

Principal Bateman—Honored as Principal of the Year

Congratulations to Mr. Braxton Bateman for being recognized as Principal of the Year by the Utah Rural Schools Association for the 2016 year. The URSA is governed by a board of directors consisting of representatives from rural Utah; district superintendents, elementary classroom teachers, principals, secondary teachers, and school board members. Braxton Bateman was born in Salt Lake City and lived in Sandy, UT until he was 15. His family then moved to Ephraim, UT where he attended Manti High School as a Templar and gained a love of small town life. Braxton has been known to call himself a BYU Cougar fan, even though his father, a former NFL football star, played at the rival "U". After high school, Braxton took a break from his freshman year at Snow College to serve an LDS mission in Oregon. He then returned to Ephraim where he completed his Associate's Degree at Snow and met and married his wife Nicole, a basketball star and Snow College Athlete of the Year! He spent the next few years in Cedar City attending Southern Utah University where he received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Elementary Education along with his Administrative, Reading, and Technology Endorsements. After SUU he was lured by warmer temperatures to Washington County to teach at Washington Elementary School. He spent eight years with a wonderful staff at Washington Elementary, six of those years teaching 3rd and 5th grades, and two final years serving as the Title-I Site Coordinator/Vice Principal. Braxton loves technology and was awarded the Microsoft Innovative Teacher Award. Some of his other responsibilities have included being a Data Coach, a District Technology Trainer, a Literacy Implementation Coach, and a Site Technology Specialist. He and his wife Nicole are proud parents of 5 beautiful children. When people discuss Mr. Bateman we typically hear, "he is awesome!" Yes, Mr. Bateman, you are an awesome principal and deserve the honor of being recognized as Principal of the Year 2016 from the Utah Rural Schools Association. We are proud that you are a Kanab Elementary Buckaroo right here at Kane School District. Congratulations!

Ben Dalton
Superintendent
Kane School District