



LPSD SHINING STARS, SEPTEMBER 2023



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Kate Cornell	Nondalton	Cassie has worked so hard to get our reporting systems up and running for the start of the year and I appreciate her hard work over the summer! The class list audit was no joke and the information provided for teachers is amazing. Thank you, Cassie!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Nate McArthur	Newhalen	Nate provided so much technical support during August Inservice... THANK YOU, NATE! Your presence was appreciated and your check-ins provided much needed support for all of us. We appreciate you!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Elba Lamar	Perryville	Elba, thank you for asking all the questions during August Inservice! I appreciate you giving voice to the questions that others probably had, but didn't feel comfortable asking. You're going to be amazing this year! Perryville is lucky to have your experience and expertise!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Marli Nikolaus	Idaho	Marli has put so much time and effort this summer into creating documents for LPSD that will make teacher's lives easier, and improve instruction for students in LPSD and I am so grateful to her for sharing her incredible wealth of knowledge and expertise! Thank you, Marli, for the time you spend on the students of LPSD--it shows in everything you do!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Matthew Grossman	Port Alsworth	Matthew has such well rounded experience with LPSD and I appreciate SO MUCH his willingness to share his expertise with anyone who asks for help. He is kind and doesn't hesitate to help out where needed. Thank you, Matthew, for sharing with your colleagues during August Inservice. You are awesome!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Shakim Blackwell	Nondalton	Shakim took on a variety of roles during August Inservice--most roles with very little notice! He shared his resources and his expertise without hesitation and I am so grateful for his time and energy. Thank you, Shakim, for all you do for students and your colleagues. It doesn't go unnoticed!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Nicole Metzgar	Port Alsworth	Nicole took on August New Teacher Training and Inservice like a BOSS! You were gracious and so professional--I strive to be more like you. Thank you for ALL YOU DO for the district and our students. You are amazing!	Kate Cornell, Teacher
Justin Zimin	Palmer	Justin has been very welcoming and supportive with my new role with BBRCTE. He is intentional in his communication and makes sure that you are feeling supported. He answers any and all questions I throw his way with the utmost patience. He is a natural leader and I am lucky to work with him!	Patricia McCasland, BBRCTE Career Development Specialist
Devin Kosbruk	Perryville	I have had the pleasure of knowing Devin for the last two years. This year, I am working closely with him in my role as the Career Development Specialist for BBRCTE. I am consistently impressed at Devin's drive to seek out opportunities to help him grow as a student and a future leader in the Bristol Bay Region. He is able to communicate effectively with external organizations like AVTEC and does it with great independence. He communicates well with his principal and teachers when we have meetings scheduled. Devin is a great role model for students across the district. Keep it up Devin!	Patricia McCasland, BBRCTE Career Development Specialist
Kaleah Anelon	Newhalen	Kaleah is an amazing individual and student. She works extremely hard in everything she does. She continues to impress me because she is so driven and involved in our community. For example, she organized a Yupik Dance to be held at the school. She invited the entire school and community and will be teaching everyone how to dance. She is very caring, sweet, and easy to work with. She is loved by teachers, classmates, and her community. She has been excited to share with me things that she has done in other classes because she is proud of her work. She is the kind of student any teacher would want in their class.	Sydney Boone, Teacher
Carl Adams	King Salmon	Carl is an ever-steady, jack of all trades who is committed to keeping our schools running. This requires putting in a lot of hours, often at odd times of the day and night. Thank you for your service to our students, staff, and communities, Carl!	Bill Cornell, Personnel Director
Tim McDermott	King Salmon	Always willing to hop on a plane on a moment's notice, Tim maintains our facilities while keeping an eye on what truly matters...our students! Although he works all manner of hours, he still manages to find time while at our schools, to visit with students and staff. Thank you, Tim, for all you do to keep our schools up and running!	Bill Cornell, Personnel Director

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Shakim Blackwell	Nondalton	Shakim was available to greet the three new teachers and making sure their shipped items were in their rooms. Every time the principal arrives he greets her and takes care of her luggage. He gives the same care to his teaching and students. He always makes sure they have their learning needs met. He puts their needs in front of his. He is very stable and predictable in his emotions and work. He stepped up to be the lead teacher when the previous lead teacher found out this summer about health issues that would keep him out of work for the first semester. When I first talked at any length to Shakim, we were outside the teacher housing. He saw a neighbor two houses away unloading their truck. He said, "Excuse me, I need to make sure "my neighbor (he used the name)" doesn't unload that truck alone." Having been at Nondalton for five years, he's well known and liked.	Valerie Burgess, Teacher
Marina McGourty	Kokhanok	Kokhanok School has gotten three first year teachers this year and Marina has been outstanding at helping each of them figure things out. She has stepped up as a leader in the school among the teachers, such as running morning meetings and coming up with great things we can do as a school. We are thankful to have her at the school.	Krista Hobson, Teacher