

Leading Learning Award January 2025



Craig Weigel

Craig Weigel has led learning in a number of ways in his first semester as Principal of KCTC. He has done a tremendous job of making staff feel genuinely heard. He listens to input from his staff, and then considers that input in his decision making process. There is no doubt that the decisions Craig makes are student centered and in line with the values of the ISD.

Craig has been visible in the buildings, stopping by classrooms to gain an understanding of the programs, meeting students, getting to know the instructors, and the support staff. I have yet to encounter anyone at KCTC east or west, that does not have a kind word to say about him. That speaks volumes. His leadership skills, humility and his humor go a long way toward establishing and maintaining a positive culture in our program.



Laura Fisher

Laura Fisher is a beacon of hope and positivity at Pine Grove Learning Center, making her a perfect candidate for the Above and Beyond Award. Her huge heart shines through in everything she does, from building strong connections with students to supporting her colleagues with compassion and understanding.

Laura is not only a leader of learning but also a source of inspiration for everyone around her. She fosters an environment where students feel valued and capable, helping them overcome challenges and achieve their goals. Her dedication and positive spirit makes Pine Grove a brighter place, creating a ripple effect of hope and encouragement throughout the school community. Laura truly goes above and beyond, leaving a lasting impact on both students, staff, and the neurodiverse community.