



I MAKE A DIFFERENCE (3RD QUARTER RECIPIENTS)

MS. SHARON McALLISTER, ABE/GED© PROGRAM Ms. Ferebee submitted:

I would like to pass along the "I Make a Difference" Award to Ms. Sharon McAllister. I have worked as Ms. McAllister's assistant for the past two years. Teacher Assistants have two main roles: supporting the students and the teacher. I appreciate how she always says, "This is our class." She welcomes and evaluates my ideas and suggestions. Ms. McAllister always communicates "we're in this together."

Ms. McAllister truly cares about her students; she wants to see them succeed and is honored to be a mentor. She goes over and beyond to explain math problems that students may not comprehend. Ms. McAllister meets each student at their individual level, insuring each receives the help needed.

Since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school term, all her students have made a gain in one or both subject post-tests. Even after a student transitions to another level, Ms. McAllister makes herself available for encouragement and support.

For these reasons, Ms. McAllister, you make a difference.

MS. BLERTA SALIAJ, ELA PROGRAM Ms. Yurasko shared:

For the Third Quarter "I Make a Difference" Program, I would like to nominate Ms. Blerta SaliAj. Ms. SaliAj is a valuable member of our ELA support team who began her association as a student in the program. She now serves as a general assistant. Ms. SaliAj is a member of the ELA office staff and supports the program in many ways.

We have benefitted greatly from Ms. SaliAj's background in the education field. She has a positive attitude and keen organization skills. Ms. SaliAj demonstrates an eagerness to learn all processes and procedures while offering her support to everyone on the team. She is dedicated to our program and has a hard-working attitude. She is always on hand to help either virtually or on-site to do limited in-person testing. Ms. SaliAj helps prepare and organize whatever is needed for things to run smoothly. We can call on her to assist with class Zoom sessions, to find student information, or to assist with remote testing. In addition, Ms. SaliAj was fully engaged in student enrollment/registration and placement testing over the summer months. This helped ensure a smooth opening for the ELA school year. Many of her tasks go on behind the scenes, but definitely don't go unnoticed.

Ms. SaliAj truly makes a difference at the Adult Learning Center.

MS. KERRY COLEMAN, COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT STAFF Ms. Stack said:

I would like to nominate Kerry Coleman for the "I Make A Difference Award." She has been instrumental in helping with the new software installation. She spent several hours writing old FoxPro code on three-foot square pieces of paper with a Sharpie and then pointed out that SHPCTID was NOT Ship To ID but Shopping Cart ID! Who knew!!

Kerry has rearranged her hours as needed to come in early or stay late to help on every project and typed lists of data, chores, questions and everything else necessary to run each project. Currently she is helping with the data validation for new software while single-handedly creating a new semester in the old registration system. Kerry is always willing to help and brings a can-do attitude, good humor and a big smile to everything she does. She keeps us all on track and we look forward to her arrival every day! Kerry, you make a big difference in the Community Ed department and we think you are WONDERFUL!