**SWCOLT 2024 – PRISCILA PRESTES – EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING - SECONDARY**

Ms. Prestes is an inspiring and passionate educator who truly brings out the best in her students and colleagues. She has been an innovative leader for both her school and community, teaching a variety of levels from elementary to secondary and has been an integral part of the Utah DLI Portuguese program since 2015. Consistently demonstrating her excellent leadership and commitment to fostering unity among Portuguese teachers throughout the state, Priscila has helped others become aware of the diversity of the Portuguese-speaking world. Her work has helped revive and grow the Portuguese language DLI programs.