

2010

SMYTH EDUCATION AWARDS

Diana Driver

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Diana Driver. Diana is recognized by the Committee for her outstanding work as the drama teacher at Nelson County High School. Diana's Advanced Drama class has consistently won the District and Regional One Act Play Competition and has been a finalist in the State competition for the last several years. The 2009 Drama Class won the State A (single A) championship and had one of its actors named as the State's best.

The Committee also commends Diana for her work as the Chair of the Fine Arts Department, as the NCHS Gifted Coordinator, and as the co-sponsor of the National Honor Society.

Kelly Ferrell

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Kelly Ferrell. Kelly is recognized by the Committee for her enthusiasm and for her creativity as a teacher of fourth grade at Tye River Elementary School.

Kelly, a second year teacher, is particularly commended by the Committee for the expectation of success that she conveys to each of her students and for her willingness to give extra time and energy to coach a Destination Imagination Team, to teach within the Summer Enrichment Program, and to provide after school tutoring for the students at Tye River Elementary School.

Donna Fitzgerald

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Donna Fitzgerald. Donna is recognized by the Committee for the exemplary dedication to students and to teachers that she has shown for thirty years as an instructional assistant within Nelson County schools, most recently at Tye River Elementary School.

Donna is particularly commended by the Committee for devoting her career to the instruction of struggling students within a myriad of classrooms. She is honored for the

professional and understanding manner which she has displayed day by day when working over the years with numerous students and teachers who have been helped immeasurably by her outstanding work.

Elizabeth Knight

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Elizabeth Knight. Elizabeth is recognized by the Committee for her outstanding work as a teacher of Art at Nelson County High School.

Elizabeth is particularly commended by the Committee for the work that she has done with art students in after school projects, for her advocacy of art within her School and community, and for her numerous contributions to the total program of studies at Nelson County High School.

Gillian Lanier

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Gillian Lanier. Gillian is recognized by the Committee for the dedication, enthusiasm, creativity, and effectiveness that she so excellently displayed as the teacher of the Bright Star class (Pre-Kindergarten, four years old) at Rockfish River Elementary School during the 2009-2010 school year.

Gillian is particularly commended by the Committee for her willingness as a second year teacher to undertake this challenge and for her success at nurturing and furthering the growth of a large group of "at risk" students within this innovative Program.

Melissa Powers

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Melissa Powers. Melissa is recognized by the Committee for her outstanding performance as the Media Specialist at Nelson Middle School. Melissa is recognized by her peers as the person who has done most to positively influence the academic culture at Nelson Middle School.

Melissa is particularly commended by the Committee for her technology expertise, for the formation of student book clubs, for her willingness to assist in the creation of

success in SOL objectives, and for her encouragement of the everyday use of the library by the students within her School.

Kim Price

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation award to Kim Price. Kim is recognized by the Committee for her outstanding work as a third grade teacher at Tye River Elementary School.

Kim is particularly commended by the Committee for her creativity and for her effectiveness in engaging each of her students in the meaningful learning which takes place within her classroom. She is also commended for her work as the coordinator of the Yearbook and as a coach for the Destination Imagination Team.

Gary Scott

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Gary Scott. Gary is recognized by the Committee for his outstanding work as a bus driver at Rockfish River Elementary School.

Gary is particularly commended by the Committee for the care that he provides for his students, for the discipline that he maintains on his bus, and for the pride and dedication that he exhibits during each of his bus runs throughout the school year.

Steve Washington

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Steve Washington. Steve is recognized by the Committee for his excellent work as a custodian at Nelson Middle School.

Steve is particularly commended by the Committee for his dependability; for his good working relationships with students, teachers, and administrators; and for his willingness to work always until the job assigned has been completed.

Sarah Wood

On behalf of the Smyth Foundation, the members of the Smyth Foundation Awards Committee are pleased to present a Smyth Foundation Award to Sarah Wood. Sarah is recognized by the Committee for the exemplary work that she performs as a School

Board Office Receptionist, as an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Assessment and Testing, and as an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Federal Programs and Adult Education and Career Tech Education.

Sarah is particularly commended by the Committee for the always excellent, always smiling, always positive way that she performs her myriad responsibilities. Despite personal tragedy, the loss of her husband several years ago, Sarah has maintained a professional and personal demeanor which is a model for all who know her and for all who work with her.

The Committee also has noted Sarah's many contributions to the Nelson County Food Bank and recognizes her work as an ongoing example of Sarah's dedication to the needs of others.