

# March 2024 Nominations



**Lisa Loosbrock** – Business Services Specialist

“Lisa is an absolute rock star. She has amazing technical skills and is willing to help her team. Whether it is working on new regulations, answering questions from districts or being available to train others Lisa is always going the extra mile.”

**Lexi Orłowski** – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Lexi always shows up to work with a positive attitude! She navigates difficult situations well and is always willing to help wherever she is needed. She's built great relationships with students and staff. She's a great asset to Willmar ELC! We're grateful for her!”

**Sandy Karels** – Administrative Assistant

“Sandy always goes above and beyond to help others. I appreciate her willingness to help and problem-solve together. She cares about the people she works with as well as students and families. If she doesn't know the answer she will help you find it. I'm always comfortable giving her a call as her friendly and approachable attitude welcomes all questions.”

**Clay Elness** – DAPE Teacher

“Your excellent work with the students at Belview. It's a challenge and you do a great job trying to get them to participate. Thank You!!!!”

**Amanda Appel** – Business Services Specialist

“Thank you for always supporting your team and being willing to help whenever you can! Your work is always top-notch, even when you are tasked with new things. You've really raised the bar.”

**Tish Kalla** – Director of Special Education

“Tish is always willing to help advocate for professionals, students, families, and districts. I can always count on Tish for support and guidance with any special education issue. Tish is one of the best special education directors out there and I'm lucky to work with her. She is timely in her responses and actions. She is friendly and down to earth. I appreciate all the work she does for our region! Thank you, Tish!”

**Bailey Berkner** – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Bailey comes to work every day with a smile, a warm heart, and enough energy for ten people! She is wonderful at adapting to each individual student's needs and meeting them where they are at and has a special talent for being able to work with any student regardless of disability, difficulty, or grade level. She connects with each and every student and brings a positive vibe to whichever classroom she is in. She puts students first, values confidentiality and professionalism to an admirable degree, and goes above and beyond to make staff and students alike feel seen and loved for who they are.”

**Ali Dickinson** – Behavior Specialist

“Ali is full of innovative ideas! Even when presented with barriers or challenges, she remains focused on forward movement. Her positive outlook inspires others and we value her leadership!”

**Sara McAdams** – Behavior Analyst

“Sara's ability to think "big picture" is inspiring. She is dedicated to continuously learning and is always open to exploring novel ideas. Sara's contribution to the BHS team is invaluable.”

**Karie Novak** – Physical Therapist

“Karie has been there to answer all of my questions, and there have been many this first year with SWWC. I am incredibly thankful for her willingness to help me navigate these waters, and for blazing the trail for me in the area of PT in the southern districts! Karie is the real deal!”