



2026 Winners of the USBE Sorenson Legacy Awards for Excellence in Arts Education

Elementary Dance Instruction:

Melissa Holm – Parley’s Park Elementary - Park City School District

Elementary Drama Instruction:

Jodi Howell – Foothills Elementary - Jordan School District

Elementary Music Instruction:

Janice Barlow – Lincoln Elementary - Cache County School District

Elementary Visual Arts Instruction:

Lisa Saunderson – Edith Bowen Laboratory School

Secondary Dance Instruction:

Jennie Grimes – Canyon View High - Iron School District

Secondary Music Instruction:

Michelle Kirby – Bonneville High - Weber School District

Secondary Theatre Instruction:

Elizabeth Ludwig – Lakeridge Junior High - Alpine School District

Secondary Visual Arts Instruction:

Cheri Pitcher – Mountain Ridge Junior High - Alpine School District

Elementary Arts Integration:

Myndee Moulton – Kaysville Elementary - Davis School District



Exemplary Arts Program:

Provo City School District Elementary Music Program

Exemplary Arts Education Administration - School:

Kenneth Limb – Newman Elementary – Salt Lake City School District

Exemplary Arts Education Administration – District:

Dr. Vallen Thomas – Alpine School District

Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education:

Senator Jerry W. Stevenson