

# Inspire Excellence!



- I - Innovative:** Creating engaging and creative learning experiences.
- N - Nurturing:** Supporting students' growth academically and personally.
- S - Supportive:** Building strong relationships with students, families, and colleagues.
- P - Passionate:** Showing enthusiasm and dedication to teaching and learning.
- I - Impactful:** Making a lasting difference in students' lives.
- R - Resilient:** Overcoming challenges with determination and positivity.
- E - Exemplary:** Serving as a role model for the school community.



February 2026  
Award Winner



**Jennifer Snider**  
Special Education (LI)  
T.K Stone Middle School

"Jennifer Snider exemplifies dedication, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to student success. In her role, Jenn works diligently to provide her students with meaningful, relevant learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom. She thoughtfully challenges her students at levels that are both appropriate for their individual learning needs and directly applicable to their daily lives, ensuring instruction is purposeful and impactful. Jenn consistently goes above and beyond in her own professional growth. She actively seeks out learning opportunities both in and out of the school building, including participation in the Kentucky Department of Education's KY Transition 360 for Educators modules. Her commitment to strengthening transition practices reflects her deep understanding of the importance of preparing students not just academically but for life beyond school. In addition, Jenn is a collaborative and dependable team member. She works seamlessly with colleagues, related service providers, and instructional assistants to ensure that instruction, supports, and programming are well-coordinated and truly beneficial to students. Jennifer's dedication to her students and her own professional excellence is well deserving of this recognition." - Mr. Cain Alvey



## February 2026 Award Winner



**Kristi Toms**  
Instructional Assistant  
Panther Academy

"Panther Academy's February Staff Recognition goes to someone who inspires all of us simply by being herself each and every day — Kristi Toms. Kristi has a personality that truly lights up every room she enters. Her energy and positivity are contagious, and her presence makes our school a brighter place. If you ever need a smile or a moment of encouragement, just spend a few minutes talking with Kristi — she never fails to lift spirits and spread joy. Kristi is always willing to lend a helping hand and support others. Her kindness, dedication, and uplifting spirit make a lasting impact on both students and staff, and we are so grateful to have her as part of the Panther Academy family. Thank you, Kristi, for inspiring us to just be happy!" - Mrs. Carla Kuhn



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**Julie Wilson**  
Attendance Clerk  
Helmwood Heights Elementary

"I am proud to nominate Julie Wilson as Helmwood Heights Elementary's Staff Member of the Month for the Elizabethtown Independent School District. Julie has served our district for over 10 years and has been our dedicated attendance clerk for the past seven years. As the first person families see when they enter Helmwood, Julie sets the tone for our school with her warmth, professionalism, and genuine care for others. She builds positive relationships with parents and students alike, serving as a strong advocate for both our students and EIS. Her attention to detail, reliability, and commitment to ensuring accurate attendance records play a vital role in the smooth operation of our school. Julie began her career in the district as an instructional assistant, working closely with the first-grade team. That classroom experience continues to influence her work today, as she understands the importance of strong school-family partnerships and student support. Julie represents the heart of Helmwood Heights, and we are grateful for her dedication and service." - Mr. Aaron Howell

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**Danielle VanderMolen**  
Special Education Teacher (LI)  
Morningside Elementary

“Danielle VanderMolen INSPIRES every day at MES. She consistently goes above and beyond to meet her students’ individual learning needs. She builds strong, trusting relationships with families—making herself available, offering guidance, and even providing support beyond the classroom when needed. She celebrates every milestone, no matter how small, and shares those successes with genuine enthusiasm. Even in challenging situations, Danielle remains calm, positive, and focused. Her creativity and dedication make a lasting impact on her students and families. She is truly an exceptional educator and role model in our school community.” - Mrs. Heather Goodman

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**Eric Sullivan**  
Special education Teacher  
T.K. Stone Middle

“Eric Sullivan is a great role model for young people and a reliable and supportive colleague. He builds strong relationships with students and staff through consistent care and high expectations. His humble, servant leadership has a positive impact on the climate and learning environment of TK Stone. He is a tremendous asset to our community.” - Mrs. Hope Janes



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**Amiee Miller**  
Counselor  
Elizabethtown High

"At Elizabethtown High School, we are incredibly fortunate to have an outstanding Counseling Office team that serves our students and families with heart, professionalism, and purpose. Mrs. Amiee Miller, one of our dedicated school counselors, consistently goes above and beyond to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. She is friendly, approachable, and deeply committed to building meaningful relationships. Students know they have a safe place to land, a trusted adult to listen, and a strong advocate who is always working in their best interest. Her attention to detail, organization, and welcoming spirit help create a positive first impression for families and students alike. She works tirelessly to make sure everything is accurate and student-centered. Mrs. Miller exemplifies what it means to be kid-centered, compassionate, and hardworking. She truly embodies the spirit of Panther Pride and helps make EHS a place where students feel supported and valued every single day. We are grateful for you and the difference you make in the lives of our students." - Mr. Josh Henderson