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# Alpine *Bookmark*



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## **April:**

Monday 1 - AEA Early Enrollment  
Monday 6 - Friday 10 - Spring Break  
Monday 13 - AEA Rep Meeting  
Thursday 16 - PRAXIS Training  
Wednesday 22 - Earth Day  
Monday 27 - AEA Board Meeting

## **May:**

Monday 4 - AEA Rep Meeting  
Friday 15 - AEA Retirement Dinner  
Saturday 16 - UEA House of Delegates  
Monday 18 - AEA Board Meeting  
Monday 25 - No School  
Friday 29 - Last Day of School

## **June:**

Monday 15 - UEA Summer  
Tuesday 16 - Leadership Academy



# Alpine Education Association Teacher of the Year Awarded

Camille Johnson chair of the Teacher of the Year Award presented Kindra Reid of Harvest Elementary with the Alpine Education Association Elementary Teacher of the Year award during the local Association Representative meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Kindra has a total of 10 years teaching experience. She is currently the Kids Cause Coordinator and First Responder for her school. She is also involved with Hope of America and a Sunshine Committee member. She graduated from Utah Valley State Collage in 2004 and received her reading endorsement from USU in 2006.

“I think that a classroom should be a place where children are learning through being taught, but also teaching each other. Children should be able to express their knowledge or experience with the subject. I think that students should not be afraid to be wrong, we are all wrong at times. It is ok to make mistakes, that is how we learn. I love teaching and I love my students!” – Kindra Reid



Camille Johnson, AEA Board Member Kindra Reid, Harvest Elementary

Abby Olsen, AEA Association Rep had the pleasure of awarding Wendy Frazier-Snyder of American Fork High School with the Alpine Education Association Secondary Teacher of the Year Award. Wendy has been teaching for 15 years and has had her current position for 13. She has attended BYU-Hawaii, U of U, SUU, USU and many others. In the community she is the Thanksgiving Meadows Community Garden Chair. She is also involved with the Road Home Homeless Shelter Clothing Drive and Kids on the Move. In her school she is involved with many different programs, one being the award winning AFHS News Magazine Forkaster Advisor ([www.forkaster.com](http://www.forkaster.com)).

“ Through the last 15 years, I’ve molded and shaped my teaching practice through one part hard-earned classroom experience; and one part research, collaboration, personal/professional learning. I believe that both teacher and student have equally active roles. I believe that my role is to model, coach, and facilitate. I’m a firm believer in student autonomy thus I believe that my student’s role is to listen; watch; and then - -DO. The pay-off is this learning design, used in business applications [I modeled it in part from an Adobe Youth Voices training by Adobe.], is that it is a little instruction; a little inquiry; and a lot of hands-on doing.” – Wendy Frazier-Snyder



Abby Olsen, AEA Rep Wendy Frazier-Snyder, AFHS

## AEA Elections

Alpine Education Association has held their yearly AEA Elections. This year the AEA Secondary Vice President position and Odd Region Board Member positions were up for Election. These positions are a voluntary two year term. We had great participation this year and look forward to working together throughout the next couple years, advocating for the teachers in our school district. Due to a couple other board members retiring and attaining a position on the UEA Board, we have additional new board members for regions 2 and 6. Please assist us in welcoming the following members to our board. We thank them for their service and participation for the 2015-2017 school years!

Derek Smith – Secondary Vice President

David Cichoski – Region 1

Kristie Hadfield – Region 2

Joan Jensen – Region 3

John Paynter – Region 5

John Truesdell – Region 6

Connie Ugaki – Region 7

Camille Johnson – Region 9

Lisa Clement – Region 11

Brandon Engles – UEA Board

We would also like to recognize and thank the following individuals for their many years of service on the AEA Board

Albert McFerson – Region 1

Brandon Engles – Region 2

Danny Miller – Region 5

Scott Strong – Region 6

Ed Sanderson – UEA Board

## AEA Retirement Dinner

It is the time of year that Alpine Education Association would like to thank all of the teachers and administrators that will be retiring this year. We hold a yearly retirement dinner for those individuals that are members of the Association and their guests. This year's retirement dinner proves to be just as special as years past. Honoring our superintendent along with 51 members.

We are forever grateful for the many years of service these individuals have given, shaping the future souls of this world.

Last year was the first time that we hosted this dinner at Westlake High School, it was a great success. We had over 130 in attendance, with 58 members retiring. The food was delicious and the entertainment was amazing. We are certain that this year will be just as remarkable, as we already have the entertainment and same catering service scheduled.



Last year we had the privilege of honoring our UniServ Director, Suzie Makin (pictured above) as she was there to celebrate her retirement as well.

## UEA House of Delegates

Each year, the UEA convenes a House of Delegates to conduct Association business. According to the UEA Constitution (Article IV) the "House of Delegates is the legislative body of the Utah Education Association and may determine the policies to be carried out by the Board of Directors." The UEA bylaws say the House of Delegates meets annually to "receive reports on the status of the Association, discuss and adopt the UEA Legislative Program and the UEA Budget, and adopt policies governing the Association." The House consists of the UEA Board of Directors and elected delegates representing each local association, each UniServ, UEA retired members and the UEA student program. Each attending delegate is entitled to one vote.

Alpine Education Association has a total of 39 votes and Alpine UniServ has an additional 2 votes. This year each spot has been filled with volunteer teachers, AEA Board Members and AEA Association Representatives from schools all throughout the Alpine district. This year the UEA House of Delegates will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Elk Ridge Middle School. These individuals have the opportunity to be involved with major decisions that affect us on state and local levels.

To find out how you can be involved with next years House of Delegates, email Teera Hencheid at [teera@alpineuniserv.org](mailto:teera@alpineuniserv.org).

## Syd Riggs Foundation

Nationally recognized performers with Utah Valley roots returned home this February to continue the legacy of a beloved teacher, mentor, and friend. Syd Riggs, an inspirational teacher at Orem High School and celebrated theatrical director throughout Utah, passed away unexpectedly in June of 2005. To honor her memory and continue her influence, former student Ben Tichy (OHS class of 2000) decided to establish a scholarship in her name, funded by proceeds from a concert put on by some of the many touched by Riggs and her work.

The Syd Riggs Foundation Concert, "Why We Tell The Story," has now had 7 years. Featured cast members include some of Utah's finest singers, actors, and dancers many of whom have found success on stage and screen and in the recording studio. Each year, the Syd Riggs Foundation invites performing arts students from Alpine School District high schools to join the professional cast on stage for a Broadway caliber show. Students from these schools are also treated to workshops taught by some of the cast and can apply for one of the several college scholarships awarded each year. Former scholarship recipients also perform in the concert, continuing the cycle of giving back and providing opportunities.

Orem High School has been a tremendous supporter of the Syd Riggs Foundation since its beginning and hosted "Why We Tell The Story" for the 7<sup>th</sup> year. The curtain went up on the Orem High School stage for the one night only event on Saturday, February 7 with two performances at 6 & 8:30 p.m. For more information on the Syd Riggs Foundation or to purchase tickets for next year, visit [WhyWeTellTheStory.com](http://WhyWeTellTheStory.com).

\*If you have any questions or would like more information on this story please contact Ben Tichy (Founder/Artistic Director) [ben@whywetellthestory.com](mailto:ben@whywetellthestory.com) or by phone at (801) 494-7031.



## Shout Out!

We would like to recognize and thank Michael Nagro at Timpanogos High School. Michael has been subbing as Association Representative for the last few months. During this time Michael has brought in FOUR (4) Early Enrolment Membership Forms from his school! He has also gone the extra mile being sure to attend Rep Meetings and contact the office to find out information concerning current items such as negotiations and legislation.

THANK YOU

