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Educational Excellence Award Winners

2025-2026

Para Support Staff of the Year
Lynn Snoza, Aspen Creek Middle School

District-Wide Support Staff of the Year
Trina Waller, Gretna Public Schools

In-Building Support Staff of the Year
Sheryl Emanuel, Harvest Hills Elementary School

Rookie Educator of the Year
Zoe Chagnon, Gretna High School

Special Education Educator of the Year:
Karen Johnson, Gretna & Whitetail Creek Elementary Schools

Educator of the Year (PreK-5)
Cole Kohout, Thomas Elementary School

Educator of the Year (6-8)
Julia Krebs, Aspen Creek Middle School

Specials Educator of the Year
Erica Walsh, GPS Middle Schools

Educator of the Year (9-12)
Lauren Michal, Gretna East High School

Administrator of the Year
Jake Runyon, Cedar Hollow Elementary School



Educational Excellence Award Winners

2024-2025

Custodian of the Year: **Jeff Hogle**, Palisades Elementary School

Driver of the Year: **Gary Golike**, Gretna Public Schools

Grounds/Maintenance Staff of the Year: **Mark Vosler**, Gretna Public Schools

Nurse of the Year: **Melanie Van Blarcom**, Harvest Hills Elementary School

Nutrition/FANS Staff of the Year: **Brian Shearer**, Gretna Public Schools

Para Support Staff of the Year: **Sandra Tiefenthaler**, Aspen Creek Middle School

Secretary of the Year: **Katie Kirchofer**, Gretna Middle School

Counselor of the Year: **Kiely Hermeling**, Gretna Middle School

Pre-K Educator of the Year: **Haley Walther**, Thomas Elementary School

Rookie Teacher of the Year: **Nathan Wallace**, Gretna East High School

Special Education Educator of the Year: **Diane Marshall**, Cedar Hollow Elementary School

Specialist Teacher of the Year: **Justin Haberman**, Gretna East High School

K-5 Educator of the Year: **Lauren Alvarado**, Harvest Hills Elementary School

6-8 Educator of the Year: **Cindy Henning**, Aspen Creek Middle School

9-12 Educator of the Year: **Kiley Luchsinger**, Gretna East High School

Administrator of the Year: **Scott Vanderheiden**, Gretna Public Schools Transportation



Educational Excellence Award Winners 2023-2024

Secretary of the Year: **Ginny Debates**, Aspen Creek Middle School

Nutrition/FANS Staff of the Year: **Sharon Kerr**, Gretna Public Schools

Nurse of the Year: **Jackie Bolas**, Gretna Middle School

Grounds/Maintenance Staff of the Year: **Clint Christensen**, Gretna Public Schools

Driver of the Year: **Mary Vandenbroucke**, Thomas Elementary School

Custodian of the Year: **Tim O'Brien**, Gretna East High School

Counselor of the Year: **Ashley Hergott**, Harvest Hills Elementary School

SPED Educator of the Year: **Paula Burns**, Gretna Public Schools

Para Support Staff of the Year: **Shannon Willey**, Gretna East High School

Pre-K Educator of the Year: **Lindsey Voegele**, Gretna Elementary School

Rookie Educator of the Year: **Nicole Schlautman**, Gretna East High School

K-5 Educator of the Year: **Katie Mason**, Aspen Creek Elementary School

6-8 Educator of the Year: **Cody King**, Gretna Middle School

9-12 Educator of the Year: **Kim Wasalaski**, Gretna High School

Administrator of the Year: **Chad Jepsen**, Gretna East High School



Educational Excellence Award Winners

2022-2023

Secretary of the Year: **Lisa Batenhorst**, Aspen Creek Elementary School

Para/SPED Support Staff of the Year: **Amy Huckins**, Gretna Elementary School

Para/SPED Support Staff of the Year: **Kristie Hazuka**, Whitetail Creek Elementary School

Para/SPED Support Staff of the Year: **Hannah Obiden**, Falling Waters Elementary School

Nutrition/FANS Support Staff of the Year: **Pam Heon**, Gretna Public Schools

Nurse of the Year: **Ashley Koch**, Gretna High School

Grounds/Maintenance Staff of the Year: **Dan Dzingle**, Gretna Public Schools

Driver of the Year: **Ardell Savage**, Gretna Public Schools

Custodian of the Year: **Jody Faris**, Gretna Elementary School

Counsel of the Year: **Cassie Benak**, Gretna High School

Pre-K Educator of the Year: **Miranda Fallon**, Falling Waters Elementary School

Rookie Educator of the Year: **Katelyn Wallace**, Gretna High School

K-5 Educator of the Year: **Jan Leehy**, Aspen Creek Elementary School

6-8 Educator of the Year: **Chris Tucker**, Gretna Elementary School

9-12 Educator of the Year: **Amanda Siemers**, Gretna High School

Administrator of the Year: **Bret Basye**, Thomas Elementary School