

Wynot Public School nominates Kyle Heimes for the Jim Winch Service Award

Kyle helps with all of Wynot Public Schools activities in some way or another. Kyle is probably known by someone at each and every school that Wynot compete with, whether it is Football, Girls or Boys Basketball, or another activity. His impact on the students and our teams are immeasurable, there is hardly a day that goes by when our students do not see Kyle and his infectious smile. Over the years Kyle has developed a level of respect with the opposing coaches as well as the officials. While coaching he also finds the time to attend other student activities. It is indeed special for one person to be so well-liked by the faculty, students, and opponents. Kyle is the epitome of what a Jim Winch award winner should be: reliable, caring and ethical.

Congratulations Kyle Heimes.

Laurel-Concord/Coleridge Public School nominates Patti Cunningham for the Jim Winch Service Award

In education it is common to hear conversations around student-athletes and the importance of prioritizing the two roles. In contrast, most coach/sponsor centered conversations focus around their success or shortcomings, without mentioning the quality of the educator in that position. When looking at successful programs, at the heart of the program is a great teacher-coach; a person who can effectively teach their activity and at the same time teach the life skills, values and morals their students will need throughout the rest of their life.

A great teacher-coach is the description use by many when referencing Mrs. Patti Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham has never lost focus of the personal growth of her players at the expense of winning a game. As her players grew stronger as quality individuals, her volleyball programs grew fundamentally stronger; which was reflected in her programs' accomplishments. In the 25 years Patti Cunningham has been either Laurel-Concord's or Laurel-Concord-Coleridge's coach, her programs have earned 20 Conference titles (2 Runner-Ups), 8 District titles (3 Runner-Ups), and 1 State Champion with 3 State Runner-Ups. However, one of the greatest accomplishments to her credit is the reputation and respect she has gained amongst her colleagues at all levels; the reputation of a Great Teacher-Coach.

Congratulations Patti Cunningham

Winnebago Public School nominates James Frenchman for the Jim Winch Service Award

James Frenchman has been the Transportation and Grounds Manager for over 15 years. During that time Winnebago has expanded its facilities and also the number of activities for students. James ensures that the grounds are kept clean and neat and also works with the athletic director and coaches of all activities to make sure that transportation is ready and vehicles are maintained for our students. He comes and ensures vehicles are ready early in the a.m. and on weekends many times on his own time. He is a dedicated employee who has the students and their safety as his first priority.

Congratulations James Frenchman

Randolph Public School nominates Tom Shafer for the Jim Winch Service Award.

Tom Shafer has been part of the community of Randolph for about ten years and since that time has been a positive influence for the students at Randolph Public Schools. Tom has volunteered at Randolph Public Schools mostly in the Athletic Department. He is at school every day for practice and attends each activity. Tom helps the coaches with various duties and is a positive influence for the student athletes. Tom has volunteer coached for the following sports at Randolph High School: Jr. High and Varsity Football, Jr, High and Varsity Wrestling, and Jr. High and Varsity Boys and Girls Track. He also volunteers every year as a worker at the Norfolk Classic Regional track meet and at the State Track Meet. Besides athletics, Tom also is a bus driver for routes and activities.

Congratulations Tom Shafer.