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Center Grove announces 2023-24 CGCSC Teacher of the Year, Legacy Award honorees

Greenwood, IN (May 16, 2024) – Center Grove awarded Dan Andersen from Center Grove Middle School Central the 2023-24 CGCSC Teacher of the Year during the district's annual Employee Celebration on Wednesday, May 15. The district also honored building Teacher of the Year winners, Support Staff of the Year winners, and Legacy Award honorees.

Mr. Anderson is the choral music director at Middle School Central. This is his 30th of year teaching in Center Grove. As Teacher of the Year, Andersen will receive $1,000, courtesy of Wallman Financial, LLC to spend in her classroom. He will represent Center Grove in the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition.

"Dan Anderson has had an indelible impact on many, many Center Grove students during his 30-year tenure," said Bill Long, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent. "He works to see the whole child, not just the choir student in front of him. This helps him build lasting connections with his students."

"It is quite an honor to be named the Teacher of the Year for the Center Grove School Corporation." said Andersen. "To be chosen from the hundreds of incredible teachers in Center Grove is very humbling."

Center Grove honored 78 current, former, and retired teachers with Legacy Awards. Center Grove High School seniors nominate the teacher they believe had the greatest impact on them during their time in Center Grove schools. Winners are listed on Page 2.

Video profiles of each award winner are available on Youtube (Teacher of the Year winners, Support Staff of the Year winners).

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Photo 1: *Dan Andersen (Headshot)*

Photo 2: *2024 Teacher of the Year - (L-R) Bill Long, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent; Dan Andersen, 2024 CGCSC Teacher of the Year; Ron Wallman, Wallman Financial, LLC.*

Photo 3: *2024 Building Teachers of the Year - (L-R) David Marquez, MSN; Jessica Raber, PGES; Samantha Henry, MGES; Christy Bailey, NGES; Kelly Blakely, Developmental Preschool; Erin Brown, SGES; Jennifer Casselman, CGHS; Rebekah Smith, CGES; Katie Chrenko, WGES; Dan Andersen, MSC*

Photo 4: *2024 Support Staff Employees of the Year - (L-R) Jessica Coffey, CGES; Bobbie Firrie, MGES; Greg Wampler, NGES; Kathy Freudenstein, PGES; Joyce Hartman, SGES; Vicki Ortega, MSN; Maria Sichting, CGHS; Nicole Eckerty, MSC; Lisa Allison, WGES; Lena Triwedi, ESC (Not pictured: Sarah Suggs, The Academy at Sugar Grove)*

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2023-24 Center Grove Legacy Award Winners

Center Grove E.S.
Stephen Blackburn **
Samantha Dikeman
Shannon Nunnelly
Rebekah Smith
Jennifer Taylor
Rose Tomishima **
Teresa West *

Maple Grove E.S.
Carrie Dilley **
Bernard Doyle
Edward Gunner Erwin **
Elizabeth Leavitt
Stacey Raftery
Johnny Dustin Russell **
Angela Williamson **

North Grove E.S.
Clarke Chafin **
Amanda Gainey
Luann Luck
Blake Mayfield +
Sandra Serpico *

Pleasant Grove E.S.
Suanne Chastain *
Jennifer Fields
Heather Garvey
Amber Hassett
Jordan Johnson **
Nicole Montfort **

Sugar Grove E.S.
Ashlee Miller
Jason Mueller +
Harold (Doug) Wooton *

CG M.S. Central
Daniel Andersen
Amy Daugherty
Jennifer Ferguson
Kevin Gaughan
John (Will) Hibner
Erin Klingshirn
Brandon Painter
Stacie Painter
Susan Porter *
Gary Robinson *
Christopher Shadday
Julie Shaver
Heather Storey
Bryan Turner
Lindsey Wissel
Audra Wood

CG M.S. North
Michael Bolla
January Bowen
Pamela Calvert *
Elizabeth Flath **
Andrew Krummen **
Martin (Mitch) McCoy **
Travis McMahen
Andrew McRoberts
Alison Oppenheimer
Jeffrey Peterson
Kelli Swigert
Margaret (Meg) Witt *
Keenan Plew

Center Grove H.S.
Bradford Buskirk
Michelle Carter
Katie DeArmitt
Susanne Ebacher-Grier
Summer Ehresman
Carol Galyan *
Courtney Gradert
Alan Hagedorn
Eric Howe
Gregory Jansen
Nicholas Lyon
Lesley McDougal
Josie McSherry
Alisha Milligan
Danielle Munn
Toby Rumple
Joseph Rushka
Kevin Schuessler
Heidi Shackleford
Joshua Surface
Sarah Terrell
Catherine Zenor

** Retired*
*** No longer with CGCSC*
+ Awarded posthumously