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Murray Education Foundation Names Pinnacle Award Recipients

Pinnacle Awards recognize outstanding service in education

February 14, 2007, Murray, UT – The Murray Education Foundation (MEF) has announced the recipients of the **4th Annual Pinnacle Awards**, a recognition that honors outstanding efforts of “excellence in education” in the Murray City School District. In collaboration with leading Utah businesses and the Murray community, the program’s purpose is to recognize that educators, classified employees, and volunteers are important, and that outstanding achievement is truly recognized and appreciated.

This year’s Pinnacle Awards recipients are:

- **Cindy Durante** – 5th Grade Teacher, Longview Elementary (22 years teaching experience, 16 in Murray).
- **Alan Gatenby** – Autoshop/CTE, Murray High School (4 years teaching experience, all in Murray).
- **Pam Hansen** – 2nd Grade Teacher, Viewmont Elementary School (25 years teaching experience, 23 in Murray).
- **Shauna Maughan** – 1st/2nd Grade Gifted & Talented, McMillan Elementary School (17 years teaching experience, all in Murray).
- **Anne Renz** – 6th Grade Teacher, Horizon Elementary (19 years teaching experience, all in Murray).
- **Mike Mikesell** – Classified Winner, Parkside Elementary School custodian (since 1994 in Murray, retiring this year).
- **Corey Peterson** – Volunteer Winner, Grant Elementary School parent, school Community Council member, “Meet the Masters” art program coordinator/grant writer and classroom volunteer.

The five educators, classified employee and volunteer will each receive a cash award of \$500.00, a statuette and gift basket. They will all also be honored guests at the yearly Pinnacle Awards Dinner as community, business and education leaders gather to recognize the exemplary educational efforts of these recipients. KUTV Channel 2 News Anchor Michelle King will be the honored Master of Ceremony of the evening, March 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Murray High School Commons Area, 5440 S. State Street,

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The dinner will be served by students, with set-up by students, flower arrangements by students in the MHS Interior Design Class (under the direction of Flowerama) and live music provided by MHS vocal and instrumental groups. Chef Michael Nook of Nicholas & Company will again be giving culinary direction to the kitchen staff.

Members of this year's Pinnacle Committee are:

Teri Lennartson – Pinnacle Chair; 288-9720
Clare Lang – MEF Past-Chair; 263-2749; 870-8802 (cell)
Jeanne Habel – MEF Executive Director; 268-0076; 808-1301 (cell)
Dana Adams – Publicity; 268-4901; 599-2111 (cell)
Terri Dalley
John Riches
Kathy Searle
Lesa Wilkinson
Leslie Woodmansee
Richard Tranter – District/Superintendent
Jodi Vlam – District/Catering

The Murray Education Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It actively promotes and recognizes excellence in the Murray schools by encouraging contributions and building community partnerships to enhance education. The Foundation board is comprised of community leaders interested in improving our public schools.

Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society. Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of Murray School District; Mitzi Huff is president of the Murray City School Board.

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