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Ogden, Washington, Cache District Educators Named Utah Principals of the Year

SALT LAKE CITY – The principals of Ogden High School, Washington School District’s Lava Ridge Intermediate School and the assistant principal of Cache School District’s Green Canyon High School, were named 2019 Utah Secondary Principals of the Year by the [Utah Association of Secondary School Principals](#) (UASSP) in a ceremony today in St. George.

UASSP’s Executive Board will interview Ogden Principal Luke Rasmussen and Lava Ridge Principal Kaylyn Gubler to determine who will represent Utah in the National Principal of the Year competition. Green Canyon Assistant Principal Shane Jones represent Utah in the Assistant Principal of the Year competition.

Rasmussen began his education career as a Youth in Care instructor in the Davis School District. He worked as both a physical education teacher and an administrator at Northridge High School in Layton before being named principal at Ogden High in 2016.

““Mr. Rasmussen is an exemplary leader who has transformed the operations, expectations, and culture of Ogden High School,” said Ogden Superintendent Rich Nye. “The outcomes under his leadership have resulted in nearly double digit increases in graduation rates, more students across all

demographics participating and succeeding in advanced course work and decreases of overall behavior incidents.”

Gubler began her career a second grade teacher at St. George’s East Elementary. She has also taught at Dixie State College. She was named Lava Ridge principal in 2008.

“Kalyn is energetic and innovative in her approach to student learning,” said Robert Sonju, executive director of learning at Washington School District. “She has established a tradition of high expectations and outstanding achievement at Lava Ridge Intermediate School. Under her leadership the School is consistently recognized as one of our district and the state’s high achieving schools.”

Jones began his education career as a counselor at Kimberly High School in Idaho. He has also worked as a teacher, coach, athletic director and assistant principal at Skyview High School before becoming assistant principal at Green Canyon.

““It is hard for a student to fall through the cracks at Green Canyon High School, in part to the personal attention of Mr. Jones and other school administrators,” said Cache School Board Member Teri Rhodes. “As a school board member who believes that all children can learn and be successful at school, if given the chance, the right tools and time. I appreciate Mr. Jones’s abilities and his positive cheerful demeanor.”

All three will be honored at an event January 28 at 4 p.m. at the Dixie Convention Center, [1835 Convention Center Drive](#), St. George.

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