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### **Sayre Posey of Salt Lake City School District Selected as Utah's Teacher of the Year**

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) is excited to announce that Sayre Posey, a U.S. History teacher from Northwest Middle School in Salt Lake City School District, was selected as the 2025 Utah Teacher of the Year. A committee consisting of representatives from USBE, parent and teacher advocacy organizations, and charter schools, selected Miss Posey for the honor from local teachers of the year in district and charter schools across the State of Utah.

Miss Posey attended the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and majored in history education. She taught ninth grade social studies in Baltimore City Public Schools before moving to Utah, where she taught the Youth in Care program at West Jordan High School before heading to Northwest Middle School. When Miss Posey is not in the classroom, she enjoys alpine climbing and canyoneering. She is also a classically trained violinist. Miss Posey was presented with a check for \$10,000 and will compete with her fellow state teachers of the year in a national competition. She will also participate in a number of state and national leadership opportunities.

The following Utah Teacher of the Year Finalists received \$2,000:

- Andru Jones, a special education teacher and football coach at Viewmont High School in Davis School District.
- Andrea Settle, an English teacher at Juab High School in the Juab School District.
- Shari Payne, a kindergarten teacher at Wasatch Elementary in the Provo City School District.

- Seyyed Sharifi, a post-high special education teacher at Hartvigsen School in the Granite School District.

The Utah Teacher of the Year and the finalists will also participate in a year-long cohort in correlation with the Utah Teacher Fellows.

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