

MENTORS of the quarter



First Quarter 2018

JEFF MCELDERRY

Elementary, Goal Buddy



"It is an honor to nominate Mr. Jeff McElderry for P4K Goal Buddy of the 1st Quarter. Jeff exudes all the qualities of a top-notch volunteer mentor and supports the P4K vision and mission through his steadfast work.

A long serving goal buddy at Miller Park Elementary, serving in his 13th year to be exact, Jeff defines his passion for youth by his stellar attendance record, his willingness to do anything to motivate and support students, continually recruiting mentors, and is a familiar face at every P4K event.

Jeff's service to Miller Park and his two 5th grade classroom goes above the call of duty. He consistently shows up in various costumes for holidays and celebrations, has heart to heart conversations with each of his student goal buddies, brings treats, shows up to classroom and school functions, and has attended the end of the year goal achievement honors nearly every year.

There is a hearty list with even more reasons why Jeff McElderry more than deserves this honor. It is a great privilege to have witnessed his dedication and passion for youth with my own eyes. Jeff is a mentor, friend, teacher, confidant, motivator, and inspiration to everyone around him and wants to see nothing but the best in all and for all.

Congratulations Mr. McElderry, for service beyond our expectation and for being a mentor champion!"

Nominated by: Yolanda R. Williams, Elementary Program Manager

ERICA GRANT

Middle School, Group Mentor



“Erica is matched to four mentees and has worked very hard to connect with each of them and their families. I always receive positive remarks about her from students and parents.

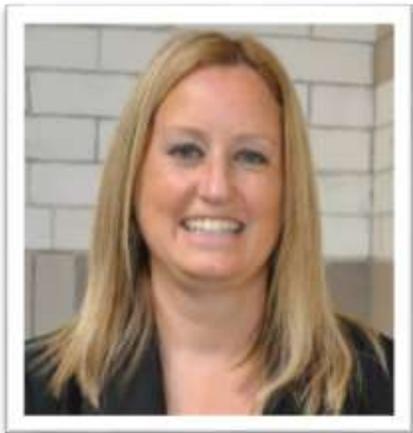
Erica is one of the best mentors ever! She’s been with the group for over two years. She always comes ready to interact with her mentees and has

the group in mind at all times. She arrives to each meeting excited to see the kids and ready to engage in whatever topic we have on tap.

I can count on her to keep the students she’s working with focused and positive. Erica doesn’t hesitate to redirect misbehavior in a positive way, creating a familial environment for all P4K students, and getting her mentees back on track. Once Erica even took it upon herself to help several of the girls in the group resolve a bullying and social media issue and met with them all to mediate the situation. She helped them discuss the issue and come to a positive resolution without incident.

Erica understands the benefit of P4K personally as well. She is the parent of a Monroe P4K student.”

- Nominated by Program Supervisor, Damien Coran



MOLLY VERBLE

High School, Group Mentor

“Molly has been a great advocate for her mentees and goes above and beyond to keep her mentee group together-picking up two students from Central and bringing them to Benson for meetings. Their group is always laughing, and also have great conversations in the after-school meetings. Molly is a great resource for other students in the meetings as well, bringing in other students to join their conversations!”

- Nominated by Program Coordinator, Rebecca Marz