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WCS Announces Outstanding Teacher of the Year Recipients for 2025; Kohn named Macomb County Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Warren, MI – Warren Consolidated Schools recently named **Jacquelyn Czarnik, Colleen Kohn**, and **Jessica Urban** as the district’s Outstanding Teacher of the Year recipients for 2025.

Nominated teachers are evaluated in ten categories such as teaching style, motivational expertise, life-long learner, passion, and community focus.

“Jacquelyn, Colleen, and Jessica’s remarkable dedication to the teaching profession, the inclusive learning environments they create, and their efforts to embrace a commitment to collective efficacy are to be commended,” Chief Academic Officer David Meengs said. “They are exemplary teachers who contribute to the successes of our students and district.”

Jacquelyn Czarnik is a seventh-grade honors math teacher at Middle School Mathematics Science Technology Center (MS)2TC. She has been with Warren Consolidated Schools for the past 21 years.

“What I love most about teaching is the relationships I build with my students,” Czarnik said. “I am extremely fortunate to work in a building where I have the same students all year, which allows me to form strong connections with my students and their families. Watching them grow- both academically and personally- is such an honor. Kids have a such a unique energy and perspective and being part of their journey as they develop confidence, skills, and a love for learning is incredibly rewarding.”

Czarnik received her bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University and master’s degree from Saginaw Valley University.

Colleen Kohn teaches first-grade at Cromie Elementary. She has been with the district for the past 15 years.

"I love providing my students with a strong educational foundation, especially in literacy and math," Kohn said. "More important though, I love building relationships, developing a love of learning in all students, and creating our own classroom family."

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Kohn earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Oakland University and her master's degree in Literacy Education from Madonna University.

In addition to being named Warren Consolidated Schools Teacher of the Year, Kohn was named the Macomb Intermediate School District Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Each year the MISD recognizes an outstanding teacher countywide at the elementary, middle school and high school levels.

"Colleen truly believes in her 1st grade students, which allows her to bring out the very best in all of them," Superintendent Dr. John C. Bernia, Jr. said. "She possesses incredible energy and optimism for the work she does, every day. She is a supportive colleague and a true partner to parents. Her drive to continuously improve her skill set to be at her best for her students is remarkable."

Jessica Urban is a Human Anatomy & Physiology and Physical Science teacher at Warren Mott High School. She has been with WCS for the past 20 years.

"What I love most about being a teacher is developing relationships with my students," Urban said. "There is nothing more rewarding than when students come back years after graduation and tell me how I have shaped their lives; how I have been an inspiration; how I have changed the trajectory or decisions in their lives. It helps to remind me that our work as teachers matter, and that our work goes far beyond facts, and it ignites and helps to shape the future of every single child that is in our classroom."

Urban holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Wayne State University.

Czarnik, Kohn, and Urban will be honored at the Macomb Intermediate School District Teacher of the Year celebration this spring.

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