



News release

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Jackson High School teacher honored with Spirit of Advising award



Monica Andersen, with her husband Nic, is the Family and Consumer Science Teacher and FCCLA Advisor at Henry M. Jackson High School.

The Washington FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) awarded Monica Andersen from Henry M. Jackson High School the 2020 Spirit of Advising Award. Monica teaches Family and Consumer Science and is the FCCLA Advisor.

The Spirit of Advising Award recognizes a chapter adviser who is constantly faithful, often quietly working behind the scenes to ensure the success of their students and the state organization. Each state only selects one recipient who has made significant contributions to the organization. Monica will be recognized at the National Leadership Conference.

"I am proud to be involved with WA-FCCLA and our chapter at Jackson," said Monica. "Receiving the Spirit of Advising award is meaningful to me because I take great pride in the work I do with my students and with the organization."

Principal Dave Peters, says, "Monica has a long history of leading our FCCLA students to high levels of achievement in our state, region, and nationally. They have been blessed to have her as their advisor. Monica is the only advisor in Washington to receive this award, so she is a State Champion for Jackson High School!"

Advisers are an integral part of students' success within FCCLA. Students rely on adviser mentorship and leadership in navigating the Ultimate Leadership Experience. Students develop skills that last a lifetime, from creative and critical thinking to practical knowledge and career preparation.

The work of FCCLA helps students and teachers focus on a variety of youth concerns, including parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, sustainability, nutrition and fitness, teen violence and career preparation in four specific Career Pathways. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life by planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication; skills necessary both in the home and in the workplace.

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