

# EANESPIRATION AWARDS

Congratulations to our EANESpiration winners from Hill Country Middle School!

## Good Samaritan Award

### Kirk Siler

Kirk has done an outstanding job as Athletic Coordinator, putting in many extra hours for the students in our athletic programs. During football season, Kirk was at school every day starting at 6:30 a.m. and stayed until 9pm. He helped kids with their lockers and football equipment, and was especially helpful to the 7th graders, who typically have a hard time keeping up with their equipment!

Not only is Kirk great working with the student-athletes, but he has done a fabulous job of keeping parents informed. Kirk does a great job of talking with upset parents and conveying situations so that they have a better understanding of the circumstances. His nomination reads, "It takes a lot of extra hours and a special person to do a good job as an Athletic Coordinator and Kirk has done that effectively to make an educational impact."

## Heroes Award

### Joe Herrera and Kimberley Israel

When the school's Registrar was out for an extended time due to a family emergency, Joe and Kimberley stepped in and saved the day! Many students had schedule changes that needed to be coordinated with the teachers' schedules immediately. Joe and Kimberley helped our staff identify the problems and then worked on solutions to resolve them. This was a huge help because if it was not done or done incorrectly, it would have caused semester averages to be inaccurate.

Their nomination reads, "While Joe and Kimberley are not official Hill Country staff, we definitely consider them part of our family and are so appreciative of their hard work to make us better!"

## Innovation Award

### Kelley Willmann

Kelley Willmann is deserving of the Innovation award for coordinating a unique math experience in celebration of "Pi Day." The event was for all 6th grade math classes and Kelley found numerous activities for them and also made supplies that were needed to perform the activities. She also designed a worksheet to help students navigate their way through four classrooms and two outdoor "Pi Day" stations that included 12 activities. Her nomination reads, "Kelley's creativity was a leading force in the success of this fun-filled and educational day!"

## Good Samaritans

### Danielle Wiest, Brenda Mosher, Tanna Fiske, Pam Friday and Kathleen Sullivan

This has been a difficult year for many of our staff who have lost loved ones,

but one of our biggest strengths at Hill Country is that our staff have always circled the wagons to take care of each other. Danielle, Brenda, Tanna, Pam and Kathleen organized a fundraising event in October at the Hills Café. The proceeds from the event went to help offset some of the medical bills for our Registrar and her family. Their nomination reads, "Because of these talented ladies, the event raised more than \$5,000! This is just one of many examples of how our faculty has pulled together this year and it is incredible."



Back row from left to right, Hill Country MS Teacher of the Year Linda Musci, EANESpiration winners Mosher, Willmann, Fiske, Dr. Nola Wellman. Front row: Principal Kathleen Sullivan, Siler, Friday, Herrera, Israel.

Presented by:

