



ACCOLADES

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Trailside Elementary Highlight



A warm welcome to new Trailside Elementary School's new Principal, Dr. James (Jim) Martin! While he only started at TSES the fall of 2021, he is no stranger to the education field. Dr. Martin has been in education for 25 years, having been a principal for 10 of those years. He has also worked at the district office level as a supervisor of principals.

In his free time, Dr. Martin enjoys being involved in theatre as both a participant and an audience member. He even serves on the Board of a theatre company in Salt Lake. He loves to read and spend time with his family: his dad, his 18-year-old son, his two dogs and his cat Rosie.

So far he has enjoyed his new role saying, "The families and children have been so welcoming!" Additionally, he commented on a few things he was proud of at TSES: "I am proud of how hard everyone works and the fact that we have been able to look at data and make needed improvements. I am also proud of the work we have done in creating a schoolwide mission statement and core values."

Dr. Martin loves what he does and already knows about 80% of the students' names at TSES. He says, "My goal is to make a positive difference every day."

Debate Team

This weekend the team competed at the ASU tournament. ASU is the largest and most competitive tournament we have competed in this year. It brings the best of private and public schools across the nation to one campus (this time virtual) to compete. PCHS demonstrated that we belong in this "top gun" of speech and debate. We received the following placements:

Lincoln Douglas Debate:

Noam Levinsky- Semi Finals and 1st place speaker

JV Policy Debate:

Noah Canada and Hale Nickell- 1st place

PF Debate:

Jack Goodman- 29th speaker

This was a large and elite field of competitors finishing in the top 30 individual speakers is an accomplishment!

Congress:

Grant Murray- Semi Finals

JT O'Rielly- Semi Finals

Debate Teams Wins Triple Crown

First place in Varsity Policy:
Noam Levinsky and Noah Canada

First place in Varsity Lincoln Douglas:
Carly McAleer

First place in Varsity Public Forum:
Jack Goodman and Zach Watkins

David Geroger took first place in novice
policy speaker points

Savannah Tary made it to finals in Varsity
Oratory.



Student Recognition

Two recent PCHS grads will compete in the 2022 Winter Olympics — Ashley Farquharson and Casey Dawson.

Casey set a new world record in team pursuit with two of his teammates a few weeks ago, and that team is a favorite to bring home a medal.

Ashley qualified for the Olympic Team on one criterium, but can be trumped by another criterium. She is comfortably in the top three US athletes and should qualify regardless.



Employee Recognition



Ashley Mott has earned her National Board Certification.

This is a huge accomplishment that took many months and many hours of hard work and commitment.

Becoming a Nationally Certified teacher is no small feat and only 3% of the educators in the US have earned this honor.

The January Newsletter has been distributed to staff and parents and the link has been posted on the district [website](#).

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