

## RECOGNITION OF STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

## STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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## DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 4:

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.

**Employees of the Month**

Julie Boeckmann, Communications Technician for DESE, was named the Department's April Employee of the Month. "Julie Boeckmann's great attitude and problem-solving abilities make her an outstanding employee. She is constantly thinking about better ways to accomplish her tasks as well as make the Department more efficient. She will gladly lend a hand to any other employee, and she will go beyond what is asked of her. Julie can take on any task, and she improves every project she works on at the Department," said her nominator, Sarah Potter. Julie has been with the Department for 23 years, and she was previously named February 2011 DESE Employee of the Month. "Everyone in the Department enjoys working with Julie," said Potter. "In Communications, we think she should probably win every month!" "Being selected as Employee of the Month means a lot to me, especially since I am lucky enough to work with such a great team of people," said Boeckmann. "Everyone pitches in and helps each other out. I feel everyone here works hard and gives their best every day, so to be selected is an honor." Julie says helping coworkers and the public find the information that they need is her favorite part of her job. "I work in Communications and with Media Productions. I answer a lot of questions from the general public about anything and everything," said Boeckmann. "I love working for the Department and feel that everyone she is working to make our future better by ensuring that all kids get a quality education," said Julie.

The Department's June Employee of the Month, Cathy Ellingsworth, is a Program Specialist in the Special Education Finance Section, Division of Financial and Administrative Services. Cathy has been with the Department for seven years. "Cathy goes above and beyond to not only get her work done, but also ease the load from her coworkers as well. She truly cares about her job and the work she does for the Department," said her nominators. "It is a great honor to be named Department Employee of the Month. It is very rewarding being recognized for the duties I perform," said Ellingsworth. "I like to help the school districts understand how the programs run and help them be more efficient, as well as helping them complete applications and reports in a timely manner. I also like working together with staff and our IT department to help make our databases more user friendly and still collect all the data we need." Ellingsworth's coworkers said, "She always comes to work with a smile on her face with no matter what is tasked to her. She gladly accepts more work and projects when her plate is already overflowing. Our section would be lost without her." "The most rewarding aspect of my duties is helping the school districts," said Cathy. "I always tell them to call or email any questions they might have, no matter how big or small. This way they will receive the correct answer and possibly learn something about the program they were not aware of."

### **5 Years of Service – 31**

Giana Anderson, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Tisha Bailey, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Bradley Balabas, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Kristen Caldwell, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Vickie Carney, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled  
 Greg Chandler, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Tonya Doster, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
 Alane Dubbert, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Rory Fitzpatrick, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Teresa Foster, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
 Brittany Hamilton, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Roxane Jarvis-Scott, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Raymond Juneau, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Michele Kaufman, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Natalie Kemna, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
 Deanna Love, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Theresa Lumpkin, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled\*  
 Rebecca Manetzke, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Mechelle Matthews, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
 Robert Mobley, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Kimberly Reed, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Kelley Ritz, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Angela Ross, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Joann Sauer, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
 Robert Shaw, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Stacy Taylor, Missouri Assistive Technology\*  
 Vanassa Thomas, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Megan Van Pelt, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Dennis Williams, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Denna Wolfe, Missouri School for the Deaf  
 Cathee Wolford, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

### **10 Years of Service – 12**

Charles Bachwartz, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Susan Calhoun, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled  
 Myra Hall, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
 Michelle Johnson, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Jim McGowin, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Joanne Moses, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Teresa Nutting, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled  
 Pamela Schumacher, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled  
 Karen Shanks, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
 Janell Wideman, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
 Sandra Wilhoit, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
 Maria Wilson, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

**15 Years of Service – 8**

Amy Bowen, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
Amber Castleman, Data Systems Management\*  
Deborah Fannon, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
Elena Isaacs, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled  
Tammy Kaiser, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled\*  
Lydia Mitchell, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
Mary Ann Rice, Missouri School for the Blind  
Marcia Spencer, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled

**20 Years of Service – 6**

Donna Bradshaw, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
Virginia Hazelwood, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled  
Susan Hodges, Educator Quality\*  
Bonnie Nelson, Missouri School for the Deaf  
Pam Williams, Special Education\*  
Kim Wolf, Quality Schools\*

**25 Years of Service – 4**

Robin Burkhart, Financial and Administrative Services\*  
Raymond Drake, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
Ginger Gardner, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services  
William Taylor, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled

**30 Years of Service – 2**

Randy Libbert, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
Cynthia Watson, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

**35 Years of Service – 2**

Carla Luebbert, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services\*  
Kathleen Madsen, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

\* = Jefferson City Based Staff

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS</b>
Adult Learning & Rehabilitation Services	46
College and Career Readiness	0
Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing	0
Commissioner	0
Data System Management	1
Educator Quality	1
Financial & Administrative Services	1
Missouri School for the Blind	1
Missouri School for the Deaf	2
Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled	10
Quality Schools	1
Special Education	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>