

**WE EXPECT EXCELLENCE****WE INNOVATE****WE EMBRACE EQUITY****WE COLLABORATE**

RECOGNITIONS OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions exemplify the Pillar of Excellence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

WE Expect Excellence: Sigma Xi Columbia-Willamette Outstanding Teacher Award – Dr. Susan Holveck

Dr. Susan Holveck was recently awarded the Sigma Xi Columbia-Willamette's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Susan is being awarded this honor for her tireless work in supporting and engaging in science research and education in the Beaverton School District. Susan's contributions include:

- Reviewing and advising students on their research projects
- Training and supporting teachers to engage in this same work with their students
- Development of the Summa Science Research Program
- Convening the District's SRC and IRBs to review students' science research
- Participation in District Science Review Committee reviewing science research projects coming into the District
- Writing grants to support science fairs in the Beaverton School District as well as developing partnerships to support this work
- Coordinating and running three science fairs a year for students
- Coordinating special awards at the NW Science Expo

Sigma Xi Columbia-Willamette is a Scientific Research Honors Society. They engage the Portland, Oregon scientific and technical community to enhance the health of the scientific research enterprise, provide opportunities for the next generation of scientists and engineers, and promote the public's understanding of science and technology. They are comprised of faculty and students from several colleges and universities in the Portland area, as well as colleagues in local business, industry, federal and state agencies, and medical centers.

Congratulations, Susan!

WE Expect Excellence: Flag of Learning and Liberty – Crisann Breed

In honor of more than 38 years of dedication to the children of the Beaverton School District, Crisann Breed is being awarded the Flag of Learning and Liberty, which symbolizes the fundamental interdependency of public education and the democratic way of life enjoyed in the United States of America.

District Goal: WE Empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Crisann began her career in 1979 as an Intervention teacher, and has continued as a special education teacher, child development specialist, counseling psychologist and psychologist in several elementary schools in the District, including Cooper Mountain, Cedar Mill, Elmonica, Findley and Vose elementary schools. Crisann also worked with Bridges Academy as a home instructor.

“Crisann has spent her career dedicated to helping every kid she encounters. She loves the most complicated cases and never gives up until success is reached. She loves to research and doesn’t leave any stone unturned! Crisann believes in going to extreme measures to meet the needs of the most difficult. Her magic weapon is her pet snake she uses to build strong, trusting relationships with the students! She has a keen sense of humor that only adds to her likability,” states Kathleen Skidmore, Principal at Findley Elementary School.

“Crisann is a fierce advocate for students, particularly when it comes to inclusive practices. She often sees potential in students before it's recognized by others, and students meet those high expectations. Crisann brings creative ideas to the table when teachers feel they have exhausted their bag of tricks. She will be missed by our home instruction team here at Bridges, but I'm excited she will have the opportunity to enjoy her well-deserved retirement. She does so much to make the world a better place outside of work, I'm confident she'll stay plenty busy, congratulations, Crisann,” says Administrator for Bridges Academy, Ashlee Hudson.

“Crisann's only focus was the student she was working with at the time. She worked so hard to get to the root of a student's difficulty or disability and she will be missed,” says Lenore Johansen, Assistant Director of Special Education

The Flag of Liberty & Learning has become an important reminder to all communities that education serves as a driving force in advancing freedom and liberty in our democratic society. Congratulations, Crisann!

WE Expect Excellence: 2018 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing – Aliyah Blattner

Aliyah Blattner, a junior at Southridge High School, has been selected for a 2018 Achievement Award in Writing, given by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

The NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing is a school-based writing program established in 1957 to encourage high school students to write and to recognize some of the best student writers in the nation. Only students who are juniors may participate. Schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, American schools abroad, and the Virgin Islands are eligible to nominate students for the writing program.

Aliyah received a Certificate of Superior Writing and has also been selected to attend the prestigious Kenyon Writing Program this summer.

This year, schools nominated **462** students. Of that number, **227** received Certificates of Superior Writing and **235** received Certificates of Nomination. Each student submitted two pieces of writing. Two independent judges scored each submission on expression of ideas, language use, and unique perspective and voice.

Congratulations, Aliyah and good luck in all of your future endeavors!

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Susan Holveck, Crisann Breed and Aliyah Blattner.