



## Saint George Charter School Awarded State Recognition

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- George Washington Academy of Saint George Utah
  - Awarded State Charter School of the Year by Utah Association of Public Charter Schools (UAPCS)
  - Exclusive award, 1 out of 111 recipients
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**[Saint George, UTAH, 06/14/2021]** –Teachers and staff at George Washington Academy (GWA) in Saint George are celebrating after receiving an exclusive Charter School of the Year award at the end of an unprecedented and challenging school year. A year ago, the world of education was changed, virtually overnight, by COVID-19 restrictions and the associated soft school closures. All at once, teachers and administration of schools all over the nation were scrambling to come up with new ways of educating students via online learning. As a Stephen R Covey Leader in Me School, GWA took a proactive approach and thrived despite the challenges, showing their students a real-life example of the leadership curriculum they teach. The teachers and administration proved to be a dynamic team even with the subsequent reopening, distancing and state mask mandates, ready to conquer any challenge necessary to keep the students in classrooms both online and in person.

GWA was recognized for their excellence in education by the Utah Association of Charter Schools in the annual Circle of Excellence award ceremony. Out of 111 charter schools in the State of Utah, only 1 is recognized with this exclusive award.

GWA Executive Director Blake Clark said, “We are thrilled to have been chosen for the 2021 Utah Charter School of the Year. Coming out of the year in education that we have all had it feels even better. Our employees in every capacity went above and beyond this year to support our students and each other. This award is a great validation that we are moving in the right direction to not only support our students academically, but also socially and emotionally.”

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George Washington Academy (GWA) is a Saint George UTAH charter school, educates grades K-7 with a focus on academic achievement and character building. GWA prides itself on the mission statement, “We are a community of learners, building a strong foundation by

believing we can, working our plan, then feeling the power of success.” GWA was founded in 2006 and has a student population of over 1,000. Recognitions and awards include Charter School of the Year by the UAPCS (2013), Top performing charter school award by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (2016), and Official STEM designation by the Utah Board of Education (2017).

