

# HOWLER

May 2011

## CORNER

PRINCIPAL'S



### Winding Down

Our 2010-2011 school year is quickly coming to a close. This has been a year full of amazing adjustments as we have made the transition from over 3000 students to less than 2000. I am pleased with how smooth things have gone.

I feel our students have done an outstanding job of being flexible and understanding as changes have been made this year. I could never fully express how fortunate I am to be principal of school with such high caliber students and supportive parents.

Thank you for the many ways you become involved and are supportive of your students and our school. It may sound corny, yet I honestly believe that it *does* take a village to raise our children. Your contributions of time, talents and caring have been seen, felt and noticed. Our school could not enjoy the success and recognition that it does without your contributions.

As we wrap up the year, I want to draw your attention to some important details that everyone will need to be aware of in the next few weeks.

### Year End Testing

During the coming weeks we will be administering the AP and CBT tests. We want our students to be well prepared and able to perform at their highest level. Please be sure your students are getting plenty of sleep and eating healthy meals as part of their preparation.

The AP tests will be taken on specific days outlined on the school calendar which can be found on our website. [www.rivertonhigh.com](http://www.rivertonhigh.com) CBT exams will be given during regular classes.

## SENIOR REMINDERS

We have dedicated an entire page of this newsletter to our graduating Seniors. Be sure to check this page (2) for important dates and information on end of the year activities.

### Seniors (continued)

- **Cap and Gowns** will be distributed to seniors on May 18th. Be aware that cap and gowns **will not** be issued to those who still have fines or attendance issues that need to be cleared up. Cap and gowns cannot be given out early for any reason.
- **Diploma's and Yearbooks** will not be given to those with fines and/or attendance issues.
- **Be on Track to Graduate** make it a point to clear up all NG's (no grades), tardies, and absences before the last week in May.
- **Graduation Venue** has been changed to UVU. Graduation will be at 3:00p.m. June 1st at the McKay Events Center

### Additional Reminders for All Students

The above information regarding fines and attendance issues applies to all students; not just seniors. This includes class fees, books, and parking tickets. You can check with the main office for a summary of your student's outstanding fines, or you can also find the information on "Skyward." Starting this year, you can also make payments on Skyward and save yourself a trip to the school.

Students who still have fines will not receive a yearbook or report card. Be sure to get attendance school scheduled as soon as possible to avoid last minute difficulties.

This has been a tremendous year. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you. We will miss our great senior class. We also look forward to continuing the great traditions that have been established here at Riverton High School. We are excited to work with those who will continue to attend Riverton and look forward to meeting future students as well.



# GRADUATION 2011

## Important Dates:

May 4th Tickets on sale for Senior Dinner Dance

May 18th Senior Assembly

May 21st Senior Dinner Dance

May 24th Panoramic Picture

May 26th Senior Awards/Enhanced Diploma Open House

May 26th Silverwolf Medallion Awards Dinner

June 1st Graduation Rehearsal 7:30 am

June 1st Graduation 3:00 pm

**Senior Dinner Dance** will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 6:00 pm at the Little America Hotel. This is a non-date dance. Tickets are **\$45.00**, and may be purchased in the main office beginning **May 4**. **The last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, May 18**. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 pm, attire is best-dress. Seniors should plan to be on time.

**Caps and Gowns** will be distributed on Wednesday, May 18 during lunches. Seniors must be passing all classes and have paid all fines in order to receive their caps and gowns.



**Senior Panoramic Picture** will be taken on Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 am at the school. School dress code applies.



**Senior Assembly** will be on Wednesday, May 18, at 12:15 pm in the auditorium. This will be a tribute assembly to the RHS class of 2011 consisting of student performances and a video of the past year's events. **The Senior BBQ** will be held immediately after at 1:00 pm



**Senior Award/Enhanced Diploma Open House** will be held at the high school media center on Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 pm.

**Silverwolf Medallion Awards Dinner** will be held in the tech atrium on Thursday May 26, at 4:00 pm.

## Graduation Tickets

**Due to the increased seating capacity of the McKay Events Center at UVU, we will NOT be issuing tickets this year.**



**Graduation Rehearsal** will be held at 7:30 am on **Wednesday, June 1** in the main gym. All graduating seniors who intend to participate in the graduation ceremony must attend graduation rehearsal.

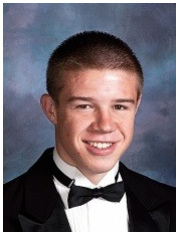
**Graduation Ceremony** on Wednesday, June 1 at 3:00 pm. The event will be held at the McKay Events Center at Utah Valley University in Provo. In order to facilitate preparations for the ceremony, graduates are asked to **arrive at 2:00 pm**.

**Senior Graduation Party** sponsored by the PTSA will be held on June 1. It will start at 11:00 pm – 3 am at the Boondocks Fun Center. Tickets will be \$20.00 presold at school or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets will be pre-sold during lunches May 23-27 and at graduation practice June 1 at 7:30 am. Come celebrate with your senior class. The release form is included and must be signed in order to purchase a ticket. Return form to PTSA when ticket is purchased.

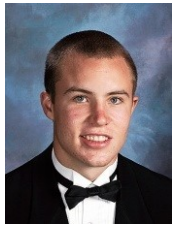


## Congratulations Class of 2011

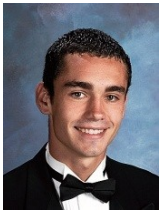
## Congrats to these Award Winning Silverwolf "Hoopers!"



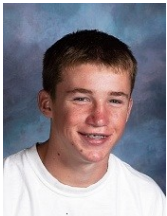
**Alex Neilson**--5A Academic All-State, State All-Star team, 1st Team All Region III, 2nd Team All-State/SL Tribune, 3rd Team All-State/Deseret News



**Garrett Burt**, Academic All Region III



**Breiden Gamble**, Academic All- Region III



**D McCleary**--1st Team All Region III



## RHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Spring/Summer Camp Info including the popular Back-court Basketball School along with Fall 7th/8th grade team tryout information may be accessed at our team website: [www.rivertonbasketball.com](http://www.rivertonbasketball.com)

## SUMMER DRIVERS EDUCATION INFORMATION



Our July summer session is filling up fast! You may access the registration information on the RHS homepage at [www.rivertonhigh.com](http://www.rivertonhigh.com) or may visit the RHS

Main Office to pick up a registration packet and a Utah Driver Handbook. We take a maximum number of 60 students and are currently (as of 4/4/11) two-thirds full. If you need to retake Dr. Ed. or want to make room in your 2011-12 schedule for another class, Summer Dr. Ed. is a great option for you! Note: You must turn 16 on or before October 15th, 2011 in order to be eligible-no exceptions.

## Riverton students win state auto skills contest

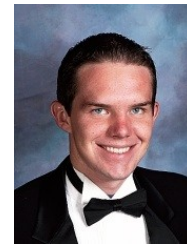
Two Riverton High School students won the state Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills competition on Thursday — and a trip to Ford headquarters in Michigan to compete against other state winners in June.

The team of **Aaron Kunz and Jerren Staker** had both the highest score on a written test and a perfect score in the hands-on portion of the competition, in which they raced to find and fix intentional "bugs" on identical vehicles.

Ten teams of students — who qualified through an online exam earlier this year — competed Thursday at Sandy's Larry Miller campus of Salt Lake Community College. Each of the contestants received a scholarship. experience, scholarships for higher education and job shadow opportunities. "We hope to energize young people about the amazing futures that are possible for automotive professionals," said Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah spokeswoman. "We need bright young minds to enter this field to keep drivers safe and vehicles running efficiently."



**Jerren Staker**



**Aaron Kunz**



Level 1 Expressive Category  
2nd place: **Kayla Craig**

### Level 1 Culture and History 1st place:



**Morgan Broussard**



**Solana Clark**



**Erin Hemmelgarn**



Level 3 Deaf Art  
2nd Place **Jackilyn Baldwin**

Congratulations to all who participated!

## FBLA Dominates State Competition



Members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently participated in the State Leadership Conference held on March 31 and April 1 in which they competed in business and career related events. Fourteen members attended; **Brandon Beals, Amber Farrow, Jordan Hendricks, Christian Kunz, David McDougal, Amanda Miller, Chris Neu, Marshall Palmer, Hanna Pruetz, Bronson Severson, Haley Thompson, Janessa Wendel, and Emma Wright.**

When asked about the State Competition, President Haley Thompson said with a smile, "I was really impressed with how well all of our competitors performed both in and out of competitions. I love how the whole group really bonded and did everything together."

Ms. Graham expresses her thanks to all parents and guardians of FBLA competitors for the opportunity of chaperoning some of the finest future business leaders she has ever worked with.



## Science Fair Winners



The BYU Regional Science Fair took place on March 24. **Kacen Moody** won the Yale Science and Engineering Association Award and 1st place in the Physics and Astronomy Category. **Megan Lalliss** won the 2nd place in the Energy and Transportation Category and was invited to the Westminster College "Roots and Shoots" Science Fair.

**A'Cappella, Madrigals, and Cadence** choirs recently returned from their spring tour to Anaheim, CA. Each performing ensemble performed beautifully, earning the following awards and recognitions:



- A'Cappella: GOLD 2nd
- Madrigals: GOLD 1st
- Cadence: GOLD 2nd
- Cantabile (Madrigal Women): GOLD 1st
- Et Cetera (Madrigal Men): GOLD



The RHS Choirs also earned the **Choral Sweepstakes Award and the Adjudicator's Award.** Because of their GOLD (Superior) ratings, all five performing ensembles are invited to participate in a "Festival of Gold" next year. Overall, the tour was a great success and we are proud of the students for their hard work and dedication.

## Drama Department News

The RHS Drama Department is proud of all of the students that went to State Drama Competition at Taylorsville High School on April 16th. The following students earned Straight Superior Scores:

**Elizabeth Freeman & Ashlee Jones-** Contemporary Scenes  
**Mariah Emal & Lexi Olsen-** Contemporary Scenes  
**Stephanie Ellis & Carlee Grow-** Contemporary Scenes  
**Bryce Prestwich & Blake Emal-** Contemporary Scenes  
**Ann Lopez & Julie Platt-** Classical Scenes  
**Tyler Erhard-** Humorous Monologue  
**Garrett Abel-** Humorous Monologue  
**Cabrielle Andersen-** Dramatic Monologue  
**Ryan Hopkins-** Dramatic Monologue

Also, selected to perform their pieces by the judges for a special showcase were **Bryce Prestwich & Blake Emal** for **The Odd Couple** and **Cabrielle Andersen** for **Rabbit Hole.**

Cabrielle Andersen also was awarded a special judges award for Outstanding Comedic Actress for the play **The Actor's Nightmare.** Riverton High School qualified more students for State Drama than any other 5A school in the State! Great job!

The RHS Theatre Department is pleased to present the annual **Center Stage Showcase** on Friday, May 13th and Monday, May 16th in the RHS Tech Atrium at 7:00pm. Come see 4 different plays each night, directed by our outstanding Theatre 4 students. Admission is only \$3.00. Come support these amazing students performing *in the round.*

**Reminder: Theatre and Stage Crew Lettering Applications** are due Friday, **May 6th** and that applications to be a Thespian Officer for the 2011-2012 school year are due by Friday, May 13th. Also, if you are qualified to join the International Thespian Society, you must PAY your \$25 by Friday, May 6th so that you can be inducted at the banquet.

The Final Drama Club Banquet will be **Tuesday, May 24th** at 6:00pm in the RHS Tech Atrium. We will have a catered dinner and awards ceremony (we will also announce our shows for the 2011-2012 school year). We will also have information on next year's Shakespeare Trip, UTA Trip and New York City Trip. All theatre students are invited (with their parents) to attend. The banquet is \$14 and needs to be paid for by **Friday, May 20th at 3:00pm.** Come celebrate the school year with us!



# Congratulations to the following FCCLA members who competed at State Competitions March 23-24, 2011 in Layton, Utah.

*Brad Brinkman	Fashion Design	Bronze
Sierra Butterfield	Entrepreneurship	Silver
Shylee Norton	Entrepreneurship	Silver
Michaela Chase	Nutrition & Wellness	Bronze
Stephanie Martella	Nutrition & Wellness	Bronze
Mandy Chidester	Fashion Construction	Bronze
Brianna Newbold	Recycle and Redesign	Silver
Brittany Petersen	Life Event Planning	Silver
Lindsie Petersen	Life Event Planning	Silver
Stephanie Petersen	Focus on Children	Silver
Tara Christensen	Focus on Children	Silver
Makayla Stratford	Focus on Children	Silver
Haley Scholes	Early Childhood	Gold
*Jen Wilkinson	Interior Design	Gold

\*Indicates those who placed third place in the state!



Back Row: Mandy Chidester, Brittany Petersen, Stephanie Martella, Haley Scholes, Brianna Newbold, Brad Brinkman. Middle Row: Stephanie Petersen, Lindsie Petersen, Michaela Chase, Jen Wilkinson, Makayla Stratford, Tara Christensen. Front Row: Sierra Butterfield, Shylee Norton

## Attention RHS Parents and Students:

Barnes and Noble will be having a Summer Reading book sale event on Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> during both lunches at Riverton High in the commons area.

Students can bring checks, made payable to Barnes and Noble, to purchase their summer reading books at the following prices, tax included.

Swallowing Stones (ALL RHS STUDENTS) \$ 7.47

Night (10 Honors) \$10.63

Of Mice and Men (11 Honors) \$ 9.62

Warriors Don't Cry (AP Language) \$16.03

How to Read Literature Like a Professor (AP Literature) \$16.02

All students need to read **Swallowing Stones** for this fall; and Honors and AP Language Arts classes have additional books that are also on sale.

Remind your students to bring their money and purchase books on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for summer reading!

## MATH CLUB



Members of the Math Club participated in the State Math contest on March 16 at Utah Valley University. The sophomore team finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 58 schools. The junior team finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 57 schools, and the senior team finished 12<sup>th</sup> out of 57 schools.

**Sophomore Team:** Megan Lalliss, Isaac Robertson, Ali Spencer, Peyton Wilkerson

**Junior Team:** Rich Barney, Tyler Dailey, Jed Hansen, AJ Johnson, Kaden Larson, Kacen Moody, Bret Smith, Silvia Smith

**Senior Team:** Brittney Charlesworth, Roberto Miranda, Kylee Peterson, Megan Peterson, Bryce Prestwich, Cody Rindlisbacher, Jake Sung

## FFA Students going to Nationals!



Natalie McClellan



Alicia French

Natalie McClellan and Alicia French will be competing in the National Science Fair competition in Indianapolis in October. The student's science fair project is entitled "Water Woes." The students analyzed water from different cities to observe the contamination levels present.

## Business Students going to Nationals

DECA 

**Sterling Andrews** – Professional Selling

**Kylee Peterson** – Food Marketing

**Emma Davenport & Dakota Bartsch** – Business Operations Research Event, Buying and Merchandising

SKILLS USA

**Aaron Kunz** – Automotive Services

**Christopher Fullmer** – Power Equipment Technology

**Jordan Haley** – Preschool Teaching Assistant

**Jeron Staker** – Motorcycle Service Technician





# FFA NEWS!

The Riverton FFA Chapter attended their State Competitions at the end of April. There were many exciting results all the hard work and practice paid off. We have been practicing since November and are excited to share all the results!! The following teams received **Gold Rankings: Agricultural Issues, Horse Judging, Agricultural Mechanics, Livestock Judging, Forestry and Poultry Judging.** Silver Rankings were awarded to Dairy Cattle Judging and Nursery and Landscaping. Dairy Foods and Floriculture received Bronze Rankings. The Agricultural Issues team placed first in the contest. They researched the America's Red Rock Wilderness Act and the Wilderness Debate here in Utah. They will represent Utah at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. Team members include: **Trisha Wartman, Hannah Endemano, Becca Little, Daniela Pernia, Rylee Doucette, and Alicia French.** Congratulations!!



The Ag Issues team right after the big win!!



Becca Little, Riley Doucette, Alicia French, Trisha Wartman, Daniela Pernia, Hanna Endomano



Natalie McClellan placed third in Livestock



Jordan Kearns, Chandler Adkins Ag Mechanics and forestry



Ashlynn Whiting and Cheyenne Rager observing trees for Forestry.

**ATTENTION ALL**  
**RIVERTON STUDENTS:**



**The 2011 Riverton High Summer Reading book is:**

**Swallowing Stones by Joyce McDonald.**

ALL Riverton High Students need to read this book over the summer and be prepared to discuss it, and also respond to a written assessment on this book in September 2011.

In addition, students enrolled in the following courses ALSO need to read a second book:

10 Honors English

Night by Elie Wiesel

11 Honors English

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

AP Language

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Patillo Beals

AP Literature

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas E. Foster



# Seniors, Get Ready to PARTY! BOONDOCKS FUN CENTER IN DRAPER

June 1, 2011 11:00pm – 3:00 am



## Congratulations "Student of the Month" Award Winners!

The "Student of the Month" Breakfast was held to honor those students nominated by their teachers. Faculty and Administration are allowed to nominate one student per year to receive this award. Nominees and their parents are invited to a recognition breakfast where they receive a backpack with rewards from local businesses and a Ken Garff Key card. Receiving this award is worth points toward the Silverwolf Medallion Award. Congratulations to those recognized and thanks to the teachers who nominated them!

### TEACHER

Gordon Hinkley  
Natalie Rudel  
Kathleen Turner  
Curtis Wilson  
Peggy Caughey  
Michael Christensen  
Alli Copier  
Emily Corfield  
Amy Cowin  
Alisa Craig  
Russ Crump  
Colleen Curran

### STUDENT

Seth Collins  
Heather Howell  
Jacob Murtha  
Kori Astle  
Kelsie Broadhead  
Sierra Kartchner  
Whitney Wade  
Jennifer Buchanan  
James Gibson  
Braydon Mason  
Tanner Draper  
Mitchell Hill

### Office Max Gift Cards

The February winner of the \$20 gift card to Office Max (provided by the PTA) was Jay Hales. Congratulations!



\*Bumper Boats \*Mini Golf \*Go Karts \*Slick Track \*XD Theater \*Laser Tag \*Door Prizes \*and more!!

**\*All you can eat pizza, salad, and soda from 11:45 – 1:15**



Tickets can be purchased in advance for **\$20 May 23 thru May 27** during all lunches and after the graduation practice on June 1.

Tickets are **\$25 at the door** the night of the party.

**Student ID card and signed release form are required in order to purchase a ticket.**

Enjoy a fresh roll and honey butter courtesy of Texas Roadhouse when you purchase your ticket during the week of May 23 thru May 27.



Parents, we are still in need of chaperones for the party. Contact Raelynn at [mrmijimm@comcast.net](mailto:mrmijimm@comcast.net) or 801-446-8365 if you are able to help out.





SALT LAKE COUNTY RECREATION  
JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Girls Summer Volleyball Camp @ Riverton High 2011



**DATES:** Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 pm

**GRADES:** Next years' 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

**COST:** \$35.00 Includes a T-Shirt

**LOCATION:** Riverton High School Main Gym

**STAFF:** RHS Girl's Volleyball Coaching Staff



**\*REGISTRATION BY MAIL OR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY\***

*Or register Online at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com) Click on Utah, Click on County Sports Office, Then Register for Activities*

Make checks payable to: **Salt Lake County Recreation**

Send registration form and fee to:  
**Salt Lake County Recreation**  
5201 South Murray Park Lane  
Murray, Utah 84107

For more information call:  
**Trudy Pecorelli 801-256-5852 [trudy.pecorelli@jordan.k12.ut.us](mailto:trudy.pecorelli@jordan.k12.ut.us)**  
**Recreation Office 801-270-7260**

Girls Volleyball Camp @ Riverton High 2011

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ EMail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_ (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT)

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency, please notify (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

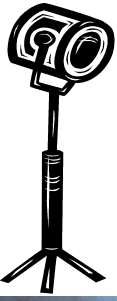
**ASSUMPTION OF RISK, LIABILITY RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND REFUND POLICY**

- Release and Indemnification:** I hereby recognize and acknowledge that my child's participation in recreational activities may involve bodily and/or emotional injury to myself and/or my child. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in such events, I, for myself, my child, my heirs, my executors and administrators, hereby voluntarily and knowingly indemnify and hold harmless, defend, release, waive and discharge Salt Lake County, and its officers and employees and volunteers from any and all suits, claims or liability, including negligence, based on any injury except that caused solely by the willful misconduct of Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation activities. In addition, I agree that I or my insurance company will pay for medical, hospitalization or any other expenses resulting from my child's participation.
- Refund Policy:** As per Salt Lake County policy and procedures, the Parks & Recreation Division may withhold 25% of the refund (program registration fee) for administrative costs. All refunds must be requested in person, accompanied with a written refund request. No refunds shall be given after the first day of the program.
- Collections:** I agree to pay Salt Lake County all costs incurred, together with reasonable attorney's fees in the events that my account is referred to the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office for collection. I understand that any account delinquent 30 days or more will be turned over to the Salt Lake County Attorney for collection.
- Emergency Treatment:** I hereby authorize Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation program staff to act on my behalf in accordance with their best judgement in case of an emergency involving my child, and agree to assume full responsibility for all expenses, medical or otherwise, that may arise therefrom. I understand that I or my insurance company will be billed for such emergency treatment.
- Equal Opportunity:** Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation provides equal opportunity to participate regardless of race, creed, gender, or ability to pay, and will, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities.
- By signing this assumption of risk, liability release, indemnification and refund policy statement, I acknowledge that I have read its contents and disclosure, that I understand its contents and disclosure, and that I agree to its terms.

Signature (Parent or Legal Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size (Circle One) Yth Small Yth Med. Yth Large Adult Small Adult Med. Adult Large Adult X-Large

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# Teacher Spotlight



## Mark Halliday, Vice Principal

Mark Graduated from the University of Utah in 1994. He did his student teaching at Highland High School, and then went to South Summit High School in Kamas, Utah, for his first teaching job. South Summit had a student population of around 400 students, and 20 faculty members.

He spent 11 years teaching Physics at West Jordan High School, and furthered his education by receiving his Master's Degree in School Administration from the University of Utah. Mark was placed at Riverton High School in 2006 as an assistant principal.

Mark has been an asset to Riverton with his understanding nature, quick smile and attitude of fairness for all he works with. He is a tremendous support to faculty and staff with their computer woes.

Mark, has two boys, 15 and 12, and married 18 years to understanding wife. He loves working at Riverton High School and is known for the love he has for his Harley that he tries to ride to school as often as possible.



## Rhonda Spivey

Rhonda is a phenomenal teacher at Riverton High! She currently teaches AP European history, world history, and world religion courses. Her innovative lesson plans allow students to experience historical events with hands-on activities and discussions engaging them in learning. From henna tattoos to 'treasure hunts' to 'tile art,' her range of student activities is extensive and allows students

to explore cultures and civilizations in a way that brings them to life. Through Mrs. Spivey's planning and experiences students receive an educational experience that will influential their lives for years to come.

She has taught for 26 years; the last 9 years at Riverton High. She is known for being a teacher leader. She originated and taught the Sophomore Academy program at Riverton. She also helped develop the advisory program, works on the district High School Progress Team.

Rhonda recently completed her Masters Degree in Secondary Education/Administration Certification through Utah State University. She spent time as an intern assistant principal at RHS and did a summer administrative internship at Copper Canyon Elementary.

## Orchestra: Looking Back and Looking Forward....

Orchestra just got back from our Seattle, Washington Tour. We explored the retail wonders of Pikes Market, started a rock band at the Experience Music Project, and listened to the enchanting music of the Seattle Symphony. After all that fun, we are proud to say we did AWESOME at our festival performance. Both String Orchestra and Symphonic Orchestra received a Silver Plaque – the best that both groups have done. Additionally, Delaney Smith was one of six musicians to receive a Maestro Award for her solo performance in Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol*.

We would like to thank Rusty McKinney, orchestra director at Westminster College, for conducting a clinic with each ensemble before we departed for Seattle. His comments and encouragement were invaluable and helped us to perform our very best.

Prof. McKinney is the third college professor the orchestras have had to work with this year. We have also had Dr. Donna Fairbanks of Utah Valley University. No one can forget the fabulous clinic with Prof. Kory Katseanes and the Brigham Young University Chamber Orchestra, followed by a joint concert. Later this month the Symphonic orchestra will be under the baton of Dr. Mike Palumbo of Weber University. He will provide some final polishing before we perform at the Region III Orchestra Festival at Taylorsville High School on April 28.

Also happening this month is the State Solo & Ensemble Festival at Northridge High School on April 30. We have four soloists that will be performing at the event. **Delaney Smith, Megan Brower, Kelsi Wilson, Katelyn Pitchford**

We have had the good fortune to perform concerts with extraordinary talent (Aaron Ashton Band and BYU Chamber Orchestra); our final concert will be no different. On May 19 the RHS orchestras will be performing with the Oquirrh Mountain Symphony, featuring Kaden Larsen playing the piano solo *Totentanz* by Franz Liszt. The concert will start at 7:00 pm, no tickets are required, suggested donation of \$4/person or \$10/family.

This has been a wonderful year. Thank you for all of your support. Next year will be sure to have more exciting concerts, college clinics, and of course TOUR!

-Annie Nielson

