



Marion City Schools

100 Executive Drive • Marion, OH 43302
P 740 223-4422 • 740 223-3882 • marioncityschools.org

August 12, 2021

Matt McCrery
Communications Supervisor
mmccrery@mcspresidents.org
740.361.8459

Harding High School Math Teacher, Kimberly Lutz, Wins Coveted OCTM Award

(Marion, OH) Marion City Schools is pleased to announce that Kimberly Lutz has received the 2021 OCTM Buck Martin Award for the High School level. The award is presented for Exemplary Mathematics Teaching to up to three secondary teachers in the state of Ohio each year.

The Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics recognizes outstanding teachers, professors, emerging leaders and friends of mathematics. Teachers can be nominated by a colleague, administrator, student or parent. Then, outstanding elementary, middle and high school teachers are selected from across the state of Ohio based on their philosophy on how students learn mathematics, their participation in professional development and organizations, as well as their leadership roles.

“I’m thrilled and honored to be recognized by the OCTM and incredibly grateful to have been nominated by my colleagues,” said Lutz, who teaches math at Harding. She is also the math department lead and a personalized learning coach. “I want to thank those who nominated me and most importantly my team. It would not be possible to obtain our level of success without my team and their willingness to buy into what I thought would be best for the department. I’m excited to see where we will go from here and hopefully we can inspire others.”



One of Lutz’s main initiatives was to bring the ALEKS program to Marion City Schools. ALEKS is a proven, online learning platform that helps educators and parents understand each student's knowledge and learning progress in depth, and provides the individual support required for every student to achieve mastery.

“It allows for students to work ahead on their math plan if they want to and it can be used for remediation also,” said Lutz. “Our team has recorded lessons that students can access 24/7 and the implementation of the program frees up our teachers to work more one-on-one with the students.”

This year more than 200 amazing educators were nominated for the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Awards. The award winners will be honored at a virtual awards ceremony on October 20th at 7:30 pm.

“During her years with Marion City Schools, she has dedicated herself to the betterment of all students and staff, and presents with a relentless determination for success,” said Harding High School Principal, Jennifer Musbach-Wellman. “I have great respect for Kim as a teacher, advocate, leader, and colleague. She loves being an educator and that is clear in her dedication to Marion City Schools. This honor is long overdue and Kim was nominated by multiple members of the Harding team for this honor. I am excited to see what this year will bring for Kim and her Math team.”

###

About Marion City Schools

At Marion City Schools, we want to inspire a community of achievement. We offer innovative experiences, educational options and learning programs not available in surrounding school districts. We search for ways to prepare students for not only academic success but success in college and careers as well. Our Four Pillars follow four distinct themes including Leadership, Learning, Literacy and Legacy. We want our students to leave high school with not only their diploma, but also acceptance into a two or four-year college, an adult training program, the military, or a high-paying, in-demand job.