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## LEARN HERE PROJECT HONORS EDUCATION STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS



2024 Learn Here Honorees gather for a celebration reception October 24 at WSU Vancouver.

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** (October 28, 2024) – Regional business and community leaders took a brief recess from their busy work, family and community lives to express appreciation for the region's quality educational system by honoring 26 exemplary staff and volunteers.

The honors were presented as part of the Learn Here Project, an effort to showcase our educational system and its remarkable leaders to inspire others and attract people and businesses considering relocating or expanding in the region. About 130 community and education leaders gathered at Washington State University Vancouver to celebrate this year's class of Learn Here honorees.

"We are so appreciative of those who go above and beyond for our students and schools," said Chad Sessions of Windermere Northwest Living. "These are the everyday heroes who work tireless to help prepare our next generation of citizens and workers." Windermere Northwest Living is joined by the Port of Vancouver USA, iQ Credit Union and the business group Identity Clark County in supporting the Learn Here Project.

Those honored as 2024 Learn Here honorees include:

INSTITUTION	STAFF	VOLUNTEERS
BATTLE GROUND	Karen Guenther	Vivian Zoller
CAMAS	Brooke Hanson and Jenn Scott	Kevin Paskowski
CLARK COLLEGE	Dr. Michele Cruse	Brittini Lasseigne
EVERGREEN	Aaron Helenihi	Jason Huggins
HOCKINSON	Elizabeth Fortier	Jennifer Foster
LA CENTER	Elizabeth Marshall	Amanda Aseph
RIDGEFIELD	Donna Allen	Bill Baumann
VANCOUVER	Eric Saueracker	Deanne Warren
WA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	Pat Wilber	Steve Rosvold
WA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	Taylor Mendoza-Reopelle	Ashley Wilkins
WSU VANCOUVER	Elisha Hardekopf	Mei Wu
WASHOUGAL	Heidi and Nate Kellar	Michelle Nurmi

The region's educational system is cited by many prospective residents and employers as a prime reason to locate in Clark County.

The Learn Here Project showcases our quality educational system and honors exemplary staff and volunteers, with cooperation from area educational institutions. The project is supported by Windermere Northwest Living, the Port of Vancouver USA and iQ Credit Union. It is coordinated by the non-profit business leaders' group Identity Clark County.

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