

MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE

Safe, Healthy People

Dawn Evans

Administrative Assistant, Business and Facilities & Technology

“I cannot count the number of times she has ‘de-escalated’ individuals and groups through honest and open communication. It is these pressure-packed times which ‘make or break’ relationships, and Dawn regularly turns tough situations into opportunities for making friends with her interpersonal communication skills and genuine concern.” -- Mark Antrim

“One of Dawn’s greatest strengths is her positive and consistent attitude about her work. The stress and strains of her work do not show in her approach or dealings with others. ... Dawn treats all with respect and a genuine desire to help.” -- Steve Hopkins

Terry Hooker

Activities/Athletic Facilitator, Dean Morgan Junior High School

“Terry Hooker stands for what is right in activities and athletic and has been instrumental in engaging 75 to 80 percent of the student body at DMJH in extracurricular activities. ... Terry, has student athletes and coaches focused on sportsmanship, integrity, honesty, dependability and commitment. ... He works with our coaches to make sure student athletes are properly conditioned and ready for competition before the first game. He demands that kids are students first and then athletes and that they meet eligibility requirements before competing in a game. He also works closely with the front office to ensure that each student has their physical and is safe before starting a sport.” -- Larry Meeboer

“Terry arrives to work on most days riding his bicycle, usually by 8 a.m., then does not leave until the last practice of the day is over. ... Terry is always looking for ways to improve DMJH athletics, but also Dean Morgan itself, by giving his own personal time to do small yet meaningful tasks, such as painting the backboards of our student’s outdoor equipment.” -- Jason Foery

Rory Franklin

Nurse, North Casper/Roosevelt Schools

“I have personally witnessed her expert handling of vicious dogs and upset parents. ... Although some professionals have eliminated home visits from their duties, Rory continues to believe in meeting parents where they need to be met.” -- Linda Butts

“Rory does whatever it takes to assure the health of the students and staff in a building. She keeps parents involved in their child’s issues in a positive way.” -- Rene Rickabaugh

“By stepping out of her office and into the classroom, Rory has modeled for students how diverse a career in nursing can be.”-- Mike Pickett

Donna West

Instructional Assistant, North Casper Elementary School

“She has developed and implements a meticulous daily student exit system that is the best I have ever witnessed.” -- Linda Butts

“Donna’s work in leading our Life Skills Lab has been fruitful, where we have seen a steady decline disciplinary office referrals, proving a proactive stance on teaching and re-teaching lacking social skills...is beneficial for success both in and out of school.” -- Phil Hubert

“Donna created and runs the book exchange for our school also...Our students love this program. To many of them, this is practically the only way to get extra books for themselves.”-- Cathy Parker