

Dear SBSTA Community Members,

As you know, our Executive Director Search Committee (EDSC) has embarked upon a formal, transparent, and comprehensive process to identify, evaluate and hire Sugar Bowl Ski Team & Academy's (SBSTA's) permanent Executive Director. This thorough process will ensure that we have the best person to lead SBSTA into the future, pursuing its mission, and realizing its vision in this next chapter of SBSTA's history.

To date, we established a solid foundation to create a successful path forward. Over our long history of partnering with Sugar Bowl Corporation, our Trustees and Chairs, Tricia Hellman Gibbs, John Hommeyer, and Alicia Hammarskjold, have built a state-of-the-art campus and grown Sugar Bowl Academy (SBA) from a 3 student-athlete program to what it is today. SBA is the nation's only on resort ski-in/ski-out college preparatory ski academy campus with capacity for 75 full-time student-athletes including 31 boarding student-athletes. SBA is a fully accredited CAIS and NAIS independent school. SBSTA is a U.S. Ski & Snowboard "Gold Certified" with professionally trained and certified coaches, inspiring every student-athlete to achieve their fullest potential. The results speak for themselves - invitations to the U.S. Ski Team and foreign National ski teams, placement on NCAA ski teams and student-athlete acceptances by a long and distinguished list of colleges and universities including Bates, Cal Poly, Colby, CU Boulder, Dartmouth, Harvard, Middlebury, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCLA, UC Santa Cruz, University of Chicago, UPenn, University of New Hampshire, University of Vermont, Williams, and many others.

As we enter this next chapter, the SBSTA Board of Trustees is firmly committed to recruiting and retaining the best leaders, coaches, teachers, and staff. Our community's passionate commitment is the backbone of our organization. Sugar Bowl Ski Team, with its broad range of programs, is one of the best in the Tahoe Region. Our SBA student-athletes excel both academically and athletically across alpine, freeride and nordic disciplines. SBSTA's reputation and growth potential provides an attractive platform for our next leader. We are excited about the opportunity this process presents.

Kasey McJunkin and Dr. Jim Taylor, as co-chairs of the ED Search Committee, are leading a thoughtful and inclusive search. The insights from our recent parent, staff, Trustee, and community surveys informed the EDSC in crafting the SBSTA ED position statement. The EDSC endeavors to be communicative and transparent during the search. The committee is composed of representatives from athletic and academic staff, parents, alumni, and the Board of Trustees, all of whom share a strong commitment to seek SBSTA's permanent ED, who will lead us in writing the next chapter of our story.

Sincerely,
Steven L. Shray
Chair, Sugar Bowl Ski Team & Academy