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Educator Amanda Hall to receive the Supported Students Award from Washington State ASCD

Olympia, WA May, 2016 – The Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (WSASCD) has announced that Amanda Hall from Olympia High School will receive a Whole Child award called the ‘Supported Students Award’ for 2016. The Supported Students Award is intended to recognize educators who contribute to providing a school where students are adequately supported.

Amanda Hall is a highly-skilled and supportive educator for all students, and an outstanding School Counselor and leader at Olympia High School (OHS). Amanda was born with a unique gift; a special ability to connect and build trust with all students. She consistently nurtures students’ long-lasting personal and academic growth, and is committed to ensuring they graduate career and college ready. Amanda shows great skill and mastery with building sustainable relationships and implementing support systems for students at OHS. She has become a true leader at Olympia High School by helping develop a Comprehensive Student Support System (CSSS) for our most vulnerable students. Through collaboration with teachers and administrators, and development of real-time data tracking and enrollment processes, Amanda has cultivated a sustainable program that is increasing successful interventions for struggling students. She has also led our counseling team in utilizing this support system, enabling all counselors to help many more students who may have fallen through the cracks without our intervention. Last year, our graduation rate was 93%, the highest ever achieved. Amanda’s vision and implementation of a Comprehensive Student Support System caused a needed shift to increase support systems at Olympia High School, resulting in higher student achievement.

The OHS 2014-15 School Improvement Plan included using a Student Support System to monitor and adjust interventions for struggling students. Amanda’s leadership and advocacy for these students is evident in the results of her work to help build and monitor this support system. Amanda was instrumental in the analysis and reporting of the data to our intervention team. She also guided the Graduation Specialist in analyzing the change in students’ at-risk indicators, such as earning credits, improving GPA, and reducing absences. The improvements found in the data indicated that these at-risk students became academically healthier in their support system. Amanda Hall’s leadership makes Olympia High School better for all students.

Founded in 1956, the Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) is a community of all educators committed to promoting promising practices to ensure ALL students are safe, healthy, engaged, supported and challenged.

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