

# UTAH PTA CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter Connecting & Empowering  
Parents and PTA Leaders



## February 17, 2023

### Utah PTA Nominees for 2023-2025

The Utah PTA Nominating Committee announces the slate of nominees for 2023-2025.

- President-Elect: Julie Cluff
- Advocacy Vice-President: Kristina Pexton
- Secretary: Carol Rednour
- Director of Leadership: Heidi Grimshaw
- Director of Membership: Alexis Beazer
- Education Commissioner: Amber Bonner
- Individual Development Commissioner: Joann Brown
- Student Leadership Commissioner: Kelly Adams
- Administrative Representative: Anthony Godfrey



Notice of Intent to run from the floor:

Article X, Section 7, j.:

Nominees for office or positions of Director, Commissioner, or Representative, other than those nominated by the Committee on Nominations, must file with the Secretary of the Utah PTA ([juliec@utahpta.org](mailto:juliec@utahpta.org)) at least 15 days prior to the annual convention. (April 25, 2023)

ALSO.... The position of Health Commissioner is now open for a 1 year term. Applications will be accepted until March 17, 2023. Application and information can be found at: <https://www.utahpta.org/nomination-open-nominations>

## Utah PTA Leadership Convention Registration NOW open!!



[Registration](#) is now open for Utah PTA's Leadership Convention coming up on May 10-11th at the Davis Conference Center. Utah PTA is excited to offer great trainings, classes and keynote speakers. We look forward to having you join us!

## Apply TODAY for LEAP and Gold Star Awards

The deadline for applying for the [LEAP](#) and [Gold Star](#) award is coming up. We want you to be recognized for the terrific things you are doing both individually and in your schools. Make sure to apply before the deadline passes.



## Membership Award Applications Due March 1st



We want to recognize all your membership efforts and successes! Visit our [website](#) for available awards and to apply. Applications are due March 1st.

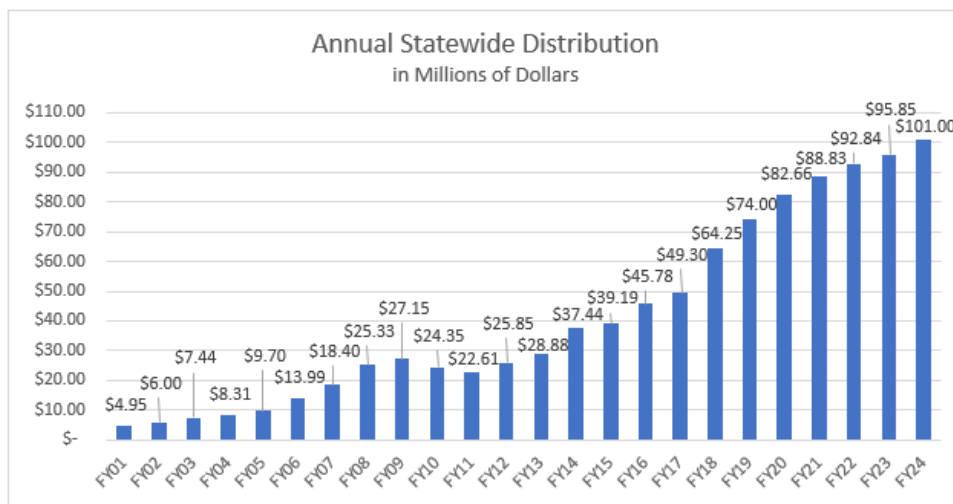
## \$1000 Utah PTA Student Scholarships Available

In helping every child achieve their goal for higher education, it is the pleasure of Utah PTA to be able to offer four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the 2023 class.

Utah PTA offers these scholarships to support students focused on a career goal. Utah PTA supports education and believes strongly in post-secondary education. All eligible students are encouraged to click [here](#) to learn more about this scholarship opportunity.



## Utah Public Schools to receive record \$101 million distribution from Trust Lands



2022-23 Distribution \$95.85 million  
Planned 2023-24 Distribution \$101 million

As a direct result of the strong performance of the School and Institutional Trust Lands System, public schools will receive a historic \$101 million distribution. Under the School LAND Trust Program, investment earnings from the Permanent State School Funds are distributed to every school in the state based on a per-pupil formula. School Community Councils (SCC) comprised of parents and educators at each school determine how the funds can be best used to meet the specific academic needs in their respective schools. PTA has a long history with the School Trust Lands and encourages all of it's members to get involved with their school's SCC. To learn more, visit [UtahPTA.org/trust-lands](https://UtahPTA.org/trust-lands)

## Utah PTA Community Partner Announcements

### New Resource: Hacking Emotional Health

Help bring mental health resources to your school with the [Primary Children's Talk to Tweens program](#)! The new resources are specifically designed for schools – teachers and counselors to talk with middle school students about emotional wellbeing. There are 4 short videos covering Trauma, Stress & Anxiety, Emotional Health and Social Health. A workbook called Hacking Emotional Health can be used in conjunction with the videos or on its own. It includes activities for the students to be done in class or at home. We also have the Feelings Wheel as magnets and posters. All of the resources are available on the Talk to Tweens website at the bottom under the Teacher Resources tab. If you are interested in hard copies of the workbook, Feelings Wheel magnets or posters, please email Mikayla Means at [mikayla.means@imail.org](mailto:mikayla.means@imail.org). The Feelings Wheel is available in English and Spanish.



## Sponsored Articles

### Ken Garff Esports Spring Celebration

Join thousands of middle and high school students from around the state for the 2023 Ken Garff Esports' Spring Celebration! This FREE event is open to the public and you can hear from our special guests: Doug Bowser, President, Nintendo of America, and Diedre Henderson, Lieutenant Governor of Utah. Cheer on the finalists as they compete to be crowned champions in: Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, and Rocket League! Compete with other students in technical competitions including coding, cybersecurity, photography, engineering and more! Learn from Silicon Slopes companies and Utah higher ed institutions throughout the day through STEAM workshops and activities. Check out an exclusive screening of Q/A of Artificial Gamer, a documentary that explores how an AI was developed to take on the DOTA 2 World Championship team. Concessions will be available throughout the day. [RSVP and learn more.](#)



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