

*Celebration of
Afterschool*



Missouri AfterSchool Network

2021

Program

Friday, Lunch

Statewide Afterschool Champions

and

Afterschool Ambassadors

Presented by: Natalie Hampton, *MASN Policy Coordinator*

Saturday, Breakfast

Afterschool Staff Accomplishments

Presented by: Richard Irwin, *Warrensburg Adventure Club*

MOSAC² Awards

Presented by: Tyler Kearns, *Clayton Kids Zone*

Saturday, Lunch

Afterschool Program Accomplishments

Presented by: Stephanie Collins, *Provident Behavioral Health*

Youth Entrepreneur Recognition

Presented by: Mark Cowsert, *MASN Associate Director of Partnerships*



Recognition

Statewide Afterschool Champions

- Senator Karla Eslinger
- Representative Peter Merideth

Afterschool Ambassadors

2021 Ambassadors

- Laquisha Cooper, ARCHS School Age Initiatives
- Rebekah Baumann, Mission: St. Louis, Beyond School
- Stacey Ritter, Doniphan R-1 School District
- Amy King, Blue Springs School District, Prime Time
- Shiloh Shoemaker, Ace Program, Neosho R-5
- Allyssa Ferguson, Fort Discovery Childcare
- Cassie Hackett, Lee's Summit Before and After School Services
- Shakyra Washington, United By Creativity

Active Ambassadors Emeritus

- Kim Palmer, North Central MO Afterschool Co-op.
- Erin Malone, Mission: St. Louis, Beyond School
- Samantha Majors, Van Buren R-1 EESP After School
- Ashlee Liska, Republic Schools-Southwest
- Erica Kreisler, Independence School District
- Audrey Johnson, Joplin Family YMCA
- Linda Hague, Newtown-Harris Schools-Northwest
- Crystal Hall, Provident Behavioral Health
- Prevost Foushee, Rockway/Parkway Adventure Club
- Stephanie Collins, Provident Behavioral Health
- Maria Bohannon, ACE Program, Neosho R-5

2021 MOSAC² Honors

- **Rising Star Award:** TaVion Whytus, Lee's Summit Before and Afterschool Services Y-Club-Pleasant Lea, Lee's Summit
- **Outstanding Afterschool Professional Award:** Kimberly Wooden, Stars & Hero's 21st CCLC, Jennings

Recognition

Afterschool Staff Accomplishments

Reached Education Goals

- Janice Brooks, Certification in Trauma Informed Therapy, 2021, Moving Ahead Program

Years of Service

5 Years:

- Andrea Ankrom, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Bowling Green
- Linda Arnold, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Bowling Green
- Greta Hake, MU Adventure Club
- Philece Horton, Provident Behavioral Health
- Alicia Ireland, Laquey Hornet Club
- Kirby Lewellyn, Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri - Skyline
- Leslie Lovell, Twin Pike Family YMCA - BONCL
- Kathryn Miller, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Frankford
- Jacqueline Myers, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Clopton
- Robin Ozelius, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Louisiana
- Teresa Pedersen, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Louisiana
- Sarah Petty, Provident Behavioral Health
- Melina Saint Felix, Lee's Summit Before & Afterschool Services Y Club
- Hanna Schirlls, Boys & Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri - Parkview
- Deaven Streed, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Clopton
- Erin Tate, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Clopton
- Danielle Wade, Unleashing Potential
- Margaret "Peggy" Wade, Laquey Hornet Club
- Alyssa Wilson, Lee's Summit Before & Afterschool Services Y Club
- Dianne Wolff, Laquey Hornet Club
- Loleta Wren, Provident Behavioral Health

Recognition

Afterschool Staff Accomplishments (Cont'd)

10 Years:

- Janice Brooks, Moving Ahead Program
- Stephanie Foster, North Callaway R-I Partners in Learning
- Ashli Houchins, North Callaway R-I Partners in Learning
- Rachele Johnson-Bell, Unleashing Potential
- Tanner Reichert, Republic R-III Schools STRIPES 360
- Jessica Root, Chapel Lakes Prime Time
- Jason Smith, North Callaway R-I Partners in Learning
- Emily Sprague, Nixa XLT

15 Years:

- Kathy Gregory, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Clopton
- Ashlee Liska, Republic R-III Schools STRIPES 360
- Karen Omohundro, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Clopton
- Loretta Woodward, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Louisiana
- Rebecca Yates, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Clopton

20 Years:

- Cheryl Becker, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Bowling Green
- Dawn Butler, Lee's Summit Before & Afterschool Services Y Club
- Jennifer Dyer, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Bowling Green
- Amy King, Prime Time at James Lewis Elementary
- Brenda Mason, Kingston
- Karen Shinn, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Bowling Green

25 Years:

- Viki Backhus, Lee's Summit Before & Afterschool Services Y Club

30 Years:

- Janice Smith, James Walker Prime Time

Recognition

Afterschool Program Accomplishments

Earning Accreditation

- Unleashing Potential, Council on Accreditation

Years of Operation

10 Years of Operation

- Eldon LEAP
- North Callaway R-I Partners in Learning

15 Years of Operation:

- Camdenton R-III Afterschool Services
- Republic R-III Schools STRIPES 360

20 Years of Operation

- Kingston K-14 Cougar College Afterschool Program

25 Years of Operation:

- Lee's Summit Before & After School Services

30 Years of Operation:

- Francis Howell School District Vacation Station

35 Years of Operation:

- MU Adventure Club

Sustaining After Grant Cycle

- MU Adventure Club



Statewide Afterschool Champions

Senator Karla Eslinger



Sen. Eslinger is a lifelong educator with more than 30 years of experience. She served one term in the Missouri House of Representatives before being elected to the Senate in 2020. She has a doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis and has served as a school teacher, principal and superintendent prior to becoming an assistant commissioner of education for DESE.

Sen. Eslinger's 30 years of experience as an educator makes her a compelling advocate for afterschool programs. She is collaborating with afterschool advocates to increase access to afterschool programs through policy change. The abundant generosity, expertise and determination that she has shared with afterschool advocates will raise the profile of afterschool and increase our chances for effective policy change.

Representative Peter Merideth



Rep. Merideth has served as a strong champion for afterschool programs in the Missouri House of Representatives. He has sponsored legislation to fund afterschool programs and has provided support, guidance and encouragement to afterschool advocates. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Rep. Merideth was elected in 2016 and represents district 80 in the City of St. Louis. He serves as the ranking minority member of both the Budget and General Laws committee. He graduated from Washington University Law School and is the founder of the GroundUp STL law practice.



Missouri AfterSchool Network

The Missouri AfterSchool Network builds partnerships and systems across the state that improve, support, and sustain high quality afterschool programs. Our vision is that “All school-age children and youth in Missouri have access to high quality, sustainable afterschool programs.” Please join us at the next quarterly Afterschool Committee Meetings held in December and January to help make this a reality. Committees include:

- Professional Development
- Public Policy
- STEM
- Quality

Save the Date

Please plan to join us for the 2022 Celebration of Afterschool that will be a part of the next MOSAC2 Professional Development Institute (PDI). The PDI and Celebration of Afterschool will be held November 18-20, 2022 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons (Lake of the Ozarks). We look forward to continuing to recognize the professionals, programs, partners, administrators, and champions that make a difference in the lives of children and youth afterschool.

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