



Grant Community High School

Excellence **in Education** AWARD

Awarded to: *Kristen Arndt*

Reason Chosen:

Kristen Arndt is an outstanding model of Excellence in Education. Kristen is dedicated to the success of every student on her caseload and in her classroom. Every part of her exudes her core belief in every student's potential. She works tirelessly to ensure that all of her students have full access to every opportunity to develop the skills needed to be successful beyond their four years at Grant. She is also a true advocate for every student she encounters, going above and beyond to ensure their success.

Kristen's dedication to her students is exemplary. She manages both the students on her caseload and the students in her classes with unwavering commitment. What sets Kristen apart is her willingness to extend her efforts beyond the classroom. She dedicates her after-school hours to tutoring students, ensuring they receive the extra support they need to excel academically.

What truly stands out about Kristen is her deep care and concern for each student. She refuses to accept excuses and firmly believes in their potential. Kristen's approach is one of empowerment, as she motivates her students to overcome challenges and reach their goals. She fosters a sense of ownership, responsibility, and accountability. She instills in them the belief that success is attainable through hard work and determination, and these are the most valuable lifelong attributes in our Portrait of a Bulldog.

Between her dedication to her students, tireless efforts in and out of the classroom, and unwavering belief in their potential, Kristen serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike. Her contributions to our school community are immeasurable and make her incredibly deserving of the Excellence in Education Award.

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Cory Bowles is incredibly deserving of the Excellence in Education Award because she is an amazing team member who epitomizes the core values of the Blueprint of Grant Staff.

Cory has been a Grant staff member for over 10 years and has brought an added level of Bulldog spirit and pride with her every year. Since joining our Grant staff family, Cory has proven herself to be adaptable, understanding, and a support to our community. During her time in the Main Office and now, in the Athletic Department, she effectively communicates with students and has established a welcoming environment for all. Day in and day out, she demonstrates what it means to Keep It RED and sets a positive example for those around her. Cory's respectful and caring nature not only sets an example, but also creates an additional space for students to feel heard, seen, and valued. Whether they are one of her office aides or a Bulldog in need of help, Cory is ready to help them in any way possible. Throughout her many years as a staff member, Cory has helped strengthen the "community" in GCHS with a great deal of compassion and kindness.

Prior to Cory joining the Athletic Department, she worked in the Main Office as part of the "Dynamic Duo" alongside Katy Rueb where they first coined the phrase "We've Got It Covered!" for our Support Staff members. No matter the day, situation, or weather, Cory took great pride in her work and brought enthusiasm with her every day. While she continues to bring the same energy and passion for Grant in her role as Athletic Department Secretary, she has been able to combine her love for extracurriculars with her dedication to helping students succeed. Her love of sports, ability to understand our students, and approachable nature have made a big impact on our student-athletes and programs.

As a Grant graduate and current staff member, Cory is a great representative of GCHS and continues to be instrumental in our mission. It is because of all of these reasons and many, many more that Cory Bowles is deserving of the Excellence in Education Award.

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