

Leading Learning Award

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Stephanie Harkema

“Stephanie goes above and beyond and leads both within her classroom teaching focusing on life lessons, transition skills and life skills to her students. She comes to work each day with a smile, gives 100% and is kind to all staff and students. She is the true definition of an outstanding educator and her efforts do not go unnoticed. She also leads our Student Government, runs our school store and is an integral member of our Continuous Improvement and PBIS Teams. Stephanie is extremely organized, has targeted lesson plans that meets all her students where they are at.”



Emily Herrmann



Thomas Doan

“Thomas Doan and Emily Herrmann are a dynamic trio with Stephanie Harkema educating students on our certificate track of completion at KEC Beltline. Thomas and Emily come to work each day and are prepared to teach our students daily life lessons, daily living skills, social emotional skills while keeping all students safe. They have also built fantastic relationships not only with their students but all students throughout the building and are proactive in their approach which helps our students find success each day. Emily has been accepted in a program to advance her career as a future teacher and Thomas has served on many committees including our Continuous Improvement and PBIS Teams. Thanks for all you do each day at KEC Beltline.”

