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## News release

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### Two food and nutrition services employees honored

*2017 Washington School Nutrition Association (WSNA) award winners*

WSNA's Annual State Conference is the highlight every year for food and nutrition departments at schools all over the state of Washington. This year two Everett Public School employees were recognized for their exemplary service: Angie Kestle received the Golden Apple Award and LeAnne Mallos received the Apple Blossom Award.

"We're always excited about the great work our staff does every year for their schools, staff and students," shared Food and Nutrition Services Supervisor, Shelly Lubahn. "This year we're especially excited two of our staff were recognized at the [Washington School Nutrition Association Conference](#)."



*Angie Kestle, winner of the 2017 Washington School Nutrition Association Golden Apple Award*

#### Golden Apple Award

Candidates are nominated for this award for demonstrating outstanding leadership and professionalism. A Golden Apple Award candidate is an enthusiastic role model and inspiration to others in the school food service program, local chapter or the state association.

"Angie goes above and beyond her duties as a Kitchen Manager at Silver Firs Elementary. She has been instrumental in opening up communications between her kitchen and the students, staff and parents at her school by contributing to the school's newsletters," said Lubahn.

Kestle has also worked with her school's PTA program to create more inclusive PTA events that allow all children to participate in events such as Moms & Muffins, etc. She worked with the various groups to offer healthier snacks for their events.

"Angie constantly is looking for more that she can do for our food and nutrition department. This includes working on catering events, being involved in her school's curriculum nights as well as working concessions during our district's football season," said Lubahn. "Angie is a true believer in the importance of child nutrition and is always striving to present the best experience possible to her student customers, and learning all she can by attending as many professional development opportunities as possible."

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*LeAnne Mallos, winner of the  
2017 Washington School Nutrition  
Association Apple Blossom Award*

### **Apple Blossom Award**

Candidates are nominated for this award for demonstrating leadership, enthusiasm, and dedication to the school meals program. An Apple Blossom Award candidate is someone who has made a marked difference in the short time they have been involved in the school meals program, local chapter, or the state association and is a source of inspiration to others.

“LeAnne has been a member of the food and nutrition department since December 2013,” said Lubahn. “In that time, she has worked hard to learn all she can about school food service. She works at Hawthorne Elementary School, a diverse school with approximately 26 different languages spoken among the students and an 88.5 percent free and reduced lunch rate. LeAnne is flexible, professional and works to understand each child.”

Mallos has also taken over the *Fresh Fruit and Veggie Grant* for her school. She cleans, preps and distributes fresh produce to all students twice a week. She has

gained the needed knowledge so she is able to serve as kitchen manager when needed. She currently is doing more catering work as well.

“In the three years LeAnne has been a part of our food and nutrition team, she has taken advantage of professional development opportunities and our leadership series,” continued Lubahn. “We are excited to see where LeAnne ends up within our department. She is ready and open for any opportunities that come her way.”

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