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Awarded to: Garrett Olsen

Reason Chosen: Garrett Olsen is a highly deserving candidate for Excellence in Education. His dedication to academic excellence is evident in the thoughtful design and launch of a new, ambitious literary unit and in his continued elevation of the AP Language project. Garrett consistently challenges students with purposeful, rigorous content that pushes them to think both creatively and critically. Through meticulous preparation, innovation, and a willingness to take instructional risks, he creates seamless and deeply engaging learning experiences. His classroom is a space where students take genuine pride in their work, rising confidently to high expectations while enthusiastically embracing the learning process.

Beyond his own classroom, Garrett exemplifies professionalism and collaboration. He works tirelessly alongside colleagues, offering insight, troubleshooting challenges, and contributing to the collective success of the team. His student-centered approach, creativity, and steady commitment to growth strengthen not only his own practice but the broader school community. Garrett's impact is reflected in the energy and achievement of his students and in the respect and appreciation of his peers.

What truly sets Garrett apart is the lasting influence he has on students' confidence and love of learning. He fosters an environment where curiosity is celebrated, ideas are valued, and students feel empowered to take intellectual risks. His steady encouragement and high expectations help students recognize their own potential and strive for excellence.

Garrett's leadership, innovation, and unwavering dedication make him truly deserving of the Excellence in Education Award.

Jeremy Schmidt, Ed.D
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