



February 2021 Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS!

Karen Schulte - Education Consultant

"Karen has continued to find ways to work with teachers remotely, creating opportunities for professional learning for teachers during a challenging time. Karen has also worked to create new On Demand learning opportunities for teachers, helping to find ways to continue professional learning when we cannot train teachers in person right now."

Sherri Burke - Speech/Language Pathologist

"Sherri is a great asset to SWWC. She is always willing to help when I have questions or just need to talk through something difficult. She has a great deal of knowledge and I appreciate everything she does!"

Shalie Halvorson - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Shalie is very dependable and always willing to help others. She goes about her job quietly, but makes a big impact. Working with challenging students is not easy and Shalie has a wonderful attitude no matter what she is doing. She is a valuable team player. Thank you Shalie for all you do at ELC - Cosmos, you are appreciated!"

Nita Freitag - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Nita comes to work each and every day with a positive upbeat attitude. She not only works as a paraprofessional in ELC - Cosmos, she is also a van driver for one of our member districts. Nita is dependable, helpful and she works very well with all students and staff. We appreciate all you do for students and staff in ELC - Cosmos!"

Amanda Shoen - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Amanda is new to the ELC - Cosmos team. She has taken initiative to build relationships with students and staff by participating in school routines and asking questions. Amanda is creative, positive and she will jump in to help when needed. Her contributions are valued and appreciated."

Ana Holtan - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Ana is so great to work with! She is a huge help whenever we need anything from her. She knows where everything is and she is so good to step in to support others when needed! She is such a big part of the SUN program! We appreciate all you do!"

Shelby Grunewald - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Shelby is an amazing coworker! She comes with such a good attitude and leaves with a smile even after tough days! She is a huge help whenever needed and is so flexible as different situations come up. We are so lucky to work with her!"

Jennifer Bozosi - Behavior Analyst

"Jennifer was interviewed on a local radio station and gave an eloquent presentation of the Ready Clinic and what it can offer to area listeners. She utilized a great opportunity to promote SWWC, and specifically the Ready Clinic, and did a fantastic job of it."

Kim Starz - Speech/Language Pathologist

"In a year where meeting student needs has been challenging, Kim has been a wonderful teammate. She has been extremely helpful whether it's coordinating caseloads and schedules, collaborating on services, or figuring out how to get needed materials back and forth where needed. Her willingness to help out whenever asked is much appreciated."

Kristin Lieser - Technology Support Assistant

"Shout out to Kristin and the rest of the helpdesk support team. I had some odd popups happening after an overnight restart/update on my computer. Within minutes of me contacting their department, it was being worked on and solved. I don't contact this department often, but when I do, they are always prompt, courteous, respectful, and HELPful. Guess that's why they're called the helpdesk! Thanks for the important role you play in our organization."

Janell DeVries - Speech/Language Pathologist

"Janell is an amazing SLP! She goes above and beyond for all of her students. She has a positive attitude, fun personality, and is always willing to help others. I am so thankful I get to work with her!"

Marilyn Labat - Administrative Assistant

“Marilyn is the friendly voice one hears when calling the Marshall office AND the smiling face you see if you are fortunate enough to stop in there! She is always so helpful and patient, and I appreciate her so much! Thanks, Marilyn, for ALL that you do, and the cordial demeanor in which you do so.”

Abby Hacker - Special Education Paraprofessional

“Abby is such a joy to work with. She always has such a positive attitude and always comes in with a smile. She adapts very well to working in different classrooms when asked to. She is always willing to help staff and students whenever it's needed. She is a wonderful person and we are so happy to have her working in our building.”

Bardene Peter - Special Education Paraprofessional

“Bardene has been a great addition to our classroom! She comes to our upper elementary room from the middle/high school. She is always willing to help our students and staff. Students will find words of encouragement on their lockers or desks. Bardene loves to shop and is 'Secret Santa' to all her coworkers. We usually will find a treat in our mailboxes at least once a week! During the COVID 19 pandemic, you will often see Bardene with cleaning supplies, making sure our students and staff stay healthy! Thank you Bardene!”

Laurie Fales – Administrative Assistant

“Laurie approaches every task and assignment as if it is the most important one she has. She quietly and humbly dedicates herself to supporting her co-workers and numerous educational programs. Laurie never looks for attention or accolades, but takes satisfaction of a job WELL DONE. Many of the programs Laurie has supported have been highly regarded, some even award winners. They never would have reached those levels without Laurie attending to all the details that might have otherwise been missed. Specifically, her ability to manage invoice processing and make sense of overlapping project budgets during the pandemic has been invaluable. You can always count on Laurie to get things done and get them done RIGHT!”

Aida Bautista - Special Education Teacher

“Aida goes above and beyond! She is a dedicated teacher and coworker! Aida is not only a great advocate for her students but also her staff as well. She works hard to keep the lines of communication open during these difficult times. Aida we appreciate all you do for us each and every day!”