



November 2020 Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS!

Becky Norman - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Becky is an amazing person. If someone needs help, she offers to do it. If she has downtime, she looks for tasks that she can do or needs to be done. When tasks get a little more intensive, she powers through to get the job done. Thank you, Becky, for being such a jack-of-all-trades! We are so lucky to have you at ELC - Montevideo!"

Brittany Alex - Special Education Teacher

"Brittany is a natural. Brittany is a first year teacher with several years of experience in school settings. What makes Brittany great is her patience and temperament which is an EXACT fit for working with students with behavioral needs/challenges. Thank you for the outstanding work this fall in the face of unprecedented challenges of the pandemic. Students in your classroom are fortunate to experience your work! Thank you Brittany."

Brittany Heidebrink - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Brittany is such a great team player. She is always willing to help fill in during these COVID times. I know I can count on her to be wherever there is a need. Thanks Brittany!!"

Cameron Holm - Special Education Teacher

"Cameron is a veteran teacher and is skilled in so many positions. Cameron is an invaluable member of the ELC - Belview team. I really appreciate when Cameron gives his time and effort to help other teachers around him. He is looked to as a leader and stands tall in all situations. Thank you for all you do Cam!"

Chas Wittman - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Chas is a veteran para here at ELC - Cosmos. She has worked with a wide variety of students in the building over the years and is always a solid addition to classroom she is in. She recently went over to work in ELC - Willmar to help out while they were in need of extra staff. Chas is a real team player and steps up when the need arises. Thank you so much Chas for what you do and keep on trucking!"

Chelsey Frericks - Administrative Assistant

"Chelsey is so appreciated at ELC - Cosmos! Not only is she the Administrative Assistant, she works on a team to plan and organize appreciation events, she ensures the school store is stocked and she is a wealth of knowledge for staff. I am impressed that Chelsey always smiles and stays positive even during challenging situations. She has a very high standard of service and cares about the well-being of all students and staff. We are very fortunate to have Chelsey in ELC - Cosmos!"

Clay Elness - DAPE Teacher

"Clay does such a phenomenal job with my students for P.E. He is so intentional with his lesson planning and activities, we are so lucky to have him!"

Jen Olson - LPN/Health Para

"Jen is amazing! She helps us out in many different areas and she does it with a positive attitude and a smile. She has been very helpful through all this COVID stuff, helping us to try to understand things. She keeps us on our toes for our health screenings and will help us out in our rooms whenever we need her. We appreciate everything you do for us Jen!!"

Jordyn Goldschmidt - School Social Worker

"Jordyn is an amazing social skills teacher. She goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She is truly there for the students and takes time out of her busy schedule to work one on one with students that need extra time. She takes initiative and reaches out to students and staff to see how everyone is doing, and she comes up with creative and fun Friday dress-up days to develop school culture. Jordyn is great to work with and we are lucky to work with her at ELC - Belview!"

Kate Gerke - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Kate has been awesome during distance learning. Whether it's helping students with their school work online or helping the teacher with data entry. Kate has been a great support, is always positive, and a great co-worker."

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"Kate is the utmost professional. Kate has worked so hard this fall to reach the students during the challenges of this pandemic. She is always here for her co-workers and has a great attitude. Kate handles challenging behavioral situations masterfully. She is sensitive, and caring no matter the situation. Kate knows how to teach students to read, and finds the areas of weakness. She supports others so they can do their best work and is an invaluable member of the team."

Kelsey Buysse - Occupational Therapist

"Kelsey brings a wealth of knowledge to our special education teams! She is always so willing to help, offer ideas and support the kiddos we share. She is also very tech-savvy☺"

Laura Rudie - School Counselor

"Laura does a wonderful job as school counselor for our ELC. She has a positive friendly attitude and is great with the students. She also has been a big help with starting up the ALC here in Pipestone. Thanks for always being willing to help find the answers and make everything work!!"

Maria Medina - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Maria has been with the ELC - Cosmos for several years now. She has worked with many different students and teachers over the years and been a great addition wherever she is put. She went over to ELC - Willmar to help out while they needed additional help for several weeks. Maria has shown that she can work well wherever she is put and a true team player. Thank you for stepping up and helping out wherever you are!"

Marilyn Minnick - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Marilyn has worked at ELC - Cosmos for several years. She is a wonderful resource for paraprofessionals. Marilyn is a good listener and has a vast understanding of how Setting IV sites function. She truly cares about students and staff at ELC - Cosmos and demonstrates this by sharing kind words, organizing morale-building activities and participating in staff meetings. Marilyn recognizes that students and staff may have strong emotional needs at this time. She works hard to spread good vibes and support everyone in ELC - Cosmos. Your positive attitude is appreciated!"

Meghan Elgersma - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Meghan is a great asset to our team at ELC - Pipestone. She has really stepped up during this trying year, especially in the middle school room. She even helped out when Pipestone Area Schools needed assistance. Thanks Meghan for all you do!"

Michelle Whitcomb-Johnson - Behavior Specialist

"Michelle takes extra time out of her day to go above and beyond to help out her colleagues. She is so kind, understanding, and incredibly helpful. I am so thankful for Michelle and her willingness to share her knowledge in expertise."

Monique Konrad - Special Education Teacher

"Monique is an outstanding member of the SWWC Team. She works with integrity and grit at all times. Being a first year teacher seems like slaying a dragon some days, but she has provided the finest service to her students. She never misses a beat and I cannot express gratitude enough to her for "bringing it" every single day. She is an example of hard work! Thank you for stepping up and joining our ELC - Belview Team."

Sierra Riley - Administrative Assistant

"Sierra Riley has been outstanding this fall. Adjusting to change is never easy. She assumed the role of administrative assistant for the ELC - Belview Setting IV Program. The role involves so many systems and tasks that keep our school running smoothly. She has taken all of the tasks in stride and has supported ELC - Belview through the challenges of the pandemic. Sierra IS and will continue to do outstanding work! Thank you Sierra!"

Traci Heinrich - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Traci is constantly a positive force in the school and brightens the day of her co-workers and students. She has an amazing ability to work with a wide variety of students and has been all over the place at ELC - Cosmos. Traci works hard to make sure that her student's needs are being met and is always willing to try new plans/strategies as they come along. Thank you so much for all you do Traci...you rock!"

Traci Heinrich - Special Education Paraprofessional

"The way Traci cares about students and her colleagues is to be admired. She seeks ways to engage and motivate the students she works with as well as tries to find ways to spread positivity among staff. 2020 has presented us with many challenges, ELC - Cosmos is thankful to have Traci in the building providing high quality services for students and caring professionally and personally for those of us working alongside her."