

## I Touched the Future

I would like to nominate Vickie Celin for the "I Touched the Future" Award.

I have known Vickie since I began working in Nazareth 16 years ago. From the moment I met her I knew that she had a special commitment to her role as School Counselor and later as Teacher Leader for the Counseling Department.

Vickie extends herself beyond what is typically required in supporting our students and their families. I have known her to drive students to needed appointments, to stay long hours to insure that students are in a safe setting and to provide long hours of individualized academic support in the service of making sure many of our at-risk students graduate.

Vickie has mentored many school counselors over the years, supporting them in developing their skills. In addition, when colleagues throughout our school community have been in need of personal or professional support she has quietly done so and in turn facilitated many positive outcomes in the health and welfare of our staff.

Vickie has the important albeit unenviable role of testing coordinator for state and advanced placement exams. This requires long hours organizing and executing the process. Vickie does so with a high level of energy, accuracy, and integrity.

Vickie has been a huge help with the Aavidum initiative, assisting at many of the multi-district consortiums we have run all over the state.

There is a saying I find to be true "When people show you who they are believe them." Vickie has shown me time and time again who she is in her interactions with members of our Nazareth Area School District community.

Vickie has touched the lives of countless students, parents and staff members over the years. She is very deserving of this recognition, as she retires from public education.

Mary Pritchard