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Awarded to: *Mallory Whitman*

Reason Chosen: Mallory Whitman is honored with the Excellence in Education Award for her dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to student success. Her profound impact on the school community, particularly within the athletic program, has elevated the quality of education, health, and well-being of student-athletes.

As an athletic trainer, Mallory serves as more than just a medical resource; she is an educator, mentor, and advocate for students at Grant. Through her approach, she ensures that athletes, coaches, and staff are well-informed about injury prevention, rehabilitation, and overall physical health. Her ability to educate and support students extends beyond physical care, fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where students feel valued and supported. The relationships she builds with each student reflect her deep commitment to their well-being, both physically and emotionally.

A key testament to Mallory's dedication is the transformation of the athletic training office into a welcoming and educational space. She has developed an outstanding student internship program that allows students to gain hands-on experience as athletic trainers. This initiative not only provides students with invaluable skills but also inspires them to pursue careers in sports medicine, embodying the true spirit of education and mentorship.

Moreover, her broad vision for the role of athletic training motivates her to find opportunities to improve the services Grant provides. Improvements she has been instrumental in include: SWAY baseline concussion testing for all athletes, CPR training of coaches and teachers, collaborating with the Health Office on medical notes, and using Perry Weather technology to make data-based decisions to determine safe athletic conditions.

Mallory's unwavering support of student-athletes is evident in her actions. Whether providing individualized care during practices and games or staying late for post-game evaluations, her work ethic is impressive. She is a constant source of encouragement and guidance, always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that every student receives the care and attention they need.

For these reasons, Mallory Whitman is deserving of the Excellence in Education Award. Her dedication to student success, transformative contributions to the athletic program, and unwavering commitment to education make her a truly deserving recipient and a wonderful model for her peers.

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