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Shippensburg University School Study Council Recognizes Outstanding Teachers

Shippensburg University and the Shippensburg University School Study Council celebrated American Education Week Thursday, November 16, 2017 by recognizing forty-seven outstanding teachers from school districts in South Central Pennsylvania. The honorees were selected for their outstanding service to their school communities based on their commitment to effective teaching, their dedication to their students, their commitment to ongoing professional development, as well as for utilizing innovative practices in the classroom and for serving in leadership roles in their schools.

Among those recognized were Halifax Middle School science teachers Heather Frantz and Jennifer Diehl. Both teachers were nominated by their principal, Mr. Rick Ansel, for their ongoing commitment to excellence as evidenced by their innovative and student-centered teaching styles that incorporate STEM principles into classroom activities. Mrs. Frantz and Mrs. Diehl also contribute to school and community life by serving on various committees, supporting the Halifax Wildcat Education Foundation's Summer Camp program, and leading school-wide service projects, all while pursuing professional development opportunities that enhance the teaching of science to middle level students.

Ms. Karen Kugler, Superintendent of the Fairfield Area School District and Selection Committee member, congratulated the Outstanding Teachers and emphasized that research clearly indicates that the most important factors in a student's success are the quality of the classroom teacher and the learning experiences which take place in the classroom. There continue to be a critical need for teachers of the highest quality to assure that all students are educationally and economically competitive in a global economy. Dr. Nicole R. Hill, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services welcomed over 160 teachers and guests to the Recognition Luncheon held on the University Campus in Reisner Hall. Dr. Hill congratulated the teachers on their selection and praised the administrators and staff for their ongoing support of effective teaching.

The annual event is sponsored by the Shippensburg University School Study Council, a partnership between public school districts and the University, which supports school system leaders in improving the instructional experience.