

Utah School Boards Association

The Utah School Boards Association shall provide leadership, advocacy, training, and quality services for effective school board governance.

News from NSBA:

In efforts to change childhood obesity The National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation held its "Let's Move," campaign. This is a pre-choreographed exercise routine featuring Beyonce. The NSBA is in full support of the First Lady's "Let's Move," campaign to help decrease childhood obesity. Anne L. Bryant the executive director of NSBA, states, "To be successful, this initiative will require local, state, and federal agencies to work together toward a common goal." For more information about this story please referred to www.nsba.org. The direct link to the NSBA support statement is http://us.vocuspr.com/Newsroom/Query.aspx?SiteName=NSBANew&Entity=PRAsset&SF_PRAsset_PRAssetID_EQ=113089&XSL=PressRelease&Cache=



Amazing Story:

On May 14th, 2011 Austin Whitney walked across the stage and received his diploma from UC Berkeley. This doesn't sound like anything extraordinary, but for those who know Austin's story, it is. Four years ago Austin learned a really hard lesson that he will never be able to take back. He was driving drunk and wrapped his car around a tree. He severed his spinal cord just below the hip. He spent 41 days in the hospital and 10 days after being released he was attending college. He had started his freshman year and double majored in history and political science. A team of graduate students developed the wearable robotic skeleton. This robotic skeleton not only got Austin to stand, but to walk across the stage to receive his diploma. Graduation is a huge achievement for anyone, but for Austin his graduation consisted of a miracle. In reading this story, I was overwhelmed with joy for Austin, but all the people that helped him get there. These are the stories people read and understand why teachers, professors, superintendents, principles, aides, business administrators, and all the others involved in education do what they do. Education was the drive behind this entire story. The education the graduate students received helped them build this robotic skeleton for Austin. Education was Austin's drive to finish his four years of college and do whatever her could to walk, and receive his reward for those four years. To read more about it and watch the video go to the following link:

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/16/california.paraplegic.graduate/index.html?iref=allsearch>

Upcoming Meetings in May:

May 13, 2011: Superintendent Meeting

May 13, 2011: Board of Directors Meeting

Please see www.usba.cc for a full Calendar

"Who dares to teach must cease to learn."

~John Cotton Dana