



# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



April 26, 2021

I am looking out my office window, into the courtyard, at a growing layer of snow. Is there anything more crazy than Spring in Utah? One day it is over 70 degrees and the next is a snowy day. Yet, with all the uncertainty of our Spring weather, it is an amazing time of year to experience life. As with the weather, high school (even more so, during a Pandemic) is quite varying and complex. Yet, it is a beautiful thing to experience and watch others enjoy.

I want to thank the Skyline community for all the hard work it has taken to get to this point in the year. We have fought through quarantines, the cancellation of many activities, a massive change in the structure of school, as well ongoing uncertainty. I hope that students have felt safe and supported throughout this year. It is obvious to me that the teachers, staff, and parents are all striving to provide the support students need. We have quite a bit of the school year left. I am confident that it will be a good time with many more challenges to overcome and memories to be made.

Skyline High School is a classy school with classy students. It is an honor to be included with them. I was pulled aside by an opposing team's coach this last week. The coach complimented our student athletes for the way they conducted themselves during the contest. He made mention that throughout the state, he has never encountered a better team in terms of sportsmanship. This is a credit to these students and their coach. It is also a credit to this community. It made me prouder than ever to be part of the Eagle family. Great work Skyline Eagles!

Please, tell us stories of teachers who have done something that has made a difference at Skyline High School. Think about the four components of our RISE program. Teachers are working hard and doing amazing things to help students be Resilient, have Integrity, Support themselves and others, as well as achieve Excellence in its various forms. Feel free to participate as often as you see fit to recognize the great teachers we have at Skyline High School. Teachers receive an award weekly for being recognized. They love to hear that their efforts are being appreciated. Here is a link to the survey:

<https://forms.gle/mDQPY7xybBCKnpq97>.

This week, we will highlight Ms. Annik Carlisle. Ms. Carlisle currently teaches ASL and French at Skyline and has taught Spanish during her career. She has many talents in addition to the languages she teaches, she also has degrees in English Literary Studies and Fashion Design. Here is a comment from the community:

"This year has been a very hard year for my student. He is a transfer student and new to Skyline this year. Because of the pandemic combined with a new school he has often felt lonely and unseen. To top it off, he recently had (an illness) followed by Covid. He has had lingering effects from both and focusing on school has been very challenging. Ms. Carlisle has been very compassionate and understanding and very accommodating to his situation. She has helped him find ways to pass the last couple of terms and has really made him feel validated in his

situation where it would have been very easy to brush him aside. Her online learning has been easy to access and she has been quick to respond and very cheerfully help us find a solution. She has made him feel important and has genuinely tried to help him grow through these challenges. He may not be the world's greatest signer because of his situation, but he has gained a deeper understanding of Deaf culture which has broadened his empathy for many real-life situations, not just in the Deaf culture. But truly the most valuable thing he has learned, or more importantly felt from her, is that he is important, and someone is looking out for him. That is a rare talent and gift in a teacher, especially in this time when so much is demanded of them.”

Congratulations Ms. Carlisle for all that you do in helping Support our Skyline Eagles!

Sincerely,  
Mitch Nerdin, Principal