

# April 2023 Nominations



## **Bethany Lacek** – Business Services Supervisor

“Bethany is an amazing mentor, teacher and wealth of knowledge. She is always willing to help and does so in a professional and positive manner. I feel extremely lucky to have her as a resource and consider her a great asset to the RMIC Payroll Department!”

## **Heidi Dallmann** – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Heidi is consistently on time and present in ELC Cosmos. Heidi works with our Elementary SUN students providing a calm supportive environment where student can excel. She has high expectations for all students and uses a variety of instructional strategies to meet student needs. We are very fortunate to have Heidi on the Cosmos team!”

## **Kathy Holland** – Special Education Paraprofessional

“After working with our SUN students for years, Kathy has transitioned to spending time in our Elementary BRIDGES classroom. She brings knowledge of organizational strategies, clear expectations, and the ability to follow student plans to the program. Her willingness to support staff and students in other classrooms is appreciated. ELC Cosmos staff also appreciate Kathy's consistent on time attendance. She had perfect attendance the month of March!”

## **Nicole Kavanagh** – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Nicole serves three roles at ELC Cosmos. She is a rider, our breakfast and lunch server, and a paraprofessional in our SUN programs. Nicole had perfect attendance in March! Thank you Nicole for supporting our students and staff. Your work is appreciated!”

## **Sharon Peterson** – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Sharon is new to ELC Cosmos and works in our SUN programs as well as tracks student breakfast and lunch numbers. Sharon had perfect attendance the month of March! ELC Cosmos staff appreciate the work Sharon does with our students in the classroom and in the cafeteria. There is a lot of learning and patience required to work in an ELC setting. Each day can be very different and unpredictable. Sharon is taking it one day at a time and continuing to learn. Thank you!”

## **Judy Raske** – Special Education Paraprofessional

“On time consistent attendance is vital to the success of our ELC students and month after month, Judy has had perfect attendance. Judy works in our Middle School and High School SUN classroom with a variety of students. She is very clam, organized and knowledgeable. Judy takes time to really know and understand the needs of the students she works with in order to best meet their needs. Thank you for working with our students. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!”

## **Wendy Dinesen** – Special Education Teacher

“Ms. Dinesen is an asset to our entire school and team! If you ask her, she is right there to help you and support you! She is a wonderful teacher, always thinking of new and creative ways to help teach her students. They don't come much better than her for a teacher, mentor, friend and team member! We are so grateful for everything she is and does!”

**Samantha Molitor** – Occupational Therapist

“Sam did a wonderful job taking charge and fulfilling additional OT services and demands in order for me to enjoy my maternity leave. She stepped up without hesitation providing me relief and reassurance. She organized and arranged a seamless transition back to work with thorough updates and effective communication! She is very much appreciated. Thank you, thank you!”

**Abby Heiderscheit** - Occupational Therapist

“Abby stepped up without hesitation in order to fulfill my maternity leave. She coordinated challenging schedule changes in order to give me a worry-free and enjoyable leave. She used excellent communication to provide me with thorough updates allowing me a seamless transition back to work. She is very much appreciated. Thank you, thank you!”

**Emily Johnson-Chloupek** – School Social Worker

“Emily - Thank you for EVERYTHING you do! You do so much more than just take the students for your SEL class, you help make challenging calls, give advice, advocate for your students and staff, and so much more! Keep being your incredible self - Cosmos is better because of you!”

**Yolanda Cardenas** – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Yolanda - You are such an amazing lady - you go above and beyond on so many levels. Thank you for supporting the students in every way possible, for showing up with a smile on your face, and always looking for the positives in everything you do. You make this job easier for everyone around you! Keep smiling and remember you are truly appreciated!”

**Heather Petersen, Alexandra Elston, Colleen Weis, Hollie Meyer, Matt Fjerkenstad, Erin Tollefsrud, Stacey Baedke, Shannon Henning**

“These School Assessment Coordinators are vital to me in my role as the DAC in managing the ACCESS and State Testing. I could never do this job without their assistance, flexibility, time, patience, dedication and I could go on and on. All of the School Assessment Coordinators have other duties in their buildings which keep them busy so please take the time to thank them for assisting in this role.”