



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
Date: December 21, 2021
RE: Extra Mile Service Award

The December Extra Mile Award goes to Chris Weeks. Chris is the Construction Management Instructor in the Ignite Professional Studies Program. He has served Bentonville Schools for some 14 years rebuilding churches, schools and their own instruction area. What you probably haven't seen Chris do is rebuild lives. His students range from the college bound to those struggling with 38 absences in a semester and no career plans. The nature of the program, this get your hands dirty every day approach, lends itself to success. Students, all humans really, thrive in a structured setting where at the end of a day you can look back and see where you made your mark.

Chris says he loves mentoring his students. Watching their motivation to do more and to do it better drives him. "What I've noticed is more students who are focused on being better. I don't know if it's because we offer more opportunity than ever or they're more assertive in their career path, but they're using it all to their advantage," he shared. Opportunity combined with preparation pays off every time, and we're seeing that when our students graduate from high school. They either enter college or the work force. Either way, they're ready thanks, in large part, to Chris' commitment to their success.

Join us in celebrating Chris Weeks, our December Extra Mile Award winner.

About the Extra Mile Award

Any individual may nominate a Bentonville Schools employee by going to our [website](#). Nominations will be considered by administration and that employee's direct supervisor. Nomination rules and regulations will be posted on the website prior to the start of the nomination process.