

# Leading Learning Award

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Stacy Crowell

Stacy Crowell, Specially Designed Instructional Coordinator, is a transformative leader whose impact on special education is felt across local districts, regional programs, and center programming. With a career rooted in excellence, Stacy has consistently demonstrated her ability to inspire educators and elevate instructional practices. Stacy transitioned into the Specially Designed Instructional Coordinator role this year, taking her influence to new heights. She developed a comprehensive coaching model for our center programs. Stacy's leadership has also extended to guiding coaches in leading impactful staff meetings and creating instructional walkthrough tools for principals, ensuring fidelity in implementation and sustained quality in programming. Colleagues describe her as a beacon of positivity and dedication, noting that her passion for special education drives them to strive for excellence in their work.



Edwin Montoya

I am writing to enthusiastically nominate Edwin Montoya for the Leading Learning Award in the "Above and Beyond" category for his extraordinary support of Kenowa Hills Public Schools during a challenging time. In November, Kenowa Hills' technology department faced a significant hardship. One of their valued technicians was involved in a car accident requiring surgery and a subsequent extended leave of absence. As a district with a lean technology team, the loss of this individual substantially strained their ability to maintain essential technology services and support the needs of our students and staff. During this critical period, Edwin stepped up and demonstrated his willingness to go above and beyond in support of the district. His positive attitude, willingness to help, and technical expertise were instrumental in keeping Kenowa Hill's classroom technology running smoothly during this difficult period.



Bonnie Lewis

I am honored to nominate Bonnie Lewis for a Leading Learning Award. Bonnie's unwavering dedication to excellence and her ability to foster meaningful relationships with staff and local supporters make her truly deserving of this recognition. Bonnie is a truly selfless and dedicated individual who consistently goes out of her way to support those around her. Her compassion and empathy make her a trusted confidante, and she approaches every situation with kindness and understanding. Beyond her willingness to help, Bonnie's work ethic is unmatched—she does not leave until every task is completed with the highest level of care and attention to detail. Her dedication ensures that everything runs smoothly, and her persistence sets a strong example for those who work alongside her. I wholeheartedly believe she embodies the qualities and values of Kent ISD.

