

BOARD OF RECOGNITIONS – Homer Brink – November 3rd

Chris Shirley, Bryan Takacs, Gerald Hyde, David Rury, Ray Slocum and Cameron Ziller (Maintenance/Custodial)

Chris Shirley, Bryan Takas, Gerald Hyde, David Rury, Ray Slocum, and Cameron Ziller are the unsung heroes of Homer Brink. With 123 staff members and 731 students at Homer Brink, it takes many hands to keep the building looking amazing throughout the day and for various events that are scheduled throughout the school year. When you look at the definition of teamwork, these gentlemen are a perfect example of working together to get the job done. Under the leadership of Chris Shirley and his motto “there are no problems, only solutions” they go above and beyond for the staff and community to keep Homer Brink looking phenomenal day in and day out. Even throughout the last 2 years of the capital project there was never a complaint from any of them. They maintained their sense of humor and exemplary work ethic to get the building ready in a manner of 2 months for the staff to return to.

Josh Hodges and Deb Iwanow - Lourdes Sports Medicine Services

Josh:

Josh Hodges began working at Maine-Endwell in 2018 as part of the Lourdes Sports Medicine Service. A colleague mentioned the following:

“Josh has worked with my varsity team for a short time, and they thoroughly enjoy every minute spent with him. He opened a facility to them that they were very uncomfortable stepping foot into at first and he made them feel welcomed. He truly gets kids, knows how to reach them, and pulls the very best out of each one while having their very best interest at hand. He not only knows how to make athletes feel comfortable in the weight room, but how to have fun while training. Besides the obvious of becoming stronger and more fit he has taught them how to take care of their bodies, train with a purpose, train efficiently, how to recover, and most importantly a sense of confidence. He even takes time after hours to catch many of the athlete's games/matches/meets that he trains. He is most definitely an unsung hero here at Maine Endwell”.

From Kevin Hores:

"Built different" is a saying that comes to mind when I think of our Maine-Endwell Athletes. Take a walk down any of the halls during the school day and you will know exactly what I am referring to. If you walk into our Fitness center at Maine-Endwell, you will be greeted with a large smile, a firm handshake, and depending on the time a possible "You're LATE!" An enormous amount of credit for this culture that has been built, goes to none other than our strength and conditioning coach, Josh Hodges.

Deb:

Deb Iwanow (I Van No) began working at Maine-Endwell in 2018 as part of the Lourdes Sports Medicine Service. She immediately provided a professionalism and forward-thinking approach to supporting student-athletes. Her work goes beyond routine duties of a trainer and includes active listening, support and guidance, encouragement, and an overall care for the well-being of our students.

Deb has been a valuable resource to our students, athletes, faculty and staff, and parents / families as an athletic trainer, but she has also been active with our work-based learning opportunities helping create and teach our Introduction to Health Professions and Introduction to Sports Medicine courses.

From Kevin Hores:

In the world of athletics, anyone that knows anything about what goes into making a program successful knows that the Athletic Trainer plays an integral role in that success. When I think of someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty, someone that pays close attention to every fine detail, and lastly someone who no matter what you can count on, I think of Deb Iwanow. Deb can often be found in the training room behind a long line of athletes waiting for her expert care. However, what most people do not see is what Deb does behind the scenes for both athletes and coaches alike. Whether it be her voice of reason, an ear that will listen, or someone who can help in just about any situation.

We are not only fortunate but blessed to have both Josh and Deb working in our district and supporting our students, faculty, and staff.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42FcGfzbBE>