

2019 PACTESP PROFESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT

Outstanding CTE Special Needs Teacher of the Year



Justin Grimm has made a significant impact on career and technical special needs education at his school and in the community through his work with local employers in helping to place special needs students in work-based learning experiences. He has helped employers see the value that his students have to offer. He has made a significant impact by meeting with sending district case managers and discussing students' strengths and CTE programs to help ensure the opportunity for student success with appropriate placement.

In addition to his regular duties, Justin has been a co-coordinator of an elementary/middle school gifted program that partners with Fayette County Career and Technical Institute (FCCTI) to explore various technical areas. He coordinates and implements the FCCTI Summer Health Camp for middle school students, so they can explore the health care field. He has worked on the school's K-12 Guidance Plan, Strategic Plan and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Plan. He is also the Advisor for the FCCTI National Technical Honor Society Chapter. In addition, Justin has been honored as a Fayette County Young Professional.

It was quickly evident that Justin's dedication to the students at FCCTI exceeds the requirements of his job description. He has achieved additional certifications that benefit students in their career paths which include Cooperative Education and Drivers Education. He has used his Cooperative Education certification to work with employers and mentor students in obtaining work-based learning experiences in their specific technical areas. He has used his Drivers Education certification to take students on the road for the six hours behind the wheel portion of the course, and when needed, has taken students for their driver test so they can drive to work. Justin is always the consummate professional when it comes to dealing with paperwork, is the calming voice of reason in discipline meetings, student conferences and IEP meetings, and most importantly Justin is a compassionate teacher who works diligently with students, so they understand the material being taught; not just so they will pass a test.

Justin was nominated by Donna Nebraski, Special Education Learning Facilitator, Fayette County Career and Technical Institute