

Leading Learning Award

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Shannon Mehan, Pine Grove Learning Center

Shannon is truly a bright light at Pine Grove. She is always finding creative ways to adapt equipment so that students can better access the curriculum and participate in their world. She constantly thinks outside the box, makes the most of her time, and teaches students how to use the tools and resources they've been given to have fun, explore, and engage with the world around them. Shannon is such a valued member of the PGLC staff, and the impact she has on our students does not go unnoticed!



Alex Pasch, Student Services

I would like to nominate Alex for this award because of the consistent and sustained way she contributes to and elevates the work of her colleagues as a Behavior Coach.

Alex leads by example in so many of the everyday things that makes our team stronger. She is incredibly organized and is often the first person to create a helpful document, resource, or process that makes something easier for the rest of us. She is always willing to answer questions, share her knowledge, and help a colleague think through a problem. Alex has a depth of knowledge about her role, but what stands out is her willingness to share that knowledge in a way that supports the people around her.

Alex's impact also extends beyond the day-to-day support she provides to individual colleagues. Through her work within a Strategic Planning group, Alex has helped increase our coaching capacity, allowing us as Special Education Coaches to support more team members across the county. Her contributions have helped us think beyond what we can accomplish individually and build systems that increase our collective capacity.

What makes Alex reflective of this award is that her contributions are not a one-time effort. She consistently invests her time, knowledge, and talents in making the people and systems around her stronger. Whether she is answering a quick question, creating a resource that the whole team can use, or contributing to larger strategic efforts, Alex demonstrates a genuine commitment to helping her colleagues be successful.

