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KHS WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER KATELYN SCHMIDT RECEIVES 2018 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD FROM KHS ALUMNI FUND, INC.

In 1997, a committee of the Keene High School Class of 1950 met to come up with a special or unique presentation to KHS for the year 2000 in recognition of the 50th anniversary of their graduation. These classmates wanted something that would be lasting and remembered in years to come. Through much discussion and considerable input solicited from the entire class the idea emerged of honoring outstanding educators, those individuals currently in the field of education who are impacting the youth of the Keene community by setting high standards of excellence.

The KHS Alumni Fund, Inc. is chartered on behalf of all KHS alumni. All KHS alumni are encouraged to become members of the Fund and participate in its administration. The Fund also seeks the participation of any other individuals or groups not necessarily alumni of KHS. The Fund welcomes all those having the spirit and dedication to recognize an important community resource.

The KHS Alumni Fund, Inc. was founded in May 1998 for the following purpose: To annually recognize with substantial monetary awards one or more outstanding teacher or staff member at Keene High School. To raise and invest a capital fund from which the awards can be made. The nomination and selection process includes students, faculty, staff and support personnel. From this process is selected the KHS Outstanding Educator of the Year. Each recipient receives an engraved crystal bowl and a financial award.

This year's recipient is Katelyn Schmidt, a teacher of World Language at Keene High School.

We are sharing with you the comments that were written by your students during the 2017 & 2018 Outstanding Educator Nomination process. We hope that these inspire you as much as they have inspired us to continue our mission with the Outstanding Educator of the Year award.

- Throughout the semester that I had Schmidt she encouraged me to do well and work hard. She is a very funny and down to earth person. She makes sure to put confidence into each of her students.
- Schmidt was always very friendly and fair towards her students. She also has creative ways to teach her students Spanish like giving them a lyrics sheet for her student to try it as they listen to a certain song.
- Senora Schmidt is always forgiving and kind. She allows you to be with people you enjoy while instructing a helpful curriculum. She induces learning by game, not just lectures.
- This educator made learning Spanish fun, and I will continue to take Spanish as I go through high school
- Mrs. Schmidt's always working to help each one of her students. While teaching a class of 23 she is able to work with all different learning styles. She has fun ways of teaching Spanish. Her room is a safe environment where people are able to grow and learn.
- She really works to understand her students and works to help you to the best of her ability. I didn't understand Spanish that well coming into her class but she really worked with me till I understood.

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• Mrs. Schmidt has always been extremely supportive of all her students' efforts towards success. She puts her all into teaching Spanish, even when many of her pupils make it clear they don't value her course or wish to be there. She has always had a smile on her face and constantly tries new ways of making learning a language fun. When in her classroom I feel like it is always a safe place to ask questions and she constantly makes sure to help all of her students with their struggles.

• Mrs. Schmidt truly sparked my love for foreign languages. I'd taken classes in middle school but didn't find my love for it until I had her freshman year. Her passion for teaching and the language makes the class so different than any other I've taken. Her personality shines through her teaching and she makes it fun to learn. She relates to the kids and makes her classroom a safe environment for everyone. She respects her colleagues and students and she knows how to engage kids with different games and ways where you don't even realize you're learning.

• A teacher who teaches difficult content must be patient and flexible. Mrs. Schmidt was very patient when students were having a hard time with the current unit and took time to help them. As well as flexible. She is also very friendly. Almost daily she would start conversations with people before the bell.

• She is always very uplifting in our class and can talk to us about what's going on. She would be the only reason I want to do Spanish 3. Her class is very fun and wants us to succeed. • Señora Schmidt used interesting and creative teaching techniques that keep students focused. She utilizes music, projects and movies to connect with students. I love her teaching styles because I don't even realize I'm learning. Mrs. Schmidt allows for a safe learning environment where all students feel comfortable and supported.

Congratulations to Katelyn!



Congratulations
2018 Outstanding Educator
Katelyn Schmidt

