



## Murray City School District

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### **PRESS RELEASE** *For Immediate Release*

#### **Murray Education Foundation Names Pinnacle Award Recipients** *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinnacle Awards recognize outstanding service in education*

February 09, 2009, Murray, UT – Murray Education Foundation (MEF) has announced recipients of the **6<sup>th</sup> 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 appreciated and recognized.

#### **This year's Pinnacle Awards recipients are:**

- **Janet Anderson** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Gifted & Talented, Parkside Elementary (20 years teaching experience, all in Murray).
- **Rebecca Elder** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, McMillan Elementary (11 years teaching experience, all in Murray).
- **Carmen Fiori** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Grant Elementary (5 years teaching experience, all in Murray).
- **Carrie Hartman** – Science Teacher, Murray High (8 years teaching experience, all in Murray).
- **Kay Lee Schatten** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Longview Elementary (37 years teaching experience, 36 in Murray).
- **Margaret Lewis** – Classified Winner, Administrative Secretary to Murray High Principal, (20 years in Murray schools, current position since 2002.)
- **Coco James** – Volunteer Winner, Murray High PTA Co-President and many other volunteer activities

These 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 on March 5' 2009 as community, business and education leaders gather to recognize the exemplary educational efforts of these recipients. The dinner will be held in the Commons Area at Murray High School, 5440 S. State Street, Murray, UT. For more information:

Teri Lennartson – Pinnacle Chair, 288-9720

Jeanne Habel – MEF Executive Director, 808-1301 or 268-0076

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 the Murray City School District; Laura Baker is president of the Board of Education.*

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