

Mid-State Special Education

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PRESS RELEASE

Mid-State Special Education teacher of the hearing impaired, Ms. Michaela Pattie, was recognized with the “Making a Difference” award at Vandalia Elementary School on February 25th. Ms. Pattie is an itinerant teacher who currently serves students in eight school districts. Her supervisor stated that Michaela Pattie is an energetic, skilled, and dedicated teacher of children who have hearing impairments. Before starting her first year teaching in August, Ms. Pattie spent the entire summer preparing activities and materials for the students she would be serving, reviewing files and preparing adaptive equipment her students use, and studying each student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP). She quickly established rapport with students, parents, staff, and administration. In addition to providing students with excellent services, Ms. Pattie has brought students with hearing impairment and their families together outside of school. She organized a fall potluck and bowling outing for these families. The goal of the group is to connect families in a social setting to create a local support system where families can learn from one another.

Ms. Pattie was nominated for the award by a parent of a student who wrote, “She is absolutely wonderful and a Godsend. She is the most passionate individual that my child has worked with in a very long time and it shows. My daughter can come home from school any day and never want to talk about anything she learned, but I ALWAYS know when she has worked with Ms. Pattie because she will ramble on about what they worked on. The excitement she brings to my daughter to want to tell me all about it is just absolutely incredible! If I ever ask Michaela for suggestions or ideas to help my daughter’s progression she is very involved in helping where she can and it really does make a difference in both mine and my child’s life.”

Michaela is a dedicated professional who works tirelessly to meet the needs of the students she serves, their families and district staff. Mrs. Armour, Director, added, “She is a wonderful addition to the Mid-State team and our 13 member districts. We commend her for the contributions she is making and her positive impact on the lives of children we serve.”



“Making a Difference” award recipient, Michaela Pattie, and student, Natalia

Mission:

Everyone, in every position, at Mid-State Special Education is focused upon student achievement and well-being.