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CPS Announces the Certified and Support Employees of the Year for 2014-2015

Each month during the 2014-2015 school year one Certified staff member and one Support staff member were chosen from nominations submitted to be the employee of the month. From those chosen, two people were selected and Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce the 2014-2015 Employees of the Year.



The 2014-2015 CPS Support

Employee of the Year is Ms. Sue Braden. She is the district's Computer Software Workleader. She was nominated by High School administrative assistant Kathy McCoy for all of her support and assistance with Skyward, the district's student database software. In her nomination, Ms. McCoy indicated that Ms. Braden has answered multiple questions, provided training and was always very supportive and extremely patient while offering help and assistance. She wrote: "She has helped me generate new reports....as busy as she is, she always took the time to help me out." "I never felt like I was bothering her or interrupting her too much." "I've often heard from others how helpful and patient she is. She is a behind the scenes person, but so valuable."

Ms. Julie Davis is the 2014-2015 CPS Certified Employee of the Year. She was nominated by fellow teachers, Tiffany Roodvoets and Celena Bruch. Excerpts of what was written in Ms. Bruch's nomination include:

"Julie Davis wears many hats, so to speak, in her life. She is a daughter, mother, friend, coach, PBIS coordinator, Union President, and teacher---to name a few." "We are extremely fortunate to have Julie Davis as a part of our team. She is a true leader in every sense of the word." "Julie puts 110% effort into her work every single day. She has the grit, determination, and drive to make sure her students have every opportunity to succeed. This also holds true for her colleagues. She is more than willing to share any activity or idea she comes up with. She more than encourages us to do the same."

Ms. Roodvoets went on to say "She is a true go-getter, always doing, always planning, and always thinking of how to do something 'smarter' and 'better' for students. I quickly changed from being intimidated by Julie into admiring her. Julie has been helpful, supportive, and creative. She and I divide and conquer tasks and work together so well." "I hope many people are aware what a wonderful co-worker and educator she is.....Thank you Julie!!!"

Also recognized at the end of the year was Mr. Richard Lee as the Novice (5 years of experience or less) teacher of the year. Mr. Lee was nominated by Michelle Marchand, Eileen Grant-Ball and Matt Maitland. Following are excerpts of their nomination:

“Richard Lee is an enthusiastic and innovative educator that inspires both his students and colleagues. Students love attending his science encore; a class that fosters hands-on learning of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts and encourages collaboration and innovation; activities that support problem-solving and development of understanding.”

“Richard also fosters a love for learning in his after-school robotics club for 6th graders. He (and the team) have represented our school and community well in several state-wide competitions.” “He expects students to do their best....”

“As a learning leader at the CUE, Richard has been an active participant in the Science Committee, Technology Committee, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and STEM implementation. He is visionary when considering what our students need for future success, providing deliberate interventions to meet individual needs, and advocates for all students.”

“These qualities, and many others, make Mr. Richard Lee an exemplary teacher leader in our CUE and is making a significant difference within our CPS district.”

Employees of the Year were recognized at the end of year retirement recognition and social. They received various gifts which included: 2 season passes to CPAC, a family athletic pass, and a \$100 addition in their classroom or supply budget for the following year.

Charlotte Public Schools is very proud of these employees and appreciative of their “over and above” efforts on behalf of our students and staff.