



# FOUNDATION

QUARTERLY



*Enhancing, Enriching and Extending the Quality of Education Provided to Vista School*

## New Vista School Foundation President Recently Instated

The new school year brought change to the Vista School Foundation with the closing of one chapter and the opening of another in its leadership. For many years, Dana McConnell served on the board, most recently as the president of the Foundation. She helped pioneer many ideas that are in place today, strengthening the organization. Dana stepped down as the Foundation's president in September and we sincerely thank Dana for her years of service and commitment to the teachers, students and families at Vista School. She was an integral part of the Foundation and will be missed.



We also would like to recognize and thank former board members who served on the Foundation: Dee Wilson, Heidi Henderson, Laney Onarheim & Lucy Jackman (members), Kelly Geary & Michelle Andes (administration liaisons). Thank you for all your time and service to the Foundation.

We also are pleased to welcome and introduce Mr. Peter Dawson as the new president of the Vista School Foundation.

"I have lived and traveled all over the country, and amidst the Pandemic last year we decided to leave our home in Farmington, Utah. We decided to rent a place in Santa Clara for the summer last year to test it out. Needless to say, we fell in love with the area and were especially drawn to Vista School. In fact, Vista was the primary motivator for us moving here. We felt strongly that it would provide a nurturing environment for our daughters to flourish. It has done just that and more. I feel blessed to live here!

Having spent my entire career working with people, I believe that people and the relationships we form with each other are the most important aspect of life. Indeed, the core of all great organizations are its people. People and vision come first followed by revenues needed to support an organization's goals. Those are the first three and key elements of success in all organizations of all types and sizes. We have incredible people on the Vista School Foundation Board and I look forward to working with them to make our school even stronger. Vista has a focused vision established long ago by its founders to provide the best educational experience for its students. Our goal now is to bolster the finances of the organization and continue to add to the legacy of Vista and its gift to the surrounding community."

The Foundation also welcomes new members serving on the board: Abigail Pearson, Kristopher Pearson, Alicia Maldonado, Alison Schulz and Lindsay Sharifi. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and look forward to another school year of academic excellence.

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*The Vista School Foundation was created to raise funds to enhance, enrich, and extend the quality of education provided to Vista School students. The Foundation board allocates these funds to student scholarships, teacher excellence awards, professional development, performance facilities, and an endowment.*

## Upcoming Events at Vista School

### November

November 3 - Vista Vocal Concert- 4th-5th grade choir & Concert Choir on stage at Vista School, 6:00 PM

November 6 - Vista Vocal Concert- Advanced Choir & Vocal Xpressions on stage at Vista School, 4:00 PM

November 9 - Orchestra Concert- Advanced, Platinum, Chamber, 9th Grade Orchestra on stage at Vista

November 9 - MathCounts at Lava Ridge

November 12 & 13 - Over 60 Vista students 3rd - 9th grade are participating in the annual Southern Utah Code Camp Competition that will be held at the Vasion Building on Tech Ridge

November 12, 13 & 15 - Vista School's premier show choir - Vista Rising Stars - will bring Broadway to life in its production of "All Together Now!" featuring 15 songs from beloved musicals. From Beauty and the Beast to Newsies and from Hairspray to Guys and Dolls, the show will include show-stopping group numbers and feature soloists and ensembles. Show starts 7:00 PM. Additionally, on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m., the VRS team invites you to a special reception. Performances and reception will be at Vista School, 585 E Center Street in Ivins. To purchase tickets for the performances and special reception or to make a donation, go to [vistautah.com/vrs](https://vistautah.com/vrs) (See flyer below)

November 19 & 20 - Vista School's Nutcracker at Snow Canyon High School, 6:00 PM. Vista's esteemed production featuring five auditioned groups, after school classes, and 3rd-5th grade dance curriculum classes. Tickets available now on: <https://vista-school.square.site>

### December

December 1 - Come enjoy Vista's combined Beginning bands, Intermediate Band, and the Percussion Ensemble on stage at 6:00 PM for the Vista Band Winter Concert

December 2-3 - The Dickens Festival: Dec. 2- Dance Company 3:15-4:00 PM on the Queen Victoria stage

Dec. 3- Vocal Xpressions & VRS 3:00-4:30 PM on the Queen Victoria stage, Orchestra & Band 4:30-5:30 PM on the Scrooge stage

December 4 - Vista will be hosting a VEX Robotics Competition from from 9 AM - 3 PM. Spectators are welcome!

December 7 - MathCounts at Vista School

December 11 & 13 - Winter Jubilee 6:00 PM at Vista School: Performances are from Orchestras (Advanced, Platinum and 9th grade, with Chamber as pre-show prelude), Band, Dance Companies (Principal and Soloist), Advanced Choir, Piano, Guitar, VRS, and Vocal Xpressions.

December 17 - Strings/ Guitar Concert at Vista School 6:00 PM

VISTA SCHOOL PRESENTS  
**VISTA RISING STARS**  
 MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL  
**ALL TOGETHER NOW!**  
 a global event celebrating local theatre  
 NOVEMBER 12, 13, & 15  
 7:00 PM  
 SPECIAL RECEPTION NOV. 13, 5:30 PM  
 VISTA SCHOOL: 585 E CENTER ST. IVINS  
 Director: Jake Thomas | Choreographer: Shellie Thomas | Music Director: Abe Nickle  
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### VISTA SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD

President/Legal: Peter Dawson

Secretary: Lindsay Sharifi

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Fundraising: Alicia Maldonado

Newsletter: Shelley Bowen

Parent Representatives: Abigail Pearson

Kristopher Pearson

Administration Liaison: Julie Fonseca

# HAPPENINGS. . .



The American Choral Directors Association - Utah chapter invited Vista Rising Stars (VRS) to participate in a conference on October 23, 2021. Only nine performing groups were invited to participate, VRS was one of only two middle schools performing. Click below to see the performances at that conference:

Friend Like Me: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRZ4OldShWo>

Boogie Woogie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvHKdbCFypM>

Vista's dance and theatre students participated in the two-day Shakespeare Festival Competition in Cedar City on October 1-2, 2021. Vista's Dance Trio placed 2nd and Dance Ensemble placed 3rd. Theatre pieces were selected for the final rounds and placed in the top ten.

### News from the Technology Department

Our competitive after school robotics program has grown to over 100 students in grades 4th - 12th grade. This year we have 2 FIRST Lego League teams, 3 VEX IQ teams, and 11 VRC teams competing.

Our department would like to thank the Vista School Foundation and its donors for sponsoring 4 robotics students this year for our competitive robotics program.

## Fundraising Information

It's easy to contribute to Vista School through the Vista School Foundation. You may donate once or on a monthly basis. No amount is too small! 100% of the donations go directly to benefiting Vista School students! Just scan the QR code or click the link below:

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## THANK YOU

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# VISTA RISING STARS

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## Sponsorship Levels

<p><b>STAR:</b> \$50-\$125 or in-kind donations. Name listed in program.</p> <p><b>BRONZE:</b> \$125. Logo in program. Includes 2 premium tickets to show and reception</p> <p><b>SILVER:</b> \$250. 1/4 page ad in program. Includes 4 premium tickets to show and reception.</p>	<p><b>GOLD:</b> \$500. 1/2 page ad in program. Includes 6 VIP tickets to Saturday evening show and reception.</p> <p><b>PLATINUM:</b> (3 available.) \$1,000. full-page ad in program. Business logo on showcase posters and tickets. Business name announced at showcase. Includes 8 VIP tickets to Saturday evening show and reception.</p>
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