

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		June 2017					
RECOGNITION OF STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS							
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<p>DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 4:</p> <p>The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.</p> <p>Employees of the Month:</p> <p>The Department’s April Employee of the Month, Kyle Heislen, is a supervisor in the Federal Programs Section in the Office of Quality Schools. “I know a lot of people do a lot of things above and beyond here, and it is very nice to be recognized,” said Kyle. “Kyle is a team player in all sense,” said Julie Cowell, his nominator. “He is willing to help not only in his Federal Programs section or the Office of Quality Schools; he is willing to do whatever it takes to make sure DESE can serve the Local Education Agencies of Missouri in the most effective and efficient way. When Kyle is asked to help in any way, he always does so willingly and with a smile,” said Julie. Kyle says the most rewarding part of his job is working with people, and he’s gotten to know many during his 17 years serving the Department. “Everyone has different backgrounds and experiences, and it’s just rewarding to be around different people and get to know them,” he said.</p> <p>Sheila Hirsch, Supervisor, Office of Educator Quality, was the Department’s May Employee of the Month. Sheila has worked for the department for more than 24 years, and this is her second time receiving this honor. “Sheila is a recognized leader with the Office of Educator Quality. She is an excellent role model for the other members of her office,” said her nominator, Hap Hairston. “We are very fortunate to have her as an employee of DESE and a member of this office.” “Being named the DESE Employee of the Month is a tremendous honor because I work with such an awesome group of people who are all deserving of recognition for the quality and amount of work that they do,” said Sheila. “The Educator Certification and Educator Preparation sections have been involved in the huge undertaking of reviewing upcoming changes to all of Missouri’s teacher education programs, so our director and all of the other supervisors have been working very hard of the past couple of years to complete this project.” “She is a dedicated professional who has dutifully served the children, parents, teachers, schools and the department,” said Hap. “My co-workers are my favorite part of my job. I have worked with many of them for a long time, and the friendships we have made extend beyond just working together,” said Sheila. “We have gone through a lot of challenging times but were able to support each other along the way. Also, the current leadership and team-focused atmosphere of the Office of Educator Quality is the best I’ve experienced in all of the years I have been with DESE.”</p>							

June Employee of the Month, Chris Dzurick, is a Supervisor in the Business, Marketing and Industrial Technology section, Office of College and Career Readiness. “Under Chris’s leadership as the Missouri State Future Business Leaders Association (FBLA) Advisor, the organization has seen marked organizational improvements in membership, student leadership opportunities, communications, professional development opportunities for educators and much more,” said Tammy Stains, State Supervisor. Missouri FBLA is one of the top five associations in FBLA across the nation. Chris is also the head of the collegiate level of Missouri FBLA-Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and leads this group to remain committed to leadership and professionalism by offering other events along with the PBL Collegiate State Conference. “Chris is always willing to go beyond even the ‘extra mile.’ He tirelessly works some evenings and hosts events on weekends to ensure that top quality student and advisor opportunities are offered at the most convenient times and places for his members. His passion for FBLA and his association’s excellence is evident in everything he does in his work. Chris is also the ‘Techie’ resource in our section and seems to always be informed on the latest and greatest technology which our section can utilize to get our work done more efficiently. He is always generating a sense of teamwork with the other Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) leaders, demonstrating his knowledge that the goal of any CTSO is to provide the highest level of education resources to help Missouri students learn, grow and succeed in their future professions,” added Stains.

5 Years of Service – 16

Beth Allegrini, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Marjorie Brady, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Angela Castillo-Lara, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Sarah Craft, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Kimberly Fitzsimmons, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Christopher Ludvigsen, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Lori Mahala, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Cynde McDonald, Educator Quality*
 Brenda Odean, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Lucinda Oxford West, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Traci Peralta, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Sarah Potter, Commissioner*
 Katie Powell, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Jonathan Richards, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Steven Schellman, College and Career Readiness*
 Michael Wutke, Quality Schools

10 Years of Service – 8

Jennifer Burns, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Chris Clause, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*
 Linda Collins, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Paula Hirner, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Denise Mason, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Ivory Metz, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Rebecca Rikard, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Sheryl Vandeven, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled

15 Years of Service – 9

Edward Calvin, Missouri School for the Blind
Patricia Chaplin, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
Regina Grieshaber, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
Debbie Hockaday, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
Melinda Huggins, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
Kimberly Kaemmerer, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
Rebecca Maynard, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
Margaret Ottersbach, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
Cody West, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

20 Years of Service – 4

Lisa Buhr, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*
Carolyn Donaldson, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
Todd Semkin, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*
Marian Turner, Missouri School for the Blind

25 Years of Service – 5

Julie Boeckmann, Commissioner*
Donna Hemme, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
Barbara Hoelzer, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*
Sheila Ottman, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
Sandy Wadley, Educator Quality*

30 Years of Service – 1

Kim Miller, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*

35 Years of Service – 1

Robin Barbour, Learning Services*

40 Years of Service – 2

Linda Havlik, Missouri School for the Blind
Teresa Neumeyer, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled

* = Jefferson City Based Staff

DIVISION	TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS
Adult Learning & Rehabilitation Services	24
College and Career Readiness	1
Commissioner	2
Educator Quality	2
Learning Services	1
Missouri Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing	1
Missouri School for the Blind	2
Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled	12
Quality Schools	1
TOTAL	46