



2024 Withington Award Press Release

Jessica Granger Named 2024 Withington Award Recipient

The Richard W. Withington Award was established by Mr. Withington in 1981, and is presented annually to honor an employee of the Hillsboro-Deering School District who is recognized as an ambassador from the schools to the larger community, and who has achieved excellence in their work, contributed significantly to the general welfare of students in ways above and beyond the normal requirements of their job, offering students and adults alike a model of strong professional behavior.

This year's Withington Award recipient is a graduate of Hillsboro-Deering High School, who returned to the district as a Middle School Special Education Teacher in 2015. They have a deep commitment to service and demonstrate that through their work both in the district and also out in the wider community. They give generously of their time and personal resources to provide students with a broad range of opportunities and experiences, from developing personalized learning to coordinating school dances, from establishing the H-DMS Kindness Club to being the MC of the Talent Show, from facilitating after school clubs to helping organize the End 68 Hours of Hunger Program, this educator seeks out opportunities to enrich the lives of students. In the wider community this educator is a tireless volunteer who spends countless hours working at the Hillsboro Food Pantry, facilitating a youth group at a local church, and serving on the board for Hillsborough Community Thrift. They also served as Co-Chair of the Hillsborough 250th Committee.

This educator was nominated by many, both district employees and members of the larger community. To quote one of their colleagues, this educator "serves as a role model for those of us in the school community. She demonstrates her kindness, caring, passion, professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication to the community every day."

It is an honor to announce Ms. Jessica Granger as the 2024 Richard W. Withington Award recipient.

