
BREWER PRIDE

January Pride Award Recipients Announced

Brewer High School Recipient **Brent Slowikowski** was chosen by the committee after reading the following nomination:

"I have worked for a handful of principals in my career and Brent Slowikowski is among the best for so many reasons. He has been so good for the climate at BHS, taking time to walk the halls in the mornings greeting the faculty as they begin their day fostering a sense of family in our school. Brent demonstrates amazing support for the staff. He listens to us on our most stressful days, he reminds us that we are capable and he helps us to laugh and rejuvenate for a new day. Not only do I appreciate that Brent is a positive force at BHS, I also appreciate that his expectations for students and staff alike are clear, firm and fair. Brent challenges us to grow professionally and often asks tough questions requiring us to think about what's best for students. He is never quick to judgement and demonstrates great thoughtfulness when making decisions. In committee work, he elicits input from the entire team and constantly challenges us in our thinking to create the best plan possible for our students in any decisions we make. Brent does amazing work improving upon the things we do best, supporting the staff in our current endeavors and in building positive relationships to continue our work into the future. If you ask Brent, he may tell you he is relatively new here. However, his impact has been great in a short period of time making him very deserving of this recognition."

Brewer Community School Recipient **Thomas Burby** was chosen by the committee after reading the following nominations:

"Tom is a tireless educator who always encourages students to grow into their best selves both academically and in general. He pours himself not just into his teaching but into every aspect of school life. Through student council he organizes Winterfest, teacher appreciation, the wall of veteran's stars, coats for kids, the Brewer Area food Pantry food drive, numerous school dances including the end of the year "superdance". And he does all this with a smile on his face and a song in his heart. Just ask the students and the parents he has taught over the years."

"Mr. Burby has dedicated over 30 years of teaching in Brewer. He brings passion for writing and reading to his students, but most importantly he guides them with kindness and understanding."

Over the years, Mr. Burby has been the facilitator for Guitar Club, Student Council, Grade 7 Team leaders in addition to his class room responsibilities. As student council advisor, Mr. Burby over sees most of the dances offered by BCS/BMS, plans activities for students like Winterfest and Spiritweek.

Mr. Burby spends hours each week crafting and designing his instruction to make it interesting to students, in his words, he is an Edutainer! And if you haven't heard him recite Edgar Allen Poe's "The Tell Tale Heart," or "The Raven," or his personal infamous ghost story, then you are truly missing out on the 7th grade language arts experience.

His class is one that students remember for their life time. When students spend their year Mr. Burby, not only do they learn to become better readers and writers, but they also leave with a life long friend who believes in them and in turn they leave believing more in themselves."

Brewer School Department Recipient Dr. Alison Glanville was chosen by the committee after reading the following nomination:

"Alison is an amazing co-worker and psychologist. Brewer is incredibly fortunate to have someone of her expertise accessible to our students and staff daily. She is always keeping the best interest of students in mind when collaborating with staff and families. She works diligently, efficiently and gives her very best. She is always approachable and willing to help. The best part is that she does all of this with a smile."

Brent, Tom and Alison's names will be placed on the Brewer Pride Class of 2019 Plaque and will be recognized at a banquet in June. Congratulations to all three of them.

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Tony Campbell and Sarah Estes (September 2018)

Diane Caron and Carol Warmuth (October 2018)

Meghan Snook, William Leithiser, and Suzette Pelletier (November 2018)

Debbie Brooks, Arthur Libby, and Carl Crossman (December 2018)

January Pride Award Nominees Announced

The committee would like to thank all of the Brewer Staff for submitting the following nominations. Each was a pleasure to read and deserving of the award. We congratulate each nominee for his/her efforts to make Brewer the best place for our children to learn, develop and reach their full potential.

Kevin Forrest. *"Kevin is the school committee chairperson this year. He has been a great supporter of our children and continually shows up at events, camera in tow. I have seen numerous parents, teachers and students comment about Kevin and his infectious smile, his concern for ALL kids, and his willingness to do what it takes to support Brewer Schools."*

Jamie Patterson. *“Jamie is always the sunshine on a rainy day. She is the go-to person when someone needs a helping hand. When given a task she goes above and beyond to get the job done! We are so blessed to have an ed tech like her in our room!”*

Cathryn Sherman. *“Nurse Sherman is known by many students who walk the halls of BHS. She is a friendly face and someone who students confide in. She is super vigilant and notices slight changes in students that can shine light on deeper issues. She's not only adept at assessing physical well-being but also the mental-well being of our students. She's is super responsive to other staff when she's consulted for advice or help with an issue. She is professional, but also, down to Earth and approachable. We're very lucky to have her as our nurse provider at BHS.”*

Michelle Leclair. *“She always does everything she can to make sure the school is safe for the kids and works almost every weekend to clean and cover events.”*

Kathy Crawford. *“Kathy promotes positivity throughout our district among students and staff, alike. She works to 'lift up' her team and wing at BCS with kind and supportive words. She is always able to bring joy and fun to lunch with colleagues and meetings with her team. Kathy does not join in on negative talk. She is an expert at finding joy wherever she may be. She 'talks the talk' and 'walks the walk' of being caring and positive every day! Kathy brings this same positivity to her classroom students and others on the playground and in the hallway. She has such a positive way to talking with students when discussing unexpected behaviors. I learn from her constantly and find myself using her positive words to help myself become the best teacher I can be!”*

Heather Kinney. *“Heather is the team leader for grade 4 and has been a great leader and advocate for her students and colleagues. She works well with others, and helps out whenever she sees a need. She is willing to do whatever it takes to meet the needs of her students. She has gone to great lengths for several new students needing specialized supports this year, including translating documents into another language, labeling classroom objects, and working closely with the ESL team to plan and prepare. Despite these increasing needs, Heather approaches it as an opportunity for growth, embracing the challenges and doing what it takes to support students and colleagues. All the while, she is able to do it all with a smile and positive attitude.”*

Dee Bryant. *“Dee is a dedicated and hard working team leader. She always goes above and beyond, organizing and producing work that makes our team better. Another example of this is, while covering a fourth grade class this week, she even planned sub plans for the next day's sub. (because the teacher was going to be out for another day). That's dedication!”*

“Deanna is a team player and goes out of her way to support her colleagues. Recently, she jumped in at a moment's notice to cover for a sick teacher. She also took it upon herself to prepare sub plans for the next day. This kind of selflessness and generosity is what makes working here so rewarding.”

Lynn Cyr. *"She is an amazing leader in the classroom. She is positive and kind to all that enter her room. She can easily adapt an assignment so the student can accomplish the task to the best of their ability. She includes everyone in decisions that involve the students and the classroom."*

Anne Marie Boucher. *"Anne is such a great role model of leadership. She loves her kids so much everyday regardless of the challenge. She takes on so much every single day and handles with grace. Thank you so much Anne for your tremendous work."*

Glendon Rand. *"I can't think of anyone who represents the vision and core values of Brewer any better than Glendon Rand. Glendon makes choices and advocates for what is best for students every day. He strives to make his content engaging and relevant to students, always taking into account advances in technology. Students love Glendon as well. They love him as a teacher, they love him as a coach. His easy-going nature makes him a magnet for students. They know he has high expectations, and they know he is not going to lower them, because they are pedagogically sound. There is no one at Brewer High school more highly regarded by his peers than Glendon Rand. Glendon has the ability to support his students, colleagues, and the values of Brewer by making himself educated and informed about what is going on around the state, not just locally. He speaks for himself, but often communicates what others are thinking and feeling, as well. As a graduate, long-time coach, and career teacher at Brewer High School, Glendon Rand always has what is best for students, the school, and the community in his heart."*

Mikayla Donovan. *"Mikayla is one of the most dedicated teachers I have ever met. She loves her students, her job and our school. She remembers past students birthdays, families, and interests and her past students get so excited to see her. She is also incredibly supportive of her co-workers. She makes birthday cakes for every pre-K team member as well as others in our wing. She always reaches out to check on others, and goes above and beyond in her job, never stopping just at doing her job description, but also asking others what they need help with. She is always laughing, hugging, wiping tears and supporting the children who are lucky enough to be in her classroom. She exemplifies Brewer's core values every day, and makes school a place where children know love, laughter and kindness."*

Lanissa Nadeau. *"Her dedication goes above and beyond. Her students come away from her class a much better musician. She continues to put out extraordinary bands year after year. She is a credit to our schools and students"*

Gayle Pierce. *"Gayle is always ready to help. She makes the media center a very welcoming place for staff and students alike. She is not only a good person to work with but seeing her work with the students and talk about what she plans to do for them is always remarkable. Our school is fortunate to call her one of our own."*

David Utterback. *“Mr. Utterback puts in more hours than anyone in the district for our students at both BCS & BHS giving them athletic opportunities. He strives to keep our athletic facilities in tip top shape and hires the best coaches possible.”*

“David Utterback is a person of strong character who promotes a positive attitude for the Brewer School Department. He has brought great ideas and opportunities for our students, our athletes, our former athletes and our staff. Our Hall of Fame is an opportunity to recognize our former students in a way that brings them back to their high school connecting them with their past and a sense of community. Unified Sports has been a great learning experience to witness compassion for all students. He organizes high school and middle school athletics seamlessly and is proud of student accomplishments giving them opportunities to excel. Students on our Athlete Advisory Council work on their leadership skills with him by generating creative ideas where he helps them to see events to fruition. David Utterback as an exceptional Athletic Director with so many gifts to offer our staff, students, our community. I nominate him for the Brewer Pride Award with distinction.”

Teresa Maybury, Sherry Dalton, and Brenda Savage (Food Service Assistants at BCS). *“These ladies have worked a lot of extra hours since the beginning of December to cover for a co-worker who missed work due to surgery. They continue to do this as another co-worker recovers from surgery. Teresa and Sherry have alternated coming in for the breakfast shift at 7:00 each morning. Brenda works her regular shift at BHS from 7:00-10:00, then goes to BCS and works the lunch shift there until 1:00. They have all gone above and beyond to make the kitchen run smoothly and ensure that all the children are provided with the food they need to learn.”*

Brian Estes. *“Morning announcements, door decorating contest, exemplifies the spirit of Brewer.”*

Jennifer Bowman. *“Jen is an enthusiastic and passionate teacher. She is a great advocate for her students and works hard to build relationships with all of her students. She always has a smile on her face and is excited for each school day. Her positive energy is contagious!”*

Heather Knowles. *“This year I am honored to be working with one of the best teachers in our school district, Heather Knowles. Heather is a real inspiration to all of her students and coworkers. Everyday she talks about spreading kindness and filling people’s buckets. Each day she will ask her students how they will do this and the students will say things like, if someone is sitting on the buddy bench I will ask them to come play with us. I will smile at people when I see them in the halls. Our class gets many compliments on how well they get along and how quietly they walk through the halls. Heather also talks with her students about making healthy snack choices and talks about how getting outside to do fun activities. She truly is a great role model and has made me a better person.”*

Arthur Libby. *“Art is simply amazing! He balances so many things, from Key Club and National Honor Society advising to collaborating with colleagues and creating dynamic and interesting science lessons. He always takes the time to say hello and check in with colleagues, or chitchat with students in the hall. One can't help but be affected by his boundless positive energy! Before Christmas, Art's car was nearly bursting with Key Club wrapped gifts to be delivered to a local family,*

which perfectly symbolizes the way Art demonstrates our core values and goes above and beyond everyday for the sake of others. He is a wonderful educator, colleague, mentor, and friend."

