

Stilwell Award Proclamation

Since 1992, Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) has been “the” pioneer and national leader in most aspects of educational technology investment, infrastructure, and support for public school districts. A vital part of this effort has been strong partnerships with individuals and entities that continue to assist the Kentucky Department of Education in fulfilling its mission to students and citizens of the Commonwealth.

Named after the late William E. Stilwell, Ph.D., the Stilwell Award is presented to the unsung heroes that have gone above and beyond the call of duty in education technology; they devote their efforts entirely to our K-12 students, teachers, and administrators. Identified by their red suspenders, the annual Stilwell Award winners represent the best-of-the-best, who show up daily in their tireless service to Kentucky schools and the high-quality education technology services and supports that are required.

One of the US Army’s most prestigious awards is the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM); the 2022 Bill Stilwell Award is just as distinctive. For 2022, a unique version of the “red suspenders” award, a meritorious medal in the form of a celebratory coin, has been commissioned for presentation to critical K-12 Education Technology staff in all Kentucky K-12 school districts and the KDE Office of Education Technology (OET). This distinctive coin signifies the individual’s successful and meritorious tour of duty from 10 March 2020 to 11 March 2022, providing quality education technology service on and beyond the school campus for Kentucky K-12 students, teachers, staff, and families throughout the 24-month core of the pandemic. This service provided THE connection with students and families to their schools for the continuation of learning and student health supports.

Therefore, let it be known that the 2022 Stilwell Award is being presented here on Insert Day Month Year, to the education technology leaders in Insert School District, as a simple but sincere and heartfelt way to say “Thank you for your accomplishments, your dedication, and your sacrifices over those 24 months as well as for your continued persistence toward excellence, and is presented to....”

List Names:

1. Jeremy Simpson
2. Andrew Bottorff
3. April Tegtmeier
4. JoLin Owens
5. Tonya Miller
6. Melissa Kelley
7. Sarah Rose
8. Jennifer Hall
9. Jeanetta Rogers
10. Jeremy Woolery
11. Matthew Robertson