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Murray Education Foundation Names Pinnacle Award Recipients *7th Annual Pinnacle Awards recognize outstanding service in education*

March 10, 2010, Murray, UT – Murray Education Foundation (MEF) proudly announces recipients of the **7th 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:

- Scott Bushnell – Murray High School Principal, Administrator (22 yrs., Murray schools)
- Linda Curtis – Horizon Elementary 1st grade teacher, dual immersion English side (20 yrs. Murray schools)
- Kristin Loulias – Viewmont Elementary 5th grade teacher (22 yrs. Murray schools)
- Krystin Elder – Hillcrest Junior High choral teacher (10 yrs Murray schools; 12 yrs. other schools)
- Cheryl Weiss – McMillan Elementary 6th grade teacher (16 yrs. Murray schools)
- Danielle Cowley – Parkside Elementary Classified employee, Special Ed Teaching Asst. (18 yrs. Murray schools)
- Dana Adams – MHS Volunteer (life-long Murray resident)

These four educators, one administrator, one classified employee and a volunteer will each receive a cash award of \$500, a statuette and a gift basket. They will all also be honored guests at the yearly Pinnacle Awards Dinner, Thursday, March 11, 2010 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. Kevin Eubanks, KSL Television meteorologist will be this year's emcee.

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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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