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RECOGNITION 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: Outstanding Clinician Award – Loni Gobel**

Loni Gobel, Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) at Aloha High School, is the recipient of the Outstanding Clinician Award for Schools by the Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association (OSHA) for her dedication to her students in the Beaverton School District and to graduate students at Portland State University.

The Outstanding Clinician Award for Schools recognizes a speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathology assistant, audiologist or educator of the deaf/hard of hearing (HOH) who consistently demonstrates outstanding clinical, advocacy or leadership skills in the public school system. This award may recognize general clinical work or a specific, recent clinical achievement. Loni was nominated by several of the graduate students she has supervised at Portland State University.

As stated in one nomination letter, “To state that Loni has a true passion for Speech-Language Pathology would be an understatement. Her passion for the field includes her belief in supporting and educating new SLPs by providing each of her students with as much knowledge and experience to ensure that they are prepared and have a positive start in the field.”

Congratulations, Loni!

WE Expect Excellence: Physical Education Teacher of the Year – Joel Miller

Joel Miller, Physical Education teacher at Sexton Mountain Elementary School is the 2015 Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Oregon Society of Health & Physical Educators (SHAPE).

The P.E. Teacher of the Year Award honors physical education and health teachers in their discipline for outstanding teaching, school and community service, and other professional activity. The Oregon School Health and Physical Education (SHAPE) Association promotes healthy, active lifestyles for all Oregon school-age children and youth through professional development opportunities and advocacy.

“Joel is a positive, collaborative and innovative teacher. He always looks for the good in situations and keeps his focus on what's best for students,” says Sexton Mountain Principal Teresa Clemens-Brower.

Joel has worked in the Beaverton School District for 16 years. Congratulations, Joel.

WE Expect Excellence: Outstanding Classroom Teacher of the Year – Brian Torres

Brian Torres, a 7th & 8th grade science teacher at Springville K-8 was selected to receive the Outstanding Classroom Teacher of the Year Award in the Middle School category by the Oregon Science Teachers Association (OSTA).

District Goal: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career 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.

These awards are meant to recognize and honor the work of outstanding classroom teachers based on their ability to motivate student achievement and excitement in science, community and administrative support, ability to support and mentor new and pre-service teachers, and overall contributions to the profession.

“Brian's goal is to have his students find science everywhere in their lives, every day in their lives. When you walk into his science classroom you'll see honest explorations of deep and puzzling questions. Brian believes that when students have opportunities to do real science, as scientists do, that's when student learning goes deep,” says Cheryl Ames, Principal at Springville K-8.

Congratulations, Brian!

WE Expect Excellence: Outstanding Classroom Teacher of the Year – Jennifer Whitten

Jennifer Whitten, a fourth grade teacher at Beaver Acres Elementary School was recently named Outstanding Classroom Teacher of the Year in Elementary School category by the Oregon Science Teacher's Association (OSTA).

These awards are meant to recognize and honor the work of outstanding classroom teachers based on their ability to motivate student achievement and excitement in science, community and administrative support, ability to support and mentor new and pre-service teachers, and overall contributions to the profession.

“Jennifer Whitten is an outstanding science teacher and advocate for science instruction. Her students are the fortunate recipients of excellent instruction, hands on activities, and rich scientific discussions. She is also an advocate and leader for science instruction at the state level. She encourages other teachers at Beaver Acres and in the district in their science instruction and facilitates their lessons in their classroom,” says Stacy Geale, Principal at Beaver Acres Elementary School.

Congratulations, Jennifer.

WE Expect Excellence: Distinguished Service Award – SRO Jessica Hull

The Oregon Peace Officers Association has awarded Jessica Hull, Beaverton School Resource Officer (SRO), the Distinguished Service Award.

The Distinguished Service Award is given to any criminal justice employee for exceptional accomplishments. This individual distinguishes himself or herself while performing highly impactful or unusual actions.

Officer Hull is to be commended for providing outstanding service to the Beaverton School District and the Beaverton community during her time as an SRO. Officer Hull has made truly significant contributions over the last several years as an SRO. She has represented the Beaverton Police Department, and all Oregon Peace Officers, in a superior fashion on a daily basis. She maintains a positive, professional presence and her demeanor is beyond reproach. She communicates with ease and fluency with staff, students and parents.

Hull made significant contributions to the Student Threat Assessment Team (STAT), the implementation of the Standard Response Protocol and the Standard Reunification Method. She was the foundation of Drug Impairment for Educational Professionals Training, and a key driving force for the Suicide Prevention and Intervention Pilot Program conducted at Beaverton High School, which is being implemented District-wide.

As a member of the SRO team, Officer Hull has been instrumental in the continued development and operation of major programs, policy revision and operational procedures within the BSD.

Officer Hull's exceptional professionalism, personal initiative, and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon her and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Beaverton Police Department and the Oregon Peace Officers Association.

Thank you, Jessica for your service to the students and staff of the Beaverton School District and the Beaverton community.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Loni Gobel, Joel Miller, Brian Torres, Jennifer Witten and Jessica Hull for their contributions to student success.