

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

SUMMARY

The district recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievement and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community.

BACKGROUND

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Matt McCollum, science teacher at Mountainside High School, has been selected as one of six state finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Matt is now eligible to submit an application to the national review committee for consideration for the 2025 PAEMST Awardee, the nation's highest honor for U.S. K-12 teachers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and/or computer science.

2025 Verna Bailey Be the Change Award

The 2025 Verna Bailey Be the Change Award is given to 6th or 7th grade students of color who believe that building empathy for others, increasing racial awareness and promoting social justice are crucial elements in fostering a just and supportive community. The winning students will create projects that seek to build awareness of these issues. The winning students will each create a project that seeks to build awareness of these issues.

This year's winners and the focus of their projects include:

- Amelia White, Conestoga Middle School, anti-bullying and creating a welcoming environment
- Leila Mphepo, Highland Park Middle School, empathy and racial awareness
- Fadil Omer, Stoller Middle School, creating safe spaces

Belong. Believe. Achieve.

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