Sorenson Legacy Awards

SORENSON LEGACY FOUNDATION

PAST WINNERS

2026

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

2025

Elementary Dance Instruction:

Courtni Giles - Washington County School District

Elementary Drama Instruction:

Lisa Noyes - Granite School District

Elementary Music Instruction:

Kayla Spurlock - Provo City School District

Elementary Visual Arts Instruction:

Rachel Henderson - Jordan School District

Secondary Music Instruction:

Joshua Miller - Granite School District

Secondary Visual Arts Instruction:

Marjory Anderson - Alpine School District

Elementary Arts Integration:

Laura Brockbank - Nebo School District

Exemplary Arts Education Administration:

Laura Reina - Edith Bowen Laboratory School

Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education:

Leslie Timmons - Professor Emeritus in the Caine College of the Arts at USU

2024

Elementary Arts Integration, for the Classroom Teacher

Rachel Leber - Provo School District

Elementary Arts Instruction, in Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, or Media Arts

Charlotte Hawkins, Visual Arts – Alpine School District

Sherise Longhurst, Music – Canyons School District

Secondary Arts Instruction, in Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, or Media Arts

Laurie Anderson, Visual Arts – Alpine School District

Glen Carpenter, Drama – Tooele School District

2023

Elementary Drama Instruction

Spencer Duncan - Jordan School District

Elementary Music Instruction

Megan Christensen - Provo City School District

Elementary Visual Arts Instruction

Megan Hallett - Salt Lake City School District

Elementary Arts Integration

Jennifer Cherry - Alpine School District

Exemplary Arts Education Administration

Delna Bliss - Millard School District

Exemplary Arts Program

DART (District Arts Representative Team) - Jordan School District

Secondary Dance Instruction

Ashley Talbot - Granite School District

Secondary Drama Instruction

Jason Langlois - Alpine School District

Secondary Music Instruction

Christine Wolf - Davis School District

Secondary Visual Arts Instruction

Aleia Nay - Piute School District

Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education

Randy Boothe

(no 2022 awards)

2021

Elementary Dance Instruction

Angela Tanner - Alpine School District

Elementary Drama Instruction

Lisa Kirkwood Bean - Nebo School District

Elementary Music Instruction

Marie Smith - Canyons School District

Chalynn Thomas - Uintah School District

Elementary Visual Art Instruction

Claudia G. Marsden - Nebo School District

Melinda Van De Graaff - Canyons School District

Elementary Arts Integration

Lori Nickerson - Jordan School District

Secondary Music Instruction – Junior High

Jill N. Smith - Alpine School District

Secondary Music Instruction – High School

Leah Tarrant - Granite School District

Secondary Visual Arts Instruction

Bart Francis - Alpine School District

Erinne Roundy - North Davis Preparatory Academy

Exemplary Arts Education Administration

Noemí Hernández-Balcázar - Granite School District

Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education

Mary Ann Lee - Tanner Dance

2020

Dance Instruction

Chara Huckins

Deborah Kesner-Steinberg

Theatre Instruction

Sarah Butterfield

Kara Poulsen

Elementary Arts Integration

Tina McCulloch

Music Instruction

Geoff Anderson

Todd Campbell

Brian Cox

Amy Hickenlooper

Joshua Roberts

Visual Arts Instruction

Marie Mattinson

Georgiana Simpson

Administration of Arts Education

Douglas Allen

Exemplary Arts Program

ArtsBridge Murals, Weber State University

Lifetime Achievement

Julie Christofferson

2019

Dance Instruction

Traci Raymond

Elementary Arts Integration

Jen Terry

Music Instruction

Deanna Lee

Steve Durtschi

Randall Beach

Visual Arts Instruction

Monique DeWitt

Joseph VanLeeuwen

Exemplary Arts Program

ARTcetera, Provo School District

Lifetime Achievement

Jean Tokuda Irwin

2018

Dance Instruction

Kaitlin Thompson

Adeena Lago

Theatre Instruction

Andra Thorne

Elementary Arts Integration

Lisa Garner

Music Instruction

Deborah Beninati

James Eric Perkins

Visual Art Instruction

Bruce Hucko

Craig Hansen

Administration of Arts Education

Sharee Jorgensen

Lifetime Achievement

Craig Jessop

2017

Dance Instruction

Holly Fowles

Theatre Instruction

Clin Eaton

Music Instruction

Audrey Hill

Austin Thorpe

Steven Hendricks

Visual Art Instruction

Elicia Gray

Anne Quigley

Jason Splain

Elementary Arts Integration

Kelleen Leslie

Exemplary Arts Program

Jonathan Hale

Lifetime Achievement

JoAnn Memmott

2016

Dance Instruction

Ashley Boyack

Bethany Hansen

Theatre Instruction

Melanie Kieffer

Phaidra Atkinson

Elementary Arts Integration

Jennifer Heldenbrand

Music Instruction

Julianna Gylseth

Chad King

Heath Wolf

Visual Arts Instruction

Rosemary Mitchell

Jordan Anjewierden

Michael Bingham

Exemplary Arts Program

Highland Park Elementary

Lifetime Achievement

John Miller

2015

Dance Instruction

Angela Challis

Natosha Washington

Theatre Instruction

Joshua Long

Elementary Arts Integration

Linda Rossiter

Music Instruction

Logan McKinney

Rachel Wheeler

Visual Arts Instruction

Kathleen Briley

Patricia Clay

Exemplary Arts Program

Cache County School District

Lifetime Achievement

Carrie Trenholm

2014

Dance Instruction

Rebecca Crowley

Tina Misaka

Theatre Instruction

Melanie Skankey

Mona Farnsworth

Elementary Arts Integration

Scott Flox

Music Instruction

Patricia Wade

Tana Esplin

Randal Clark

Visual Arts Instruction

Anna Davis

Brent Rhodes

Exemplary Arts Program

Early Light Academy

Lifetime Achievement

Rosanne Henderson

2013

Administration of Arts Education

Pam Robinson

Arts Volunteer

Michele Catten

Elementary Arts Integration

Cindy McCandless

Dance Instruction

Hilary Carrier

Jana Shumway

Music Instruction

Budge Porritt

Cathy Jolley

Don Harvie

Martha Avant

Paul Watson

Samuel Tsugawa

Theatre Instruction

Linda Gold

Visual Arts Instruction

Bruce Burningham

Christine Dye

James Rees

Molly Neves

Patrick Eddington

Exemplary Arts Program

Edgemont Elementary

Lifetime Achievement

Ferron Holt