

# LEARN HERE PROJECT

Each year we take a moment to thank volunteers and staff who go above and beyond to make our community a great place to learn.



- ★ Business leaders across Clark County appreciate our quality educational system. It is the foundation of vibrant, healthy communities where people want to live and employers want to operate.
- ★ Each honoree is deserving of our appreciation because their efforts foster a supportive culture and inspire others, even though none seek recognition for what they do.
- ★ The extra commitment of staff and volunteers is why we have such a great educational system today. They are the ones who champion modern facilities, innovative programs, and a diverse range of student support programs that make it possible for each student to thrive.



MEET OUR 2024  
LEARN HERE  
HONOREES

If you know them, say **thanks!**

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THANK YOU PROJECT PARTNERS





### BATTLE GROUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**KAREN GUENTHER, STAFF**

Teacher transforms lives with heart, turning challenges into triumphs and igniting the spark of potential.



**VIVIAN ZOLLER, VOL.**

Volunteer brings creativity to life on stage and in the classroom, infusing the theater program with expertise and passion.

### CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT



**JENN SCOTT AND BROOKE HANSON, STAFF**

Dynamic duo turning pages into pathways of possibility, igniting a love for literacy while driving remarkable improvements in education.



**KEVIN PASKOWSKI, VOL.**

Volunteer advocate builds bridges and fosters dialogue, ensuring every voice is heard and valued in the pursuit of educational excellence.

### CLARK COLLEGE



**DR. MICHELE CRUSE, STAFF**

Vice-President of Student Affairs embodies resilience and tenacity while advocating for equitable access and empowering marginalized communities to thrive.



**BRITTINI LASSEIGNE, VOL.**

Alumna revitalizing Clark College's community with her passionate commitment to diversity and support.

### EVERGREEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**AARON HELENIHI, STAFF**

Student Engagement Specialist tirelessly works to uplift students and families, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued in the school community.



**JASON HUGGINS, VOL.**

Foundation President unites the community in support of education, raising nearly half a million dollars to empower disenfranchised students.

### HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT



**ELIZABETH FORTIER, STAFF**

Teacher cultivates a sanctuary of growth, where every student is seen, celebrated, and inspired to embrace new beginnings.



**JENNIFER FOSTER, VOL.**

Dynamo of community spirit, igniting opportunities and enriching student lives with her tireless volunteerism and infectious enthusiasm.

### LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT



**ELIZABETH MARSHALL, STAFF**

Cornerstone of her school community, expertly manages critical data while uplifting spirits through her all-encompassing support of student activities and events.



**AMANDA ASEPH, VOL.**

Electrifying booster of school spirit, leads the charge transforming the La Center Booster Club into a powerhouse of support and celebration for every student.

### RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT



**DONNA ALLEN, STAFF**

Beacon of support, middle school counselor, nurtures every student's journey with compassion, laughter, and the healing presence of her therapy dog, Harley.



**BILL BAUMANN, VOL.**

An indomitable spirit fuels the Ridgefield Green Bag Project, transforming food insecurity into community strength by nourishing lives one bag at a time.

### VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**ERIC SAUERACKER, STAFF**

Teacher passionately builds futures for students by creating opportunities in construction trades and inspiring excellence through diverse educational pathways.



**DEANNE WARREN, VOL.**

Devoted volunteer whose unyielding support transforms the lives of students and dedication to community involvement transcends.

### WA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND



**PAT WILBER, STAFF**

Passionate educator who inspires students with visual impairments, fostering their growth through innovative teaching and genuine connection.



**STEVE ROSVOLD, VOL.**

Tandem bicyclist pedals passion into a beloved adventure, inspiring students to embrace teamwork and joy with every ride.

### WA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



**TAYLOR MENDOZA-REOPELLE, STAFF**

Administrative extraordinaire ensures every student finds their voice through warmth, support, and a resolute devotion to capturing their unforgettable moments.



**ASHLEY WILKINS, VOL.**

Passionate community leader fosters connections and inclusivity while demonstrating the true meaning of belonging.

### WSU VANCOUVER



**ELISHA HARDEKOEPF, STAFF**

Director of the Building a Community of Equity (BaCE) program embraces the beauty of difference while cultivating a culture where belonging is redefined.



**MEI WU, VOL.**

Powerhouse advocate seamlessly connects community and campus while empowering students to thrive, generating a brighter future for Clark County.

### WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



**HEIDI AND NATE KELLAR, STAFF**

Husband and wife teacher duo create vibrant connections that extend beyond the classroom, nurturing growth and resilience in every child they inspire.



**MICHELLE NURMI, VOL.**

Volunteer packs hope into every bag, embodying the spirit of community, fueling students' dreams with nourishment, celebration, and unwavering support.