

# Our Outstanding Teachers of the Year

*Our teachers are amazing! Once a year the teachers from each school vote to nominate an ‘Outstanding Teacher of the Year.’ This year’s list is just an example of the great teachers that go above and beyond in the classroom and have a positive impact on their students and fellow staff. Congratulations and keep up the good work!*



Masonic Heights El. - Marie Ottinger, Kindergarten



Kennedy Middle School - Chris Kauffold, Band



Violet Elementary - Julie Sabelhaus, Resource Room



Rodgers Elementary - Robin Nicholl, 3rd Grade



Lake Shore High School - Christie Czopek, Spanish

## Board Members Receive MASB Awards

During March’s Board of Education meeting, President Gerrit Ketelhut recognized the outstanding achievements of three board members who have earned awards through the Michigan Association of School Boards by completing the required CBA classes and education credits.

**Sharon Bartl - ‘Advocacy Skills Specialty Award.’** Board members who receive this prestigious award complete general requirements and classes such as Advanced Community Relations, Media Relations, Public Speaking and Advocacy for Public Education.

**Shannon Harvey - ‘Award of Distinction.’** This is level 3 of 7. Board members of this level have completed four advanced classes and a minimum of 208 education credits.

**Susan Jamieson - ‘Master Diamond Award.’** This is level 5 of 7. Board members of this level have completed 14 advanced classes and a minimum of 528 education credits.

**All three members also received ‘Data Specialty Certification,’** that included taking classes such as District Strategic Planning and Goal Setting.

There are seven levels of Certification/Awards, seven being the highest. According to the MASB website, the Board Member Awards Program was developed to enhance the ability of school boards to improve Michigan public schools and the achievement of students.

Thank you on behalf of Lake Shore for using your valuable time to improve your leadership effectiveness by completing these board development courses.

## Candela Named Outstanding Recent CMU Graduate & Nominated for Barnes & Noble ‘My Favorite Teacher’ by her Students

Lake Shore High School Teacher Tasha Candela was named by CMU as an outstanding graduate. Central Michigan University presents the Outstanding Recent Graduate Award to someone who has graduated within the past 5 years and has gone above and beyond in the community and workplace. Mrs. Candela says that it was the experience at CMU with the faculty that has influenced her teaching style at Lake Shore.

Candela’s style of teaching has made a positive influence on students. For the past two years, they have received top honors at web design contests. For as much time and dedication that Candela gives to her students, it does not go unnoticed. This year, she was nominated by twelve of her students for the Barnes & Noble ‘My Favorite Teacher’ contest. Officials with Barnes & Noble were surprised by the number of students that nominated her as their favorite teacher.

Lake Shore Student Josh Allan wrote the winning essay for the high school division about Candela. Allan wrote, “*In my life Mrs. Candela has influenced me to become the best person I can be. Whether it be doing well in school, helping classmates, or doing extracurricular activities. She is always concerned about my grades not only in her class but in all of my studies. I have had Mrs. Candela as a teacher since freshman year and I*

*am now a senior. I have enjoyed the time spent in the classroom. It is a friendly environment that helps promote peace and synergy between everyone.”*

Mrs. Candela and Josh Allan were recognized at a ceremony in April. She was presented with a certificate and a small prize. Barnes & Noble will also be sending her entry on for a regional contest. The regional winner will be awarded a NOOK eReader and a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card. A Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year will be chosen from the regional winners. The Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year will receive \$5000 with an additional \$5000 given to the teacher's school.



Josh Allan and Mrs. Candela at the awards ceremony.