



2019 Washington State Outstanding Young Educator Award



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Jessica Saddler recipient of the 2019 Washington State ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award

Olympia, WA April 30, 2019 – Washington State ASCD has announced that Mrs. Jessica Saddler, teacher at Leona Libby Middle School, is the recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Young Educator Award (OYEA!). The Outstanding Young Educator Award is intended to recognize an educator who achieves excellence in instructional leadership in teaching and learning. As the recipient of this award Jessica will receive a \$500 gift card to Kaplan Early Learning Company, sponsored by Kaplan, she will also receive a complimentary one-year membership to WSASCD and ASCD.

Jessica Saddler obtained a Bachelors degree in Education from Heritage University and recently earned a Masters in Education and Technology from Western Governors University.

Jessica may be relatively young and new to teaching however her contributions and impact on student learning and support has been noteworthy to say the least. Jessica has been described by her principal and assistant principal as an exceptional instructional leader and with the drive to continue learning which positive impacts the students that she serves. She is also collaborative, organized, and innovative which make her stand out and deserving of recognition as the Washington State ASCD Outstanding Young Educator

Some of the efforts that Jessica has taken part in serve not only students but also her colleagues and school community. In her first year of teaching, Jessica helped open the first STEAM middle school in her district. In the classroom, Jessica transforms curriculum to make it her own, she uses technology to present information creatively and provides students opportunities to engage within a global community via technology. Jessica was one of the first teachers to embrace standards-based grading. She provided informal assistance as well as formal assistance during staff trainings. For the last two years, Jessica helped to write the Richland School District Technology Grant, which Leona Libby has been awarded. Jessica is an active team member in her building as she serves as the chairperson for the Action Planning Team. Jessica was instrumental in establishing and organizing special programs for her school such as STEAM night, for which she personally contacted over fifty community partners and had the success of thirty who committed to support the event. She also serves as the advisor for the Science Bowl/Science Club team -and took the to compete at state! Jessica also serves as the building Technology Innovation Leadership Team and district science adoption team. It is clear that Jessica dedicated and passionate about education and it is evident that will continue to go above and beyond for her students.

Washington State ASCD is pleased to be able to recognize Jessica Saddler and her contributions to education by presenting her with the 2019 Washington State ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award. Congratulations Jessica!

Founded in 1956, as Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, now known as Washington State ASCD, is a community of all educators committed to promoting promising practices to ensure ALL students are safe, healthy, engaged, supported and challenged. For additional information, please contact Executive Coordinator, Carrie Lam.

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