



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
RE: Extra Mile Service Award
Date: October 25, 2022

Cayse Cunningham was nominated by a former student for the Extra Mile Award in the month of October. Lexi Carter, now a student at the University of Arkansas, wrote in her nomination that Mrs. Cunningham was her AP Physics teacher, but, more than that, she was a constant source of encouragement. Recently, Lexi said she was going through some high school mementos and found two handwritten notes from Cayse. "One was given to me right before my AP exam. The other was at the end of the school year," Lexi shared. "Her encouraging words, constant support and her confidence in me will never be forgotten."

Cayse has been teaching AP Physics and IB Physics for ten years in Bentonville Schools. Her love for physics is surpassed only by her love of her students. She hopes her kids remember the principles of gravity, electromagnetism and nuclear force, but, more importantly, she hopes they also remember teachers are a lifelong force for them. Cayse told us a teacher's support doesn't end after graduation.

These two ladies ran into each other this past summer at a local restaurant. Lexi told her mentor she is currently studying education. Her career goal is to become a teacher and care for others the way she was cared for at Bentonville High School.

Join in congratulating our October Extra Mile award recipient, Cayse Cunningham.

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.