



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
Date: July 20, 2021
RE: Extra Mile Service Award

Wendy Broughton is the Extra Mile Service Award recipient in the month of July. Wendy is the Ignite Professional Studies instructor for the Health Sciences strand and was nominated for this award by former Ignite student McKenna Bagley. McKenna graduated from Bentonville West High in 2021 but spent both her junior and senior years in Mrs. Broughton's classroom. In that time, Wendy filled the minds of her students with medical terminology, the dos and don'ts of pain-free phlebotomy and how to treat a patient in shock. But it's what Wendy taught her students about how to heal a heart that made an impression on McKenna.

Since McKenna was eight years old, her mother has battled breast cancer. Hard days for her mom, as you can imagine, translated into tough days for McKenna. It was in those moments that Wendy stepped up to be what McKenna calls a second mom. McKenna told us Mrs. Broughton kept her focused and grounded, and, on the really confusing days, she quietly comforted her. "It wasn't just me. She helped all of us in our hardships. She's our favorite place to go," McKenna said.

McKenna's mom continues to fight her cancer while McKenna is working as an EMT with the city of Pea Ridge. She plans to attend college and become a physician's assistant. McKenna and her mom both remain close to Mrs. Broughton.

About the Extra Mile Award

Any individual may nominate a Bentonville Schools employee by going to our [website](#). Nominations will be considered by administration and that employee's direct supervisor. Nomination rules and regulations will be posted on the website prior to the start of the nomination process.