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SLCSE

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Senior Spotlight



Bri Slaughter recently was the runner up at the Regional Poetry Out Loud competition. Besides reciting poetry, Bri is planning for the next chapter in her life. She has been accepted to Lewis and Clarke College in Portland next year with a very generous scholarship but she's holding out for New York University. Bri, wherever you end up we know you are going to do great things.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 14

SLCSE 10th year birthday 5-7:30pm

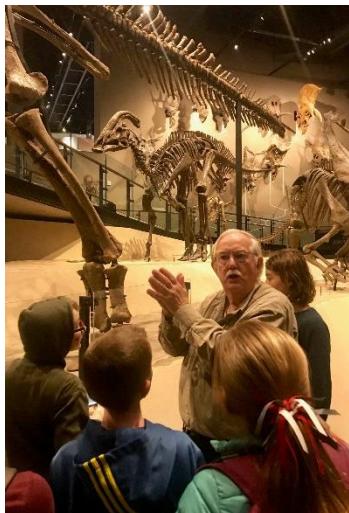
MARCH 23

End of 3rd quarter

MARCH 26 – MARCH 30

Spring Break

Paleontology Camp



We are gearing up for our annual paleontology camp with 7th-grade scientists from the Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE)! This week, orientation kicked off with a tour of the Natural History Museum of Utah. Twenty students engaged with BLM Paleontologist Dr. Greg McDonald, discussing tracks, anatomy, and exciting

dinosaur discoveries made on Utah's public lands.

SLCSE Paleo Camp is scheduled for May 16-19 in southeastern UT. Track our adventure on social media! #SLCSEPaleoCamp



Summer Plans?

How about a nine-week coding boot camp during the summer where you will learn basic web development? Scholarships are available for additional coding education. They will only take six students from SLCSE into the program so hurry and apply at

<https://ctsutah.com>

Or maybe something in the medical field? Camp Neuro and Camp Cardiac are open to students ages 15-18. With a focus on both education and real world experience, the camps provide students with a unique opportunity to learn directly from experts in both the medical and psychological fields.

<http://www.campneuro.org/>

<http://www.campcardiac.org/>

Westminster College offers a variety of camps including aviation, money management and music.

<https://westminstercollege.edu/campus-life/camps#0>

Poetry Out Loud



to a school on the city's west side where I've been volunteering as a Poetry Out Loud contest judge these past three years, because it's one of my favorite things to do, and because where else am I going to see a kid hardly taller than a

Yearbook

It is not too late to purchase a SLCSE yearbook.

We are not ordering extra copies this year so make sure you place your order by March 9, 2018.

A yearbook costs \$30



Congratulations to Bri Slaughter for an amazing performance. Thank you to our judges, M.C.'s, performers and audience for a magical evening.

From Paisley Rekdal, one of our distinguished judges:
"As state poet laureate, I get to visit a fair amount of schools. Last night I went

lawn chair wearing a bow tie and reciting Hart Crane?

Last night's winners included a young biracial woman, a senior, who absolutely and preternaturally INHABITED poems by Philip B. Williams and Audre Lorde, and a young African American 8th grader who wore a Wednesday Addams-style dress, complete with Peter Pan collar and pink high tops, who slayed with a Kevin Young poem.

There was the usual assortment of amazing and accidentally hilarious moments, such as the young man in the NASA t-shirt reciting Nikki Giovanni's "The Song of the Feet" who looked a little baffled delivering its last line ("I am a Black woman") before slinking offstage, and the sylph-like senior and Plath-lookalike who gave the steamiest reading EVER of Robert Creeley's "The Rain" and will clearly be swanning off to college to install herself as the campus workshop's femme fatale.

But what brought down the house was the MC who played violin at the end of the competition. She was a senior, a young African American woman with an amusingly matter-of-fact affect about the night's proceedings, who played the Frank Martin violin concerto with such surprising sweetness, such clarity, such control and passion that the entire auditorium was stunned into silence. I could hear someone-maybe a parent, maybe another student-quietly crying behind me in the dark. No one could believe what they were hearing. When she finished, everyone howled with applause. It was unbelievable, and yet her slightly pleased, slightly bored expression at our reaction suggested that, to her, this was utterly believable. This was just another day: a day where she got to practice and play her violin, surrounded by kids who were passionate, and gawky, and funny, and precocious, and kind of mean, and awkward, and sweet, all of them doing something they didn't necessarily want to do, which was to perform for adults and friends and strangers, and doing it with little fanfare but a lot of beauty. This is what high school should be. These kids are just kids. They are extraordinary. "

School Safety

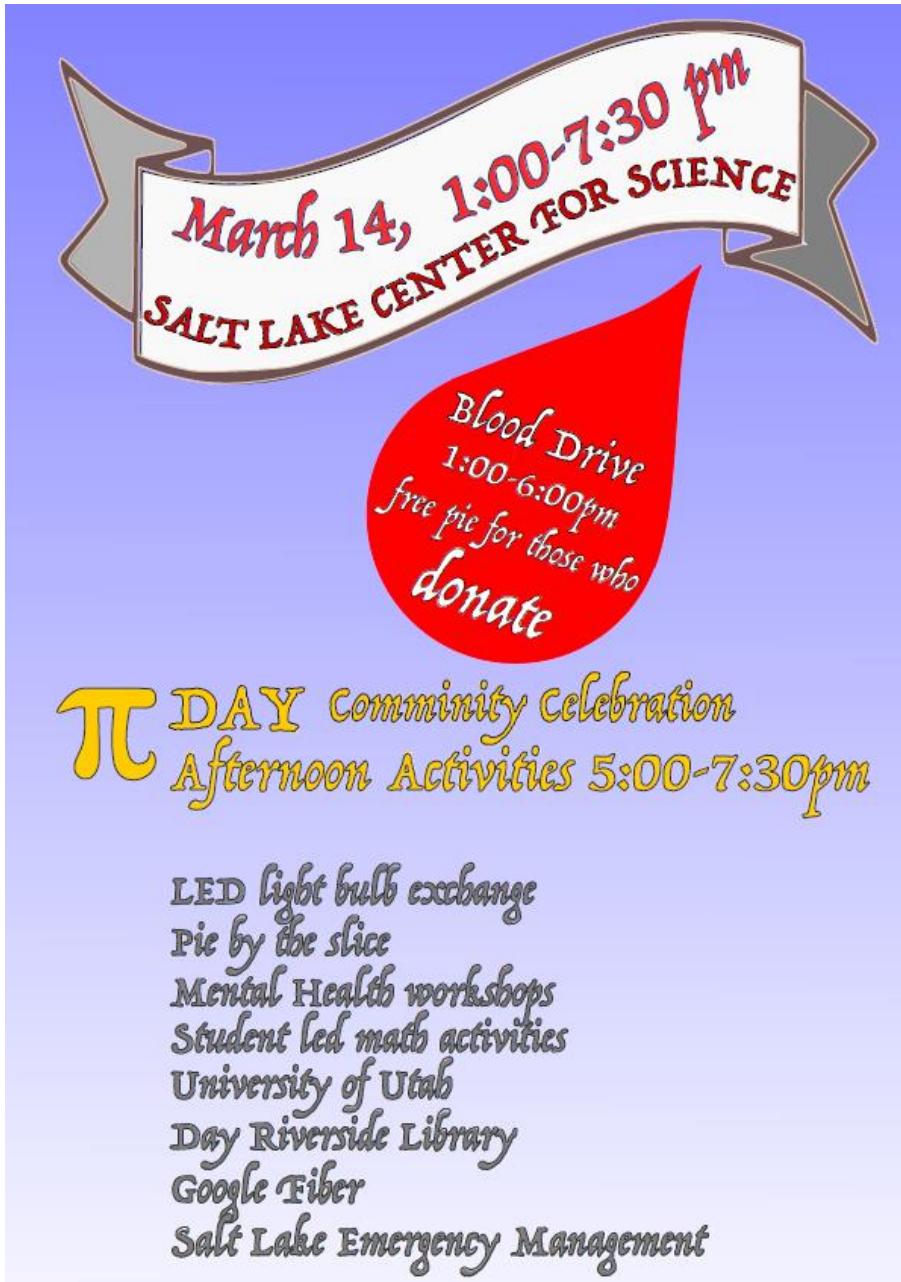


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SLCSE Birthday Community Event



PROGRAM

4:30-5:15pm

Q & A on the future of SLCSE (see below)

5:15-6:00pm

Healthy Boundaries and Engaged Bystander Skills presentation

6:15-7:00pm

Netsmartz presentation to educate, engage and empower children and adults to be safer online

1:00-7:00pm

Blood Drive (with a slice of pie!)

The proposal of merging SLCSE and Bryant Middle School into one STEM system has been presented to Salt Lake City School District leadership and the Salt Lake School District Board of Education. Both groups have expressed support for the plan. From the time SLCSE opened, one of the goals was to have a broader impact on students in Salt Lake School District. This plan will allow SLCSE to serve more students while maintaining a diverse small school feel. We will be sending more information by email and a Question & Answer session is scheduled for 4:30pm on March 14.