

Postsecondary Preparedness Panel – That’s WY Panelist Bios



Jillian Balow

*Superintendent of Public Instruction
Wyoming Department of Education*

Jillian Balow was elected to a second term as Wyoming’s twenty-second State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2018.

Jillian’s policy decisions stem from her core beliefs that the role of parents in education is paramount, that curriculum and school district operations are best determined at the local level, and that our education system should provide as many opportunities as possible to make our youth successful citizens. Jillian is passionate about career and technical education, support for our military, and rural education.

Nationally, Jillian serves as the Treasurer for the Education Commission of the States and is the president-elect on the board of directors for the Council of Chief State School Officers. She is also on the council’s School Safety Steering Committee. In 2017, Superintendent Balow received the State Policymaker Award from the State Education Technology Directors Association. In 2016, Superintendent Balow received the Patrick Henry Award for her contributions to the Wyoming Military Department. In Wyoming, Jillian also holds a number of leadership positions as the co-chair for the Wyoming Women’s Antelope Hunt, board member on the Wyoming Congressional Award Council, Wyoming Business Alliance Steering Committee, Governor’s Post-Secondary Attainment Council, and numerous education-related boards and commissions.

Jillian is a fifth-generation Wyoming native. She taught for over a decade in Wyoming classrooms and has worked to support children and families her entire career.



Cindy DeLancey

*President
Wyoming Business Alliance & Wyoming Heritage Foundation*

Cindy DeLancey currently serves as the President of the Wyoming Business Alliance and the Wyoming Heritage Foundation. Prior to joining her current role, she served as the Director of Government and Public Affairs - Wyoming for BP’s US Lower 48 onshore exploration and production business. Before joining BP, she served as the Carbon County and Prosecuting Attorney, a Special Assistant United States Attorney and the Executive Director of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association.

Cindy has been a two time nominee for the Wyoming Business Report's Women of Influence award and is a Past Chairman of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming’s Government and Public Relations Committee and served as the Chairman of the Wyoming Board of Law Examiners.



Jay Harnack

*Superintendent of Public Instruction
Sublette County School District #1, WY*

Jay Harnack is the Superintendent for Sublette County School District 1 in Pinedale, Wyoming. Jay's is beginning his 26th year in education and his 17th as a superintendent. He has served as a superintendent in both Wyoming and Illinois, with the last nine years as the superintendent for Sublette County School District #1. As Superintendent, Jay is working in partnership with parents and the community to provide a student centered, 21st Century learning experience that will

inspire all students to become lifelong learners and prepare each of them to be responsible and successful adults in a global society.



Gary New

*Operations Section Head
National Center for Atmospheric Research
Wyoming Supercomputing Center*

Gary New is the Operations Section Head of the NCAR / Wyoming Supercomputing Center (NWSC) in Cheyenne Wyoming. The NWSC is the flagship facility of the Enterprise System & Services Division (ESSD) of the Computational & Information Systems Lab (CISL) at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Gary has over 39 years experience in mission critical facilities, specifically healthcare and IT. Gary was

the Assistant Project Engineer for the NWSC design and construction effort; continuing on to NWSC Operations Manager. Gary is a Master Electrician in both Colorado and Wyoming.

Gary is in his second two-year term on the Wyoming Workforce Development Council - appointed by the Governor of Wyoming. Gary is also a member of the Board of Directors for Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Foundation. In addition, he has 17 years experience in Volunteer Fire / Rescue ranging from firefighter / EMT, to Deputy Chief; served as Executive Vice President - Board of Directors - 7x24 Exchange - Rocky Mountain Chapter, a national organization for mission critical facility managers; and 19 years experience representing NCAR at the technical supercomputing conference - SC Conference Series - Infrastructure / Electric Chair.