



February 2020 Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS!

Tegan Gillund

"Tegan is very helpful and willing to go out of her way to assist others. She responds promptly and efficiently. Tegan's assistance and kindness are greatly appreciated!"

Heather Giese

"Heather's passion for equity for all fuels her work in and outside of the school setting. As a courageous leader, Heather's dedication to cultivating positive change is evident as she addresses policies and procedures that have unexpected consequences, facilitates positive and productive discussion focusing on issues that impact those who have been marginalized, and in her continual quest to find creative solutions to unique challenges. She is a change agent, one who keeps the needs of today's learner at the core. She is a voice for those who otherwise may not be heard. She is an inspiration. Shine on, Heather!"

Justin Rops

"Justin is great with our middle school students. He relates well to them and is calm in their storm! Thanks for all you do!"

Brittany Larson

"Brittany's ability to see the bigger picture and fit the pieces together makes her an incredible asset and support for schools. Brittany sees people as an integral component of a school system and works to build their capacity to improve outcomes for students. As a team member, Brittany brings joy to each and every day. There is never enough appreciation for all that Brittany gives."

Kim Starz

"Kim is a great asset to every district she serves and supervises! She is always willing to go above and beyond to help anyone in the district. Kim always gives constructive advice and ideas to others."

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"Kim is a fountain of knowledge and is always willing and available to answer the many questions I have throughout the week. Thank you Kim!"

Heather Stolp

“Heather took time out of her schedule to assist me with a project I was working on which I appreciated greatly. She is always cheerful, energetic, and full of ideas to support staff within the SWWC and the districts she works in. Though she wears multiple hats she stays organized which makes her very efficient.”

Jackie Hickey

“Jackie is always going above and beyond to help out staff, parents and students in her district! She is always willing to help others and answer any questions with a positive attitude. Jackie is full of great ideas and a huge asset to her district!”

Wilson Ebner

“Great resource for evaluation material and educational strategies, has put together monthly newsletters, condensed a variety of resources for BVI usage in the shared drive and continuing to explore and expand our ability to provide vision services to our member districts.”

Kayce Olson

“I do not know where I would be without Kayce this year! She always has the answer or great suggestions on how to improve what we are doing. Every district that we work with only talks highly of her and her skills. She plans very engaging and fun lessons that the students want to do again and again. I have absolutely loved getting the chance to work with her this year and learn from her.”

Sherri Burke

“Sherri has been a lifesaver in our speech department! She has the ability and the knowledge to step in and help with evaluations, screenings and direct service at a moment's notice. Her kindness and her flexibility assisting the Worthington Speech Team has been so very appreciated. Thank you for all you have done for help a growing department!”

Trista Knudson

“Trista goes above and beyond to ensure quality customer service. She has been working diligently on wrapping up the final remaining tasks following the Innovation in Education webinar. Her prompt and professional communications are appreciated by customers and co-workers! She is a go-getter and an asset to the SWWC team!”

Liz Deen

“Liz did an outstanding job planning and organizing the recent PBIS Sustainability Day Training. The training included a variety of speakers and session topics which provided many options for attendees. In addition to traditional presentation sessions, the training also included two novel session options that offered individualized coaching and support. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive! I am grateful to work with Liz!”

Nicole Dudgeon

“Nicole has gone through and through to meet the needs of our students. She is more than amazing at her job as a teacher here at ELC - Windom. She has a huge heart and is always on top of the ball when in need. Without Nicole, our Sun room would be a mess. She is more than deserving of this award.”

Jonelle Mellstrom

“Jonelle presents a strong and steady front in support of schools working on continuous school improvement. Her facilitation of discussions honors each person's perspectives while simultaneously focusing on student needs. As a teammate, she is someone we can continually count on. Her value to our team and to schools is immeasurable.”

Sara Weis

“It has been very easy to communicate with Sara, and collaborate on the VIBE assessments. Sara's organizational skills and thoroughness helps all of us better present the information we have to share. Thanks Sara!”

Jennifer Bozosi

“I appreciate that Jennifer took the time out of her day to give me a tour and share a plethora of information about The Ready Clinic in Montevideo. It was exciting to learn about the phenomenal work they are striving to accomplish for the benefit of students. Her willingness to meet with me and take time out of her busy day was very much appreciated! Her knowledge and expertise will go a long way in creating success for many children.”

Carrie Kesteloot

“Carrie finds new, interesting and exciting tasks for the students to work on while relating the task to the "real world". She is amazing!”

Jordyn Goldschmidt

“Jordyn is a rockstar! She is always willing to step in and help wherever is needed. You are so appreciated here at ELC - Belview!”

Aaron Ellingson

“Aaron is one outstanding Team Member here at ELC - Windom! His dedication is evident in everything he does. His patience, kindness and support to everyone he works for and with are above and beyond! We appreciate him very much and look forward to his great sense of humor on tough days!”

Marcia Erickson

“She is the best! Marcia is outstanding in everything she does! Her kindness, patience and passion for everyone is amazing. It is always a pleasure to work with her and the students benefit from her positive and supportive nature. Thank you Marcia.”

Kaye Squires

“Kaye is such an asset to our special education team! She is not only helpful with the kiddos we share, but is always willing to offer her expertise if I need it for kiddos she doesn't even serve. I am grateful to be in a district with Kaye!”

Briana Chimal

“Briana Chimal is professional, detailed, and personable. She connects well with staff, students, and parents. Briana is a go-to when looking for information in the area of Early Childhood Special Education. We enjoy working with Briana. She is an asset to SWWC and the districts she serves. Keep up the great work Briana!”

Dan Zimansky

“Mr. 'Z' is one outstanding teacher at ELC - Windom! He is a quiet but very understanding and knowledgeable guy. His kindness, support and positive attitude are very much appreciated by all of us. Thank you Dan.”

Rosemari Kroll

“Rosemari has a very professional yet compassionate approach to describing the needs of our hearing impaired students. She is able to advocate for the students by describing their needs in a manner that staff can easily understand. She is also thorough in considering the resources or variety of ways that the needs can be met. It's wonderful to have Rosemari on the team!”