

To whom it may concern,

It is my honor to nominate the heart of Weber Adult Education, valued team members, Diane Hall (Head Secretary), Maria Bohorquez (Registrar), Marcene Smith (Assistant Secretary), Alisa Rivera (counselor), DeeDee Little (Student Advocate) for the E+ team award.

These valued employees have gone above and beyond their job descriptions in the midst of a pandemic. During this pandemic they have individual meetings with every student for registration, counseling, transition services and graduation plan meetings. In fact, for the 2020-2021 school year they have registered over 520 new students in the first two months of the school year. The program has almost doubled the amount of active students from last school year.

Weber Adult Education helps students from the age of 16 on up. We have students coming to us to graduate from high school, earn a GED, and learn to speak English as a second language. This amazing staff has greeted and assisted everyone with a smile, under their face mask! We have students that speak many languages that come to enroll for our classes and they have all gone above and beyond in helping these students feel welcomed and included. They think of the small things, which really are the big things. As an example, we had a new student register for our ESL class. This student was greeted by our registrar in her native language, which was Thai. Not only that, but then the registrar, Maria, translated the registration package into the student's native language and left a note in the new student's classroom saying welcome and we're so glad you're here in class with us in Thai! If students are struggling this team connects them with community partners to assist in whatever obstacle the student is facing so they can get back on track to finish their education.

We have 10 locations where we teach adult education and our staff travels to meet all of the students and teachers' needs! This team delivers curriculum, filing cabinets and even furniture in order to make sure all classes have all the materials that they need!

I know there are a lot of worthy candidates for this award, but I feel that this team's passion to meet the needs of all our students represents the selfless nature and a true servant leadership that can be felt by all of our students. They truly exemplify the Weber Way!

Andrea Woodring