

Grant Community High School

# *Excellence* **in Education** AWARD

Awarded to: *Stacey Mays*

Reason Chosen: Stacey Mays is an outstanding candidate for the Excellence in Education Award. From the moment Stacey joined our team, it was clear she was something special. A natural leader with an unwavering dedication to her students, Stacey has consistently demonstrated what it means to be an outstanding educator. Her ability to build meaningful, trusting relationships with students stands out across the building. Whether it's through encouragement, support, or simply making students feel seen and heard, Stacey creates a space where students know they belong.

Her positive influence extends beyond the classroom walls. Students gravitate to her office, not just for the endless snack drawers, but because they know they'll find someone who listens, cares, and lifts them up.

In her Physical Education classes and TEAM, Stacey maintains a structured yet flexible environment where students feel empowered to take risks, participate, and grow. Her classroom management is a masterclass in balancing respect, engagement, and energy. She sets high expectations while making students feel supported every step of the way.

Stacey also exemplifies a commitment to professional growth and collaboration. She's taken the lead in a new PLT, bringing innovative ideas to instruction and curriculum. Her willingness to reflect, revise, and share resources ensures that her colleagues benefit from her expertise as well. She's played a pivotal role in piloting new rubrics for our Intro to Team Sports classes, and she never hesitates to support others, whether guiding a new staff member or championing a team effort to elevate her department.

Stacey's creativity and enthusiasm are unmatched. From exploring new technology like heart rate monitors and TeamBuilder to introducing fresh, engaging fitness activities, she's always thinking forward and striving to improve, not just for herself, but for everyone around her.

Stacey Mays is a true role model. She is someone whose impact is felt not only in the gym but in the hearts and minds of students and colleagues alike. It is for these reasons, and many more, that Stacey Mays is a deserving recipient of the Excellence in Education Award.

*Christine A. Sefcik, Ed.D.*  
Superintendent

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