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Wyoming's Secondary Principal of the Year Announced

January 8, 2026: The Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals has recognized an exceptional school leader, naming Principal Dr. Karen Delbridge of Cheyenne Central High School as the Wyoming Secondary Principal of the Year. Principal Delbridge will now represent Wyoming at the national level, competing for the prestigious [NASSP National Principal of the Year](#) title.

"Karen Delbridge has been recognized as Wyoming's Secondary Principal of the Year for her outstanding leadership and commitment to fostering a positive and unified school culture. Under her guidance, Central High School's "One Tribe" initiative has strengthened connections among students and staff, creating a supportive environment where students and staff feel valued. Principal Delbridge has also led significant efforts to elevate academic achievement, reflected in Central High School's continued growth on the Wyoming Department of Education's School Performance Report." - Jeff Makelky WASSP Executive Director

"Our work as principals is to add value and a sense of belonging to our schools and communities each day. This is such an honor to be recognized for this, especially when I am in such esteemed company in the great state of Wyoming. - Karen Delbridge, Ph.D.

“With creativity and heart, these school leaders are building welcoming environments where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed,” said NASSP CEO Ronn Nozoe. “They remind us what is possible when principals champion academic excellence, innovation and care.”

Principal Delbridge will join her fellow state nominees in Washington, D.C. in April, where NASSP will announce the NASSP High School National Principal of the Year during its National Education Leadership Awards.

The [NASSP National Principal of the Year program](#) annually recognizes outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high quality learning opportunities for students. These principals are acknowledged by their peers for the exemplary contributions they have made to the profession.

Each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity, and the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools may select one high school principal to represent their state.

Applications of state winners are then reviewed by past State Principals of the Year, industry leaders and experts, and NASSP staff. After these reviews, three finalists are named as contenders for National Principal of the Year. The NASSP High School National Principal of the Year is selected from among the finalists.

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