



Grant Community High School *Excellence* **in Education** **AWARD**



Awarded to:

Cassi Reid

Reason Chosen: Cassi Reid is the perfect recipient of the Excellence in Education Award because of her outstanding dedication and contributions to our school community. Cassi's roles at Grant began in the Attendance Office, leading her to a role as a Paraprofessional, and ultimately to her position as a Special Education Teacher and Case Manager. Throughout her unique journey, she has consistently demonstrated exemplary qualities that make her an exceptional staff member whose impact extends far beyond the classroom.

One of the most commendable aspects of Cassi's teaching is her remarkable empathy toward all students, particularly those on her caseload. She goes above and beyond to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment for every student, ensuring that each individual's unique needs are not only met, but embraced. She is amazing at meeting students where they are at while pushing them to learn, overcome, and thrive. Her commitment to fostering a sense of belonging among students with diverse learning requirements is commendable.

In addition to her outstanding work with students, Cassi exhibits exceptional communication skills with staff, students, and families. She has a gift for articulating ideas and concerns effectively, fostering a collaborative and cooperative atmosphere within the school community. Cassi is always approachable, and her willingness to engage with other teachers, parents, and students reflects her genuine dedication to creating a strong partnership between home and school. This skill is particularly evident in the work she has done leading the 12th Hour Study Table Pilot Program, helping student-athletes maintain eligibility through after-school academic support. This work takes coordination and communication between student-athletes, teachers, coaches, and parents, as well as patience and resilience in working individually with student-athletes. This is no small feat, and it is just one example of how Cassi's ability to communicate contributes significantly to the overall success and well-being of our students.

Furthermore, Cassi is a shining example of integrity and positivity in all aspects of her work. Her "anything is possible" attitude is contagious, inspiring students and colleagues alike. She approaches challenges with a solution-oriented mindset and encourages her students to embrace a growth mindset. Her seemingly endless positivity creates an uplifting and motivating vibe in everyone she works with, fostering a feeling that we can accomplish anything we want to because no issue is too small and no problem is too big.

Cassi's commitment to her students, her effective communication skills, and her unwavering integrity make her a true asset to our school. She embodies the spirit of the Excellence in Education Award by consistently going above and beyond to create an inclusive and positive educational experience for all.

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