

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		April 2017	
RECOGNITION OF STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS			
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Item
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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>Lisa Burks was selected as the Department’s January Employee of the Month. Lisa is an Accounting Specialist for Federal Programs in the Office of Quality Schools. “Lisa worked endlessly as part of a team to rewrite our Nonpublic Registration automated system,” said Julia Cowell, Director of Federal Programs. “She participated in the Joint Application Design (JAD) meetings making decisions about how the nonpublic registration should work for both the nonpublic and public schools as well as providing DESE with the information we need from the nonpublic schools. Lisa spent many hours in meetings and also tested the registration throughout the process. The task of rewriting an automated system falls far outside of the job description for Lisa. She participated in daily conference calls as well as JAD meetings two to three times a week. On top of the necessary meetings, Lisa spent hours testing the system as it was built. Lisa kept a positive attitude towards her work, the nonpublic team and her federal programs colleagues despite the very busy schedule and extra duties. Lisa often provided the laughter necessary in tense meetings. She always kept a smile on her face and was willing to go the extra mile to produce a great end product.”</p> <p>The Department’s February Employee of the Month was Theresa Villmer, Assistant Director for Federal Programs in the Office of Quality Schools. “It is a great feeling to be recognized by my peers. I feel very lucky to be able to work with such hard-working, dedicated people on a daily basis,” said Theresa. “I nominated her because of her work with the rewrite of our nonpublic-registration automated system. Through her efforts, we have an automated registration form that is working well for our nonpublic schools,” said Julia Cowell. “In everything that she does, Theresa is always looking at how our section can better help the districts.” Theresa has been with the Department for 20 years, and says she enjoys working in her section. “There are 13 of us,” said Theresa, “and we all come with different backgrounds and experiences which really contributes to a diverse perspective in everything we do, from answering questions to writing guidance documents.” “Theresa is just a real team player,” said Julia. “I can go to her and ask her to do something, and she will do it. It doesn’t matter how much she already has on her plate.”</p> <p>March Employee of the Month was Monica Silvey. Monica is an Administrative Assistant in Career Education, Office of College and Career Readiness. “When I opened the envelope I thought, ‘Wow, just wow!’ I am truly grateful to work with such a great group of people,” said Monica. “When Monica is given an assignment, she works diligently to complete it in the most</p>			

effective and efficient manner. She pays close attention to detail and works on the assignment until it is completed to the best of her ability. Monica is a true asset to the Office of College and Career Readiness and to the Department,” said her nominator, Dennis Harden. Monica’s favorite part of her job is creativity. “I am always up for a challenge that allows me to use my creativity,” she said. The most rewarding part? “That in the end I will hear the words ‘well done’,” she said. “My parents always taught me that if I work hard and do the right thing, I will be blessed with more than I ever could imagine. This award confirms hard work does not go unnoticed.” Monica has been with the Department for 12 years and says she likes coming to work each day.

5 Years of Service – 21

Lesa Barber, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Samantha Heckemeyer, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*
 Amanda Herigon, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*
 Misty Hill, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Reta House, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Megan Hoy, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Kristina Johnston, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Melissa Kelley, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Kimberly Logston, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Angela Luna, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Trina Mallory, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Samantha Marsicovetere, Special Education*
 Dianne Perkins, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Tim Ricker, Quality Schools
 Pamela Sandbothe, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services*
 Sandy Sims, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Tracy Smith, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Daniel Tucker, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Felicia VanDyke, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Carrie Weiss, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Amber Wiegand, Financial and Administrative Services *

10 Years of Service – 8

Elizabeth Elliott, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Sarah Henley, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Ginger Henry, Special Education*
 Susan Miller, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Tina Schlottman, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Tara Taylor, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Julia Weamer-Lee, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Levi Williams, Missouri School for the Deaf

15 Years of Service – 8

Janet Boles, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Kathy Bolin, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Melinda Purcell, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Shari Ream, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Donna Snook, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Donna Snow, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Loretta Stranimier, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Cindi Walker, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

20 Years of Service - 6

Joyce Bowmar, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Roger Frye, Missouri School for the Blind
 Dusty Huskey, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Sandra Kliethermes, Special Education*
 Debra Turner, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Theresa Villmer, Quality Schools*

25 Years of Service - 2

Lyn Hatterman, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Barbara Hirst, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

* = Jefferson City Based Staff

DIVISION	TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS
Adult Learning & Rehabilitation Services	13
Financial and Administrative Services	1
Missouri School for the Blind	1
Missouri School for the Deaf	5
Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled	20
Quality Schools	2
Special Education	3
TOTAL	45