

Staff Recognition

Please join the **Educational Services Department** in recognition of our staff as follows:

Adams Middle School

Jim Thomas named **Wayne-Westland Outstanding Ancillary Professional Employee of the Year**. Jim will be recognized at the Wayne RESA Celebration of Excellence in Education banquet which will be held May 05, 2009.

Adams Building Staff for their schoolwide Title I plan review compliance audit. Not only did Adams meet evaluation criteria, they received two **Exceptional Ratings** for **Schoolwide Reform Strategies** and **Transitional Strategies**.

Ford Career Technical Center

Shirley Byrd received the **International Educator of the Year** award from the Electronic Document Systems Foundation (EDSF). This award is given each year to a teacher at either the secondary or college levels who is dedicated to the advancement of the industry through education. Recipients are judged to have made significant contributions in the classroom with their students, in curriculum development, and within the document management and communications marketplace. Each award winner provides leadership, inspiration, and enthusiasm in all that they do. They address industry issues, reflect state-of-the-art technology usage, and benefit the industry through their programs.

Sue Wilk is the recipient of the **2009 Athena Award** presented by the Women of Westland. This prestigious international award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession; contributed time and talent to help improve the quality of life for others; and assisted women in realizing their full leadership potential.

Franklin Middle School

Franklin Building Staff for their schoolwide Title I plan review compliance audit. Not only did Franklin meet evaluation criteria, they received four **Exceptional Ratings** for their **Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Schoolwide Reform Strategies, Strategies to Increase Parental Involvement, and Transitional Strategies**.

Hamilton Elementary School

Renee Roberts named **Wayne-Westland Support Employee of the Year**. Renee will be recognized at the Wayne RESA Celebration of Excellence in Education banquet which will be held May 05, 2009.

Jefferson-Barns Elementary School

Stacy Rennie named **Wayne-Westland Outstanding New Teacher**. Stacy will be recognized at the Wayne RESA Celebration of Excellence in Education banquet which will be held May 05, 2009.

Alice Patterson wrote a successful **Voluntary Sustainability Award** through Reading First. This grant of **\$48,000** brought additional resources to Jefferson-Barns, including Leveled Readers for students and professional development for staff.

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John Glenn High School

William Polk was named a **Regional Coach of the Year** by the Michigan Wrestling Association (shared with Wayne Memorial's Coach Vasiloff). This award is voted upon by coaches in each of Michigan's four regions. Coach Polk received this award based upon the success of the program, specifically for Glenn's program being rated in the top eight in the state, and for having eight (8) wrestlers qualify for Individual State Finals. The JGHS wrestling team was both the **District and Regional Champion**. The team finished in the **Top Eight in the State** in the Division-1 tournament.

Shirley O'Hara, coach of the **Division-1 9th Place** Girls Bowling team in the state tournament.

Justin O'Hara and **Ron Brusseau**, coaches of the **Division-1 17th Place** Boys Bowling team in the state tournament.

Kettering Elementary

Jane LaPorte, named **Wayne County RESA Outstanding Teacher of the Year**. Mrs. LaPorte will be recognized at the May 5, 2009 Wayne RESA Celebration of Excellence in Education banquet. She will receive \$1,000 from the Ford Motor Company.

Patchin Elementary School

Patchin Building Staff for their schoolwide Title I plan review compliance audit. Not only did Patchin meet evaluation criteria, they received three **Exceptional Ratings** for their **Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Schoolwide Reform Strategies** and **Strategies to Increase Parental Involvement**.

Stevenson Middle School

Stacey Barnhard has been awarded a scholarship which allows her to attend the Michigan Science Teacher's Association (MSTA) annual conference in Detroit. She is one of only twelve recipients statewide. This scholarship is presented by the MSTA with sponsorship from the MEEMIC Insurance Company.

Tinkham Senior High Alternative Program

Dr. Jennifer Martin received the **2009 Innovative Program Award** from the Michigan Community Service Commission and the Michigan Campus Compact for the Tinkham "Talk to Us" service learning program. The award was presented at the 2009 Service Learning and Civic Engagement Conference, February 12th in Grand Rapids.

Wayne Memorial High School

Steve Vasiloff was named a **Regional Coach of the Year** by the Michigan Wrestling Association (shared with John Glenn's Coach Polk). This award is voted upon by coaches in each of Michigan's four regions. Coach Vasiloff received this award based upon the growth of Wayne's program (from 15 to over 40 wrestlers), for 20 of those wrestlers receiving academic awards for maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA, for the improvement in the team's record, and the time and dedication spent throughout the year.

Bob Jawor, coach of the **Division – 1 State Runner-Up** Boys Bowling team. Wayne defeated top-seeded Carmen-Ainsworth in their semi-finals but lost to second seed Sterling Heights Stevenson in the finals.

Wayne Woodard, coach of the **KLAA – South Division Champion** Boys Basketball team. The Zebras finished with a 9-1 Division record, avenging their mid-season loss to Plymouth High School on the last day of Division play. ■