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Warren Consolidated Schools Announces Outstanding Teacher of the Year Recipients for 2018

Warren, MI – Warren Consolidated Schools awarded **Molly Gale, Shayna Hessell, and Abbey Syswerda** as the district's Outstanding Teacher of the Year recipients for 2018.

Gale, Hessell, and Syswerda were among 124 Warren Consolidated teachers nominated for this award by fellow teachers, administrators, support staff, parents, and students. Nominated teachers are evaluated in ten categories such as, teaching style, motivational expertise, life-long learner, passion, and community focus.

"It is with great pride that the district recognizes these three educators for their outstanding commitment to our district, the high standards they set for themselves, and their dedication to ensuring all students have the opportunity to learn," Chief Academic Officer John Bernia said.

Molly Gale is an eighth grade Social Studies teacher at the Middle School Visual and Performing Arts program at Butcher Educational Center. She has taught in the district for the past 13 years.

"I am really surprised and incredibly flattered to be chosen as Teacher of the Year," Gale said. "I love working with kids every day. Watching them develop a love of U.S. history is such a wonderful experience."

Gale holds a degree from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

Shayna Hessell teaches fifth grade at Harwood Elementary School. She has been a teacher in the district for the past five years.

"Warren Consolidated Schools has many wonderful teachers who I am proud to call my colleagues, so to be named Teacher of the Year is a true honor," Hessell said. "Some of my favorite moments as a teacher are the moments when students realize that with hard work they can be successful. Seeing their faces light-up with pride makes me smile."

Hessell attended Michigan State University, where she received a double major in Elementary Education and Spanish, along with a minor in Mathematics, and a specialization in dance. She

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also holds a Master's in Teaching and Curriculum with a concentration in Teaching through the Arts from MSU.

Abbey Syswerda teaches 9-12 grade American History, Sheltered American History, and Sheltered Democracy and Citizenship at Warren Mott High School. She has been with the district for the past 13 years.

"I am honored and grateful to the many dynamic educators and mentors that have inspired me," Syswerda said. "I am blessed to be able to work with students and colleagues who challenge me to grow every day."

Syswerda holds a Bachelor's degree from Oakland University and Master's degree from Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

Gale, Hessell, and Syswerda will be honored at the Macomb Intermediate School District Teacher of the Year celebration in April.

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