haven't Lost Yet." I believe I function under chaos. I am accepting of others and try to make students feel comfortable in my classroom. Showing kindness can go a long way in helping others do well.

I am married with three grown children and two grandchildren. It's the BEST being a grandma. I love hiking to Timpanogos Cave—my personal best is 82 times in one season! So far I have hiked the Grand Canyon from rim to rim twice—23 miles in one day! I also enjoy working in my yard. For some reason I love the smell of dirt and getting my hands dirty. It must come from getting messy every day in my art classes.

My favorite color is purple. I may be known to most of my advanced students as saying, "just add purple". My favorite mediums in art are Pastels and Oil Painting. My favorite subject matter is people. Check out my painting of my husband's hands that appears on the Riverton Web site. I have to admit I am proud of this painting. I love chocolate, listening to music in the classroom, and getting to know my students. I go home at the end of the day tired because of how busy I am here at Riverton and I enjoy that because I would hope I am making a difference in some way as a positive in their lives.

Student Spotlights



Matt Mousley is a senior here at Riverton High School. He swam for Riverton's swim team during all four years of high school and has also balanced this with a rigorous schedule of Advanced Placement and Honors Classes. When he is not at school or in swim practice, he works as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at JL Sorensen Recreation Center where he puts he shares his love for swimming with others. Matt was recently named a Finalist in the National Merit Scholar Competition and has scored high on both the ACT and SAT tests.

Matt plans to begin school this fall at the University of Kentucky, where he has been offered the highly prestigious Patterson Scholarship. He plans to study Political Science or History there in hopes of one day becoming a Social Studies teacher.

Students of the Month March

- Dylan Mcnamara
- Tyler Kiel
- Chris Jolley
- Kaitlyn Jones
- Landon Evans
- Lakyn Butterfield
- Elizabeth Curneal
- Rebekah Longaker
- Andrea Anderson
- Alexis Nelson
- Whitney Lloyd
- Levi Chatfield
- Tyler Van Ry
- Emma Wynn



Make a lasting difference at...

Free Food!
Free T-shirt



Riverton High School

on Comcast Cares Day

Saturday, April 26, 2014

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

7:00 am - 8:00 am: Registration/Breakfast

8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Service Projects

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Lunch

ALL volunteers (bring your family and friends!) will receive a free breakfast, free lunch and a free t-shirt!



- **Help beautify the school**
- **Get involved in the community**
- **Make a lasting impact in your neighborhood**

To sign up, please complete the release form on the back and return it to the main office at Riverton High School. The mailing address is 12476 S. Silverwolf Way, Riverton, UT 84065.

Volunteer!



Facebook.com/comcastutah

Please complete and return form on reverse side by March 29

MY FAVORITE YEAR

A MUSICAL COMEDY



PRESENTED BY RHS MUSIC, DANCE & THEATRE CLASS

MAY 2, 3 AND 5, 2014 ■ 7:00PM

RHS AUDITORIUM STAGE

STUDENTS \$6.00 ■ \$7.00 ADULTS

SEATING LIMITED TO 100 PEOPLE PER SHOW

Library/Media Center Highlight

March Madness took over the library! Although instead of basketball, our brackets were all about books. Students nominated their favorite book and then the books battled their way to the championship match-up: Harry Potter versus Percy Jackson. Come to the library to find out who won!



In April, we are celebrating **National Library Week**, April 13-April 19. There will be **prizes**, **games**, and **treats** in the library – so stop by and get involved.

May 8 is the last day you can check out books. Also, yearbooks will be held until you pay all your fines—including library ones. If you have a fine or an overdue book, take care of it now. In May, the lines will be very long. Beat the rush 😊