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## RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

### POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions exemplify the Pillar of Excellence.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

#### **WE Expect Excellence: NSTA Distinguished Teaching Award – Bradford Hill**

Bradford Hill, Science Teacher at Mountainside High School was awarded the NSTA Distinguished Teaching Award, sponsored by the U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) from the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). The 2019 NSTA Teacher Awards program honors K–12 teachers, principals, professors and other science education professionals for their outstanding work and achievement in science education.

“In sixteen years of administration, I have never seen an educator as committed to the educating of students and the implementation of best practices as Bradford Hill. His lengthy list of accomplishments is quite simply amazing given his relative youth in the profession. Bradford is looked upon within the school, the District, and the state as an impact science educator who is helping to change the shape of the future of science education. I cannot think of a finer recipient of this award,” says Todd Corsetti, Principal at Mountainside High School.

Congratulations, Bradford!

#### **WE Expect Excellence – Celebrate Literacy Award – Kacy Smith Paterson**

Beaverton School District Teacher on Special Assignment for Secondary English Language Arts, Kacy Smith Paterson, has won the Celebrate Literacy Award from the Portland Reading Council and the International Literacy.

In her nomination, Kacy was praised for her leadership in literacy education and outstanding work with teachers. “Kacy Smith Paterson is a true advocate for literacy, and it shows in her work with students, colleagues, and District-level staff,” says nominator Amy Hattendorf, (Teacher on Special Assignment) for Secondary TAG/Advanced Programs (AP & IB) MYP Coordinator, Cedar Park Middle School.

The Celebrate Literacy Award recognizes organizations, institutions, and individuals that have made significant literacy contributions at the local, state, or provincial level. The hope is that the celebration will familiarize the public with literacy activities in the community and call attention to the work that is being done by the schools and the International Literacy Association to promote literacy worldwide.

Congratulations, Kacy!

**District Goal:** WE Empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

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**WE Expect Excellence – Educator of the Year – April Horner**

April Horner, Academic Learning Center Teacher at Highland Park Middle School, has been named the Educator of the Year by the Arc Oregon. Ms. Horner is being honored for her dedication to person-centered focus on each student and her high expectations of all students.

The parent who nominated Ms. Horner had this to say " My daughter has been working with teachers starting at three months old with Early Childhood Intervention. Ms. Horner has taken the time to get to know my daughter, to have high expectations for her, and to hold her accountable to those expectations. She takes the time to recognize the needs of each of her students and puts appropriate supports in place. She values the whole student and knows that in order to maximize student success each student needs to be supported in all areas of need. She developed strategies to help my daughter identify feelings and problem solve how to get her needs met in a positive manner and not through behavior or withdrawing."

The Arc Oregon is a non-profit organization that together with its network of members and affiliated chapters, advocates for the rights and full community participation of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Congratulations, April!

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Bradford Hill, Kacy Smith Paterson, and April Horner.