



Wauwatosa School District Honors 17 Employees With Distinguished Service Award

The Wauwatosa School District recognized 17 staff members as recipients of the 2020 Distinguished Service Award during its virtual Opening Day celebration with staff on Thursday, August 27.

Each year parents, staff and students are invited to nominate staff members for the Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes staff members that go above and beyond normal expectations and embody exemplary service and dedication in their work. To be nominated, staff must have been employed by the District for at least three years and cannot be recognized more than once every three years.

When making its decision, a committee of School Board members considers (1) demonstrated services to the District which are distinguishable by excellence; (2) quantity and quality of accomplishments listed in the nominating paragraph; and (3) overall realization of this person's going above and beyond normal expectations.

Because this year's Opening Day event was held virtually, the District created [a video](#) that highlights each of the honorees listed below.

Tracy Carus, Instructional Equity Coach at Wilson Elementary
Diane Blacher, Title 1 Interventionist at Madison Elementary
Dena Foster, Social Studies at Longfellow Middle School
Nick Hughes, Principal at East High School
Sarah Kimmel, Math Teacher at East High School
Patty Mattern, Special Education Assistant Madison Elementary
Mary McElwee, Occupational Therapist Washington Elementary
Guillermo Merino, Elementary Building Lead Madison Elementary
Amy Nolan, School Counselor Underwood Elementary
Sarraah Oliver, Library Media Specialist at East High School
Krishana Robinson, English Teacher at Vel R. Phillips
Jessica Schmidt, ESL at Lincoln Elementary
Loree Simuncak, Orchestra at Eisenhower Elementary
Terry Sommers, Administrative Assistant at East High School
Christie Toye, Administrative Assistant at West High School
Sue Walczak, Social Worker at Wilson Elementary
Meri White, PE at Lincoln Elementary

Congratulations to all of our Distinguished Service Award winners!