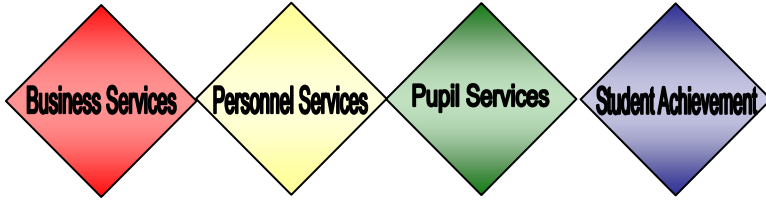




# School District of New London

## DIVISION



### MONTHLY UPDATE

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#### Outagamie County Pre-Action Community Awards



New London area students and adults were nominated for their community involvement in moving New London forward with ATODA (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs)

proactive and preventive opportunities. Pre-Action is an Outagamie County organization of schools and service organizations working together toward the prevention of ATODA issues.

Kelsey Muthig and Brandi Schulke, New London High School students, were nominated for their development of FEARLESS, an all female group at NLHS. The group was the concept of both young ladies who organized, developed, and executed the idea as a project through the School of Enterprise Marketing. Kelsey and Brandi have created a safe, positive environment for students within their meetings and hosted activities (yoga, jewelry-making, self-defense, domestic abuse awareness, and fostering of healthy relationships).

Shandee Kempf, School Counselor at Parkview and Readfield Elementary schools, was nominated for her work in our schools. She has served as secretary to the New London Area Youth Coalition for 4 years. This group promotes developmental assets in our youth and is the advisory board to the District's ATODA initiatives. Shandee's efforts with Character Education have included monthly character education skits for the students in her schools. She brings forth weekly reminders, announcements, and acknowledgements of the positive modeling students provide to one another. In monthly newsletters, Ms. Kempf provides supports in parenting skills and promotes ATODA-free activities.

Pastor Greg Watling, First Congregational United Church of Christ, was also nominated by the Outagamie County Extension office for his proactive approach in the community to combat ATODA issues with New London's youth after the deaths of our graduates in the past year. Through his involvement, community organizations have come together in support of education and advocacy for substance abuse prevention efforts. He helped to develop a plan to provide alternative events for New London's young people.

#### Green Bay Bilingual Site Visit

On April 21, 2010, Mrs. Collar and I took our Bilingual teaching team (Lori Menning, Katie Larson, Fatima Ahmed, and Ashley Baumler) to a site visit at Eisenhower Elementary School in Green Bay.

We focused on bilingual literacy as a best practice focus in bringing our team to a consistent focus in meeting the needs of the ELL subgroup within our schools. Our visit was informative. We discovered that many concepts and best practices, we already have in place. We also learned of ways in which we can improve our teaching practices, through better informing all staff in the models which help English language learners move forward academically in both English and their native language.

#### Continued Teamwork on

#### Comprehensive Developmental Guidance Model

On April 26, 2010, Kathy Gwidt and I partnered for the day with our counselors for concentrated work on the Comprehensive Developmental Guidance framework. We continue to move forward with clear learning targets in this area. Current work at the high school level with the portfolio development and purpose feeds nicely into the state standards for school counseling.

It is always purposeful to see how well all that we do has a common goal in mind - our vision of "Success for All Students!"

#### ESEA Teamwork!

I am noting a common theme of teamwork this month...just an update after completing the ESEA Audit with no findings of errors or omissions. Many DPI folks marvel at the team we have in place and how well we work together to accomplish a common goal in all that we do. Purposeful direction has really built a "can do" attitude recognized by others outside our district!