



2024-2025 Viking Way Best of the Best

Congratulations 2025 Best of the Best Nominees!

Honoring the Work and Contributions of Selah School District Staff



During the week of May 5-9, the Selah School District has been celebrating Staff Appreciation Week. During an evening ceremony on Wednesday, May 7, the District celebrated its finest during the 2025 *Best of the Best* recognition ceremony.

In all, 168 individuals were honored. Also, nine members of the 2025 retiree class were celebrated.

[Read here](#) for the complete list of this year's *Best of the Best* nominees.

Congratulations to the 2025 Retiree Class!

206 Cumulative Years of Selah Service

Brenda Williams, Angie Brown, Mike Archer, Robin Gordy, Dan Stadler, Donada Berry, Adolfo Mireles, Jennifer Davenport and Lori Patnode



Brenda Williams
41 Years of
Selah Service



Angie Brown
36 Years of
Selah Service



Mike Archer
35 Years of
Selah Service



Robin Gordy
27 Years of
Selah Service



Dan Stadler
19 Years of
Selah Service



Donada Berry
16 Years of
Selah Service

*Thank
You!*

For Your Selah Service



Adolfo Mireles
16 Years of
Selah Service



Jennifer Davenport
9 Years of
Selah Service



Lori Patnode
7 Years of
Selah Service

Special Student Recognition

Selah High School seniors, **Addison Flowers** and **Lauren Rice** were honored for their two-year service as student representatives to the School Board.

Thank you Addison and Lauren
for your service!



Addison Flowers



Lauren Rice

A Look at Our Best of the Best Categorical Recipients



Kim Cruz
Selah Middle School
Psychologist



Dominic DeClaire
Selah High School
CTE Teacher



Stephanie Erickson
Robert Lince
Dual Interventionist



Destiny Fortier
Robert Lince
PE Teacher



Shelley Garretson
Selah High School
Family & Con. Sciences

Outstanding Certificated Staff



Kim Cruz, Dominic DeClaire, Stephanie Erickson, Destiny Fortier, Shelley Garretson, Samantha Kerney, Kate Mercer, Brenda Milas and Molly Rinehart



Samantha Kerney
Selah Intermediate
4th Grade Teacher



Kate Mercer
John Campbell
2nd Grade Teacher



Brenda Milas
John Campbell
Counselor



Molly Rinehart
Selah Intermediate
School Nurse



Outstanding Administrator



Bethany Cardenas



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Selah Intermediate
Assistant Principal

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A Viking Way Best of the Best Recap

Outstanding Classified Staff

Clayton Beaman, Jenika Dulaney, Nikki Gonzalez, Nathanael Gross, Melissa Hartshorn, Brooke Lee, Diane Mendez, Veronica Santana, and Ashley Tovar



Clayton Beaman
Transportation
Mechanic



Jenika Dulaney
Nutrition Services
Cook/Cashier



Nikki Gonzalez
Robert Lince ELC
Lead Teacher



Nathanael Gross
Selah Middle School
Music Para-Educator



Melissa Hartshorn
Selah Intermediate
1:1 Para-Educator



Brooke Lee
District Office
Student Records



Jason and Summer Clark
Selah High School
Music Volunteers



Diane Mendez
Selah Middle School
Custodian



Veronica Santana
Selah High School
Admin. Assistant II



Ashley Tovar
John Campbell
Deaf/Blind Intervener

Congratulations!

Certificated Employee of the Year

★ ★ ★
Dominic DeClaire

Classified Employee of the Year

★ ★ ★
Melissa Hartshorn



Dominic DeClaire
Selah High School
CTE Teacher



Melissa Hartshorn
Selah Intermediate
1:1 Para-Educator



Watch it Here!

[Access here](#) to watch the highlights of the 2025 Best of the Best Ceremony.



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