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NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Honey Roehl	Kokhanok	During BBRCTE's Traditional Arts and Rural Entrepreneurship Intensive Honey displayed shining examples of hard work, compassion, politeness and student leadership. After completing the initial main project in class, she went on to complete a second and then third more challenging project, all while helping fellow students work through their own projects. Honey was the first to volunteer to stay after class to help the instructor clean up, comforted a fellow student facing a challenge during the week, and maintained a positive attitude through it all.	Justin Zimin, BBRCTE Program Coordinator
Ed Lester	Newhalen	Ed takes the part of his job description that says “other duties as assigned” very seriously. On top of being our principal, he's raising/caring for multiple children, coaching, and still finding the energy to lead morning workout. But his dedication truly reached new heights when he took on the role of *in-flight vomit bag holder* on a bumpy flight back from inservice. From running a school, to literally running laps, to handling bodily fluids in the sky, Ed proves that no job is too big or too disgusting. Thanks, Ed, for taking one (many) for the team!	Alexis Pursell, Teacher
Dean John	Newhalen	Dean is always willing to jump in and help wherever he is needed. When he hears that someone has a need, he immediately starts problem solving. Whether it is jumping in to cover PE, or helping someone change a flat tire, Dean is always there. He is a trusted adult for many of our students and a positive role model for all of them. We are very thankful for his dedication to our school, and our community. Thank you so much Dean!	Elisabeth Ludwig, School Social Worker
Kelly Cooper	Chignik Bay	This year is my third year working with Kelly and she has grown into a very responsible student. As a resident of Chignik Bay, she has firsthand knowledge of how hard it is to be a student without a school. She makes the most of every opportunity given to her, such as district volleyball and BBRCTE. She takes it upon herself to reach out to teachers for help in preparation for her absences from class and happily makes up the work after such trips. Additionally, she is becoming a role model to other students. She comes to class prepared and ready to learn. She is genuinely engaged in her class work and has the courage to ask for help and clarification while in class. This sets a great example to her peers!	Christian Meneskie, Online Math Teacher
Laura Wilder	Port Alsworth	Laura does so many behind-the-scenes things here at Tanalian to keep us running. She graciously takes care of all that is asked of her, but sees extra things that need to be done and takes care of them as well. As we have hosted sports tournaments here, I see her going above and beyond to make sure everything runs smoothly. She makes sure to introduce herself to all the teams and make sure that if they need something, they can ask her. I appreciate her kindness, organization, and balancing all the demands to keep our staff, students, and school operating at maximum capacity!	Matthew Grossmann, Teacher
Zita Andrews	Chignik Lake	Zita is the mother of 3 of the students here at Chignik Lake. She has been a passionate supporter of all the events run at the school, including our recent cultural week, in which she volunteered to cook lunches and dinners, set up events, and played in active role in partaking in the various events, which included making drums, beeding, creating a mask along with volunteering on the adult volleyball team. As the person in town who collects all the imcoming mail when it arrives by plane, she has been a massive support for our school by consistently notifying us whenever school mail has arrived or is going to arrive, which has included her bringing us packages directly to the school and even picking up people and bringing them to the school. Lastly, whenever there is an afterschool event, whether it's volleyball practice, night gym, movie nights, etc., you can always count on Zita's kids being there, and her making sure they get to and from safely despite her very busy schedule.	Jordan Branca, Student Teacher

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Michael Prinz	Port Alsworth/D	Michael jumped right in and got to work. He has traveled all across the Lake and Pen region and has the right combination of technical skill and personality to connect with and support the human side of technology in the region. He has worked really hard to learn all of our systems so quickly and stays excited to learn more about how he can support the kids, teachers, and communities. We are lucky to have him on the team, and I wanted to highlight his efforts.	Nathan McArthur, Ed Tech/Homeschool
Kacy Lou Humphreys	Districtwide	Kacy Lou and the counseling team are doing a great job implementing the sources of strength program. It's great to see the kids engaging and growing stronger. I had a unique experience sitting nearby while the reporter interviewed the kids, and their answers were so deep and meaningful! I'm so proud to work with and support the wonderful program and the staff who have brought it to the region and implemented it.	Nathan McArthur, Ed Tech/Homeschool
Elisabeth Ludwig	Newhalen	Elisabeth and the counseling team are doing a great job implementing the sources of strength program. It's great to see the kids engaging and growing stronger. I had a unique experience sitting nearby while the reporter interviewed the kids, and their answers were so deep and meaningful! I'm so proud to work with and support the wonderful program and the staff who have brought it to the region and implemented it.	Nathan McArthur, Ed Tech/Homeschool
Patty McCasland	Newhalen	Patty and the counseling team are doing a great job implementing the sources of strength program. It's great to see the kids engaging and growing stronger. I had a unique experience sitting nearby while the reporter interviewed the kids, and their answers were so deep and meaningful! I'm so proud to work with and support the wonderful program and the staff who have brought it to the region and implemented it.	Nathan McArthur, Ed Tech/Homeschool
Leon Alsworth V	Port Alsworth	Leon is an 8th grader who moved to Port Alsworth mid-way through the first semester. He has jumped into his new school with a smile and sweet attitude. One morning, after it had just snowed, he arrived at school to find teacher Mr. Grossmann shoveling the front entryway of the school and asked to take over. Then when he had finished shoveling he came in with a big smile and headed down the hall for class. I'm so thankful for Leon and his willingness to joyfully engage and serve!	Laura Wilder, Administrative Assistant