



## William Y. Cooper Foundation



In 2013, the Board of Directors voted to establish the Hyde Academy to honor the legacy of James Patten Hyde who presided over the Sundance Base Lodge group lessons programs that service the many groups that come to Mount Snow. While not always under the best of conditions, “JP” or “Pat” always took great care of the mountain’s guests with an especially kind eye to new skiers or riders.

The Hyde Academy was created to award staff who embrace Pat’s legacy of always putting the guest first and taking the extra time to make sure the guests are getting the best possible service and lesson or coaching that they can.

In 2015, sixteen ski and snowboard instructors participated in the first Hyde Academy. They were selected by their core area managers based on their performance with Mount Snow guests. Two visiting trainers -- Eric Lipton from the PSIA National Alpine Team and Tom Vickery, a ASSI Education Teams Coach -- led the group through two days of training, including a first day focus on teaching new skiers and riders and a second day focus on teaching skills development to intermediate skiers and riders.

### ***Hyde Academy Participants***

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