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Murray Education Foundation to present
Annual Pinnacle Award Dinner
Evening event honors exemplary contributors to Murray schools

March 7, 2007, Murray, UT – The **Fourth Annual Pinnacle Award Dinner** is to be held Thursday night, March 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Murray High School Commons Area, 5440 S. State Street, Murray, UT. Sponsored by the Murray Education Foundation (MEF), this prestigious event honors outstanding efforts of “excellence in education” in the Murray City School District. The purpose of the recognition is to emphasize the importance of educators, classified employees and volunteers to the community, while also showing that outstanding achievement is valued and appreciated.

Five educators, one classified employee and one volunteer will be recognized in several ways during the evening program, which will be attended by community, business and education leaders and sponsors. Each honoree will receive a bronze statuette, a cash award of \$500.00, and basket containing many valuable gifts and gift certificates. A special video presentation that features all of the honorees will be shown, and of which they will also receive a copy courtesy of the producing company, *Feature Films for Families*.

This year’s honored 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.

KUTV Channel 2 News Anchor Michelle King will be the Master of Ceremony of the evening, with dinner under the direction of Chef Michael Nook of Nicholas & Company. Food will be served by Murray High School 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.

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
D. Wright – District/Community Relations

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 president of the Murray City School Board.

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