

Four LWHS Parents Receive LWPTSA Council Awards



The Lake Washington Council PTSA functions as a support at the district level for all 41 local PTSAs. Recently it commemorated the founding of National PTA with its annual Founders Day Luncheon. As part of the event, awards were given to highlight the hard work of individuals who have supported children and students across the district. Several of our own parents here at LWHS were among the recipients and notably represented. We would like to highlight them here and extend our congratulations:

Mindy Lincicome: The *Outstanding Service Award* is the highest honor bestowed by the Washington State PTA. The recipient is someone who gives extraordinary volunteer service to children and has worked well beyond the bounds of a job, PTSA or specific school community. Mindy has served for many years in multiple roles starting at Audubon Elementary and you know her currently as Co-President of the LWHS PTSA, while simultaneously serving on the PTSA Council Board and as WSPTA Region 2 Director! She regularly teaches training classes throughout the region and is “an invaluable source of PTSA knowledge, a supportive colleague and a dedicated advocate for students and education”.

Pam Hay: Pam is this year's recipient of the *Golden Acorn Award* for her extensive work over the years in different PTSAs roles, including PTA President in two schools. This award is presented to an individual who has given outstanding service to all children in the school community and who has gone “above and beyond”. For the past several years she has devoted her energies to supporting art district-wide by serving as Reflections Chair for the LWPTSA Council and simultaneously at LWHS. She is also a long time Girl Scout troop leader (including four years as the Service Unit Manager) and a dedicated HopeLink volunteer.

Janis Rabuchin: Janis received the *Outstanding Advocate Award* for her initiative and extensive work in backpack awareness. Her efforts at Kirkland Middle School included weighing 300 backpacks to determine the extent of the problem and no surprise here, 96% of students were found carrying more than the maximum 10-15% of their body weight. Solutions continue to be developed in conjunction with school and district staff and lucky for our students, she is bringing her focus attention up to LWHS.

Liz Hedreen, Denise Campbell, Brandi Comstock (incoming parent of 9th grader) and **Irene Neumann:** These individuals received the *Certificate of Special Service* for their work to revise and update the LWPTSA Council Scholarship Program. The committee completed an in-depth evaluation of the program and made suggestions to make it more equitable across the district. As a result of their efforts, two new Scholarships were added to the mostly merit-based opportunities in the categories of Perseverance and Turn-Around.

Well done Mindy, Pam, Janis, Liz, Denise, Brandi and Irene! The LWHS community and PTSA are grateful to have your expertise and dedication at LWHS!