**MAY 13, 2020 TOWN HALL STAR AWARDS**

**Staci Forrest:** I would like to nominate Staci Forrest for a Star Award because of her endless support to others in providing technological training.  She does this with kindness, patience, and understanding of the level of detail needed in instruction to the individual(s).  Staci makes herself available at all hours of the day and evening to generously share her skills.  Staci has been a huge asset in expanding mine and other staffs’ understanding of technology.  Thanks so much, Staci!

**Nominated by: Wendy Mardis**

**Aaron Stanley:** Aaron has been a huge part of the functional academic high school virtual learning team since the first week of school closures.  Things were very much so up in the air but he asked to be a part of class video sessions and added to Google classrooms simply to be able to interact and engage with the students.  Aaron's dedication to the kids is unmeasurable and shows by his participation and collaboration with the team.  Aaron is an amazing coworker and friend.  Thanks for all you do Aaron!"

**Nominated by: Kaitlin Kernan**

**Julie Pahr- Leslie Updegraff-Yolanda Jenkins-Sam Gregory-Sara Rivera-Dontay Kelly-Leah Stewart-Karla King:** Times are definitely crazy, and lots of things changed very quickly.  Everyone seemed to be catapulted into the unknown, with little guidelines, but an immense amount of self-inflicted expectations solely because of our joint love for the students.  The day-to-day to-do lists just kept growing.  As teachers, we were floundering but so badly wanting to do right by our kids.  Without the help of our team’s paraeducators, we would not have reached the successes we have.  There are no words to fully express the appreciation we have for their utter willingness to do what needed to be done to make our jobs easier and the learning of the students possible.  The functional academic high school paraeducators have gone above and beyond the call of duty.  They have made themselves available everyday of the week.  The functional high school teachers would like to recognize and give a HUGE shout out to Julie Pahr, Leslie Updegraff, Yolanda Jenkins, Sam Gregory, Sara Rivera, Dontay Kelley, Leah Stewart, and Karla King.  These individuals are amazing coworkers and friends.  This team has worked very hard to collaborate and be a team- we would not be the same without each and every one of them.  We just wanted to let them know that each of you holds a special place in our student’s hearts, as well as ours. Thank you doesn’t seem like enough- but thank you for ALL that you do.

**Nominated by: Kaitlin Kernan**