

BULLETIN

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New Employees

RESA 2 is pleased to introduce our newest employees. Dr. Karen Davies is the RESA 2 Assistant Executive Director and Dr. Nancy Gillispie is our Audiologist.

Dr. Karen Davies: Dr. Davies grew up in Putnam County where she graduated from Hurricane HS in 1981. She acquired a bachelor's degree from WVU in 1984 majoring in elementary and early childhood education, a master's degree from MU in educational administration and a doctorate from WVU in leadership studies.

Karen began her career working for Putnam County Schools as a teacher in several schools including Buffalo Elementary, Nitro-Putnam Elementary and Poca Elementary. She also served as principal at Confidence Elementary School.

Karen also spent 13 years working at the WV Department of Education in federal programs with the last 10 years as a Title I coordinator. In July 2012 after 23 years of educational experience, Karen joined the RESA 2 team as the Assistant Executive Director with emphasis on Program Development.

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Dr. Nancy Gillispie: Nancy Gillispie, Au.D. CCC-A, F.A.A.A. has worked closely with patients and their families, as well as physicians, speech-language pathologists, and other professionals, to improve the lifestyles of those with hearing impairments since 2003.

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She received a Doctorate of Audiology from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, School of Audiology, which is now Salus University. Dr. Gillispie obtained a Master of Science in Audiology from West Virginia University and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Disorders from Marshall University.

Dr. Gilispie joined the RESA 2 staff in August of 2012 as the Regional Audiologist.

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Exemplary Teachers Named

RESA 2 is pleased to announce the 2012 RESA 2 Exemplary Teacher Award winners. This year's winners are:

- Jenna Reed, Mingo County
- Jessica Koester, Lincoln County
- Courtenay Johnson, Cabell County

Senate Bill 14 provides for the rewarding of teachers for their consistent demonstration of exemplary teaching techniques in all subject areas. Legislation specifies that ". . . teachers at any school within the regional education service agency may nominate by consensus one

Exemplary Teacher continued

"I was humbled by this recognition. Through this process, I was able to reflect on my own practices, as well as learn from other teachers who demonstrate exemplary teaching techniques in their classrooms daily".

Jenna Reed, Riverside Elem.

teacher per year from that school whose teaching techniques they believe to be exemplary teacher's whose recorded teaching techniques are selected as winners shall receive a bonus equal to the highest average two-day pay for a teacher in the region."

Teachers are nominated in January each year. Techniques are recorded and submitted to RESA 2 during second semester. Peer nominees review submitted materials and winners are selected.



"To be honest, the award should really go to my students. They are the reason I strive to be a good teacher."

Jessica Koester, Midway Elem.



"I have such a fun time teaching and it's an honor to be nominated by your colleagues. By earning this award I feel like I am making a difference."

Courtenay Johnson, Enslow Middle

RESA 2 Principal of the Year

RESA 2 annually accepts applications for the RESA 2 Principal of the Year Award. The application process requires principals have endorsement from their county superintendents as well as provide supporting documentation in the areas of Leadership Skills, Professional Development, Technology, Student Achievement, and Community Involvement.

Once applications are received they are reviewed and scored utilizing a likert scale by a selection committee made up of professionals from counties with no candidates, higher education, and/or other educational organizations.

RESA 2 is thrilled to announce the 2012 selection for RESA 2 Principal of the Year is Mr. Clinton Burch, Spring Valley Academic Center, Wayne County. Mr. Burch exemplifies what the Principal of the Year Award is about.

As the RESA 2 Principal of the Year, Mr. Burch received a stipend equal to the highest average two-day pay for a principal in the region. He was

presented with a certificate and check at the Regional Council Meeting held in June.



Receiving the RESA 2 Principal of the Year accolade has been an amazing honor. The award process has given me the opportunity to self-reflect on my own instructional leadership, as well as the ability to acknowledge the incredible faculty, students, and community that make up Spring Valley Career & Technical Education Center. As an educational leader I am reminded of the famous words of Jim Henson "Kids don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are".

Clinton Burch, Wayne County

**When everyone is moving forward together,
Success takes care of itself.**

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Dee Cockrille	Executive Director	26
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Kim Adkins	Secretary III	18
Rachel Bias	Executive Secretary	14
Kathy Cornell	WVEIS Support Specialist	13
Keith Dalton	Regional Wellness Specialist	28
Eugenia Damron	Special Education Director	21
Nancy Gillispie	Audiologist	15
Bill Harmon	Computer Repair Technician	31
Barbara Null	WVDE Technical Assistance Support Specialist	20
Katie Perry	Finance Clerk	16
Charlie Pitts	Computer Repair Technician	27
Keith Ramsey	Computer Repair Technician	17
Sandy Shoup	Secretary IV / Medicaid	10
Robin Spurlock	Secretary (Part-time)	29
Brenda Stevenson	Teaching American History	33

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