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Rose Smith receives 2022 Ryan Ziegelmann Service Award

Henry M. Jackson High School business & technical education teacher recognized for her outstanding work with students



Mill Creek, WA—On Sept. 17, 2022, Rose Smith, Business & Technical Education teacher at Henry M. Jackson High School, was one of two recipients of the 2022 Ryan Ziegelmann Services Award. Every year, Junior Achievement of Washington (JAWA) presents the award to a passionate advocate of Junior Achievement's (JA) work in the community. The 2022 Award goes to two outstanding individuals: Rose Smith and Kevin Giboney.

Smith has over 25 years of teaching experience which includes 20 years partnering with JA and

promoting student learning, the understanding of diversity, and preparing students for careers in the 21st Century.

"We are so proud of Ms. Smith and deeply appreciate all that she does for our Timberwolves," said Lance Balla, H.M. Jackson High School principal. "She encourages all students to truly dream big!"

Superintendent Saltzman added, "I am not surprised Ms. Smith received this well-deserved honor, I am so proud!"

At H.M. Jackson High School, Smith was the Dean of Students and Student Advisor. As Dean of Students, she created a positive learning environment sensitive to diverse socio-economic and ethnic populations. She is the Student Advisor of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and the Multi-Cultural Club. She established two high schools as Microsoft Office Specialist Testing Sites. Microsoft Office Specialist Program provides industry leading assessments of skills and knowledge providing students and professionals real-world exercises to assess their understanding of Microsoft Office.

"Rose exemplifies everything that we support and promote in JAWA, and she is a worthy recipient," shared Natalie Vega O'Neil, president & CEO of JAWA. "When she received her award, she spoke so earnestly, reinforcing the importance of JA, and brought her humility and grace to the whole evening. She deserves every accolade bestowed on her."

JA is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future and make smart academic and economic choices. In 2022, JA Worldwide was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to empower youth on all continents economically.

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