



April Staff Recognition

Energize People - Nutrition Services

Ashley Wiser

"Ashley Wiser has been intentional from the first day at Helmwood to build relationships not only with her team members but with the staff, students and parents. She encourages a culture of feedback and is open minded to making changes to make a better and positive atmosphere for all. I appreciate her encouraging attitude and enthusiasm, her energy is contagious and it has created a supportive and valuable relationship with those around her." - Marty Adams



Lead with Tradition - PA

Megan Goodman

"For April's staff recognition, our focus is on leading with tradition. Panther Academy is blessed with several staff members who were once students and graduated from Etown. They are leaders in our tradition of excellence in their unique ways, but the staff member who will be honored this month is Megan Goodman. In the "Lead with Tradition" explanation is states that "we honor those that have come before us and work to identify the unique gifts of everyone to build on that tradition." Megan was a positive leader in high school and has become one in our school. She has a unique way of reaching students so that they love her, they love school and they love to learn. She has a wealth of knowledge and skills that she uses to help the staff better serve the students. Panther Academy is blessed to have Megan as a part of the PA family." - Carla Kuhn



Engage with our Community - HHES

Susie Hignite

"Mrs. Hignite is a cornerstone at Helmwood Heights. She has served this district faithfully for over 30 years. As a retired teacher serving our students as a part-time interventionist for the past four years, she has made a difference in not only her students' eyes, but in her peers. She goes above and beyond and she is 100% dedicated to providing the necessary foundation for learning to her students. Our staff frequently seek her out for guidance and wisdom on navigating the educational waters and she always answers with a smile on her face. It is my hope that Mrs. Hignite continues to serve Helmwood Heights and EIS for many years to come." - Aaron Howell



Value Stewardship - MES

Melissa Lutz

"Melissa Lutz, Morningside's secretary, demonstrates valuing stewardship on a daily basis. Mrs. Lutz works diligently to keep accurate and updated bookkeeping records so that the school's budget is used to meet all students' needs. She works closely with our PTO to help with fundraising efforts which have provided our school with numerous opportunities that our regular school budget would not be able to fund. Melissa is always eager to assist staff members with the required paperwork for purchasing resources for their classrooms. Mrs. Lutz works with others in our community to locate donations that will benefit our students and teachers. Melissa's stewardship of our budget helps provide our students with a wonderful experience at MES. Melissa always goes above and beyond and has a servant heart. We appreciate her work and loving personality!" - Heather Goodman



Accelerate and Grow - TKS

Gary Pearman

"Gary Pearman shares a wealth of information with students daily and challenges them to achieve great things. He monitors student growth and recognizes student achievement. The Pearman Bible prepares students for future success in high school and college. Students benefit from his hard work for years to come. He is an integral part of the tradition of excellence in Elizabethtown Independent Schools." - Hope Janes



Teach for Learning - EHS

Corey Yates

"One of the biggest hurdles to student learning is finding meaningful ways to engage students in the task at hand. Mr. Yates is always mindful of crafting activities and projects that interest a wide variety of students. Through these engaging and meaningful experiences, students come away with an anchor to attach their learning to which benefits them for future use. In addition, Mr. Yates ability to engage students in meaningful and relevant conversations serves to enhance these memorable learning experiences and create an energetic and vibrant learning environment. We're fortunate to have educators like Mr. Yates serving our Panther family!" - Ben Monnett



Empower Excellence - VV/GD/Transportation

Sam Myers

"When I think of Excellence, I think of bus driver, Sam Myers. Sam is supportive and respectful of his colleagues. He is flexible, willing to change and can adapt to different environments and personalities. Sam is an invaluable team member of the transportation department and is one of the reasons that this district continues to "Build on a Tradition of Excellence." - Kim Jones

