

### SHINING STARS...SPRING 2021

NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR
Shakim Blackwell	NON	<p>Shakim has been crucial in the success of our high school students in Nondalton. He dedicates a lot of time to make sure every student has the tools needed to be successful not only in his class, but in their online classes and any programs that are not directly under his purview.</p> <p>He is always volunteering to help out anyone with anything. He is kind, helpful, and dedicated. We are so lucky to have him here in Nondalton!</p>	Cassie Broschious
Betty Wilson	NON	Betty is a wonderful and dedicated staff member here in Nondalton. She has jumped in and filled a lot of needed positions here over the past year. She works hard and helps our school run smoothly and is willing to help with anything we may need. We really appreciate everything she does for us here!	Cassie Broschious
Zach Stenson	ANC	I am very grateful to have Zach as the director of the CTE program on behalf of the region's school districts. Having the opportunity to work in a shared workspace with Zach, and have more exposure to all the tasks he's undertaking to build connections and grow the CTE program have really highlighted the amount of work that goes on "behind the scenes" to deliver a great program to our students. The career fair today (that he helped coordinate) was well attended and was an awesome opportunity for visiting with employers! He brings a wonderful mix of professionalism and approachability to his position!	Jenny Myhand
Jack Walsh	ANC/PTH	I wanted to express my gratitude to Jack for all the positivity he has brought to his position this year, even in the midst of COVID. Having him "in and out" of the Palmer office has been a real pleasure. He always brings a brightness to the office and has others' best interest at heart. Thank you, Jack, for serving the Meshik team and always being willing to share your talents with staff and students alike!	Jenny Myhand
COVID Committee	Various	I'd like to express my appreciation for all of the work the COVID Committee have dedicated over the past year to handle a challenging and polarized situation with a balanced approach. Thank you all for putting yourselves in the "hot seat" and serving our school district and its communities!	Jenny Myhand

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Ty Mase	AKN	<p>We are grateful for the leadership style with which Ty has led Lake &amp; Pen School District. He has been a responsive superintendent, with a willingness to listen to the communities within our borough and to the LPSD staff. His vision and flexibility have been appreciated attributes in a supervisor.</p> <p>Thank you for the years you have devoted to LPSD, Ty! Thank you for bringing just the right mix of humor, charisma, humility, grace, and wisdom to your role. It has been an honor to work for you! Wishing you a VERY happy retirement!!!</p>	The Palmer Office Folks
Nate McArthur	BAY	Mr. McArthur has done an amazing job as the Building Test Coordinator for Chignik Bay. He has been meticulous in his planning and facilitation of statewide testing. Nate has been very attentive to all training and planning sessions. His thoroughness has made my job easier. I know that things will go smoothly during assessments in Chignik Bay because of his attention to detail. Because of his leadership and attention to detail he has contributed to the smooth administration of assessments across the district.	Moon McCarley
Sara Erickson	LAG	Sara has worked extra to help me in implementing our new digital end of level assessments. Sara has been available to help troubleshoot and create new assessments. Sara has been an active member in our group to really spend extra time making sure the 0-2 assessments were created in a way that would be useful for teachers and students. Sara was also available to help me troubleshoot or create questions for the 3-12 assessments. Sara has gone outside of her contract day and expectations to make sure this project is successful. This project would not be possible without the contributions Sara has contributed. Sara, Thank You!	Matthew Stark
Jordan Davis	KOK	Ms. Davis has been a pleasure to work with as a building test coordinator. This role creates a lot of extra work for the person doing it. Despite that she is always positive and easy to work with. Jordan has been very organized and prompt with all of the required tasks and documentation. She was often the first person to turn things in and they were always done correctly. I know that her leadership is an asset to Kokhanok School and it made my job much easier as well.	Moon McCarley

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Amber Kresl	AKN	This year we have been posting literacy tips and information for parents and student on the LPSD Facebook page. Our posts would not be as good without the help Amber has given us. She has been helpful in proofreading, creating, giving advice, researching, and giving help to all our literacy mentors. This has been a group project between the mentors and Ambers, but not something we could have done without Amber. Amber always works in a very organized and professional manner that makes the other mentors feel supported. Amber strives to do her best and also make sure others feel supported. Amber thank you for all your work making our literacy social media posts great.	Matthew Stark
Nate McArthur and Stephanie Canning	BAY	Due to the pandemic, travel has not been possible for special education site visits. Nate and Stephanie at Chignik Bay school have gone above and beyond to make sure, that the lack of travel has not decreased the services offered to the special education students at the Bay. Every quarter for progress report testing, they have been prompt in testing students for finding time for me to test students over Zoom. They both are valuable members of the different IEP teams. They work well with parents and administration to make plans are put in place that are best for each student. They are prompt at responding to emails and also asking questions. They are good at including all student in the classroom. They are very good at meeting all the students needs and really show that they care. Thank you for all your hard work Stephanie and Nate.	Matthew Stark
Brenda Luthi	Palmer	Brenda has been such a joy to work with this year. She has been such a wonderful asset to the literacy mentor program and has really helped us do our best. I've enjoyed meeting monthly with her and getting great tips and tricks. Her calming presence has been really helpful during this tricky year. I look forward to getting to work with her again next year :)	Dana Wolff
Ethan Shangin	PVL	Ethan took time out of his very busy end of school time to attend the Virtual AASG Conference on April 16-17. Not only that, but he showed up on Saturday morning to attend as well! Thank you, Ethan, for your commitment to the District and your fellow classmates.	Kate Cornell

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Gabe Olympic	NEW	Gabe—thanks for attending the Virtual AASG Conference on April 16-17! I appreciate your willingness to participate in the small group sessions and your positive attitude as the day went on. Thank you for your commitment to the District and your fellow classmates!	Kate Cornell
Colton Bybee	IGI	Colton is a brand-new member of the District student government and has been such a great addition to our team! Thanks for taking time out of your week and weekend try and attend the AASG Virtual Conference—I know technology was not on your side during the event, but I appreciate your willingness to try. Thank you for your commitment to the District and your fellow classmates!	Kate Cornell
Aileen Lester	NEW	Aileen has been a devoted Student Government President this year and it has been so wonderful to have such an engaged and thoughtful person leading our team. She has great ideas and is unafraid to speak out when she feels it's necessary. Her in-person board reports were always well spoken and showed genuine care for the workings of the district student government. Thank you, Aileen, for your commitment to the District and your fellow classmates throughout this, at times, challenging year!	Kate Cornell