

Montana Teacher of the Year Finalists 2021



William Stockton: Mr. Stockton attended the University of Montana and graduated with a B.A. of Biology in 2007. He then attended Montana State University and graduated with his M.S. in Science Education in 2016. Currently, Mr. Stockton teaches Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AP Biology, Wildlife/Ecology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Principles of Health Science at Arlee High School. He also currently teaches Earth Science and Biology at the Montana Digital Academy in Missoula. He previously taught at Bonner Middle School.



Steffani Grogan: Ms. Grogan graduated from Montana State University in 1986 and majored in Elementary Education. In 2008, she received her Traffic Education Endorsement from MSU-Northern. Currently, Ms. Grogan teaches English and Math to 7th and 8th graders as well as computer literacy to K-12 students and staff in Forsyth. For the past 11 years, she has been the only traffic instructor for the district.



Christina Pavlovich: Ms. Pavlovich obtained her B.S. in Elementary Education from Montana State University in 2008. In 2012, she became a graduate of the Clark Fork Watershed Education Program at Montana Tech. In 2016, she obtained her M.S. in Science Education from Montana State University and is currently pursuing her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at MSU. Ms. Pavlovich teaches 5th grade in Livingston and is a facilitator for OPI's Science 3D Mentorship Course.



Brianna Saltenberger: Ms. Saltenberger received her B.S. in Elementary Education (K-8) with a minor in Special Education (Pre-K-12) from the University of Montana Western in 2009. She then attended the University of Montana and graduated in 2019 with her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. Currently, Ms. Saltenberger teaches Preschool and Early Kindergarten special education students at Lincoln Elementary in Anaconda. Previously, Ms. Saltenberger taught 9th-12th grade special education at Anaconda High School; 4th-8th grade in Anvik, Alaska; and 5th-8th grade in Jackson, Montana.