



### **Jason Butcher's Professional Bio**

Jason started working with Reach Higher Montana in May of 2020. He received his Bachelors' Degree in Health Enhancement from Montana State University-Billing in 1991 and a Masters' Degree in Educational Leadership, with a principal and superintendent endorsement in 1998 from Montana State University-Bozeman. He has 25 years of experience as a teacher, coach, activities director, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent in Montana schools. He spent the last nine years of his career as the Superintendent of Schools in Lewistown where he was twice named the Central Montana Administrator of the Year, and was honored to receive the state of Montana Superintendent of the Year award in 2012. He has also served on the Central Montana Learning Resource Cooperative Center as the board chair, served on the K-12 Vision group, the SAM Board, and was elected and served as the MASS President. Butcher currently serves on the ACTE Work-Based Learning Division Policy Committee and mentors new school administrators as a provider/coach for the SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program. Jason has been married to his wife, Marci, for over thirty years and is the proud father of two sons, Andy and Sam. Jason also volunteers as a coach for Special Olympics and serves as a volunteer firefighter and Emergency Medical Responder for the York Volunteer Fire Department.



### **Shannon Boswell's Professional Bio**

Ms. Boswell spent the first 13 years of her career teaching high school Agriculture in rural West Virginia. While there she grew the program from 30 students to 90 students, added a 20x 80 Greenhouse lab, and a 30x60 animal processing facility for her students to gain real-world skills. She worked closely with local businesses to provide career readiness skills for all students. Upon leaving the classroom in 2017, she moved west to accept the role of Agricultural Education Specialist with the Montana OPI. She is currently serving as the Career, Technical, and Adult Education Unit Director.



### **Gabrielle Eklund Rowley's Professional Bio**

Gabrielle was raised on a wheat farm in central Montana. After she earned a B.A. from Tufts University, she worked for fifteen years in nonprofit organizations (from Alaska to the Mid-Atlantic) focused on experiential education, leadership development, and college access. She earned her MPA from the University of Montana, with a focus in nonprofit administration. She is particularly interested in youth development and working to help individuals and communities thrive. She works for American Jobs for America's Youth Montana (AJAY MT), working to build life and work skills in high school age youth. Currently living in Helena, Gabe stays busy raising two young children and enjoys playing outside in all seasons.