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Dr. Karen Gray Superintendent

Tom Moore Memorial Award 2023

South County Nominee: Peter Colley

Peter has been our volunteer ASPIRE coordinator since the 2019-200 school year. During COVID, he managed the online world and still was able to "google meet" with kids and create his own classroom for students that were applying for colleges and scholarships. He created a college and career center at WHS with all sorts of information and resources for students, staff, and parents. He recruited volunteers to be mentors to meet one on one with students about their future planning. He set regular hours where he could be found daily to help students with their career goals. During conferences, he puts on family information nights to promote the college going culture. He has taken on the role as the LEO Club's Coordinator and started community service projects for our students. Peter has grown ASPIRE to a commendable program! As the ASPIRE Program Analyst and Access Specialist says about Peter, "Your care and passion for this position is clear. I love that you want to keep learning and growing in your role, including setting goals to increase your financial aid and scholarship knowledge over the coming year. Peter your passion for your student's success is inspiring. Ms. Skirvin, you are extremely fortunate to have Peter as your new ASPIRE Coordinator."

Unfortunately, Peter is leaving us after this year. He and his partner are looking to move into a retirement community. We will miss seeing his smiling face every day - *and the snacks*! His energy and organization are contagious, he will be greatly missed!

Nominated by: Principal Amy Skirvin, Waldport Middle/High School