



Board of Trustees' **Recognition of Staff Academic Achievement**

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Rocky View Schools (RVS) promotes life-long learning for our students and our staff. This continual growth helps create a world-class learning organization where all students achieve their absolute best.

The Board of Trustees is proud to recognize the accomplishments of 25 staff members who not only exemplify RVS' vision that we are all learners, but who also demonstrate leadership in learning.

Gene Bangoy

Learning Assistant, Northcott Prairie School

Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies – University of Calgary

"Through her studies, Gene has gained a strong foundation in supporting students with diverse needs, deepened her understanding of equity in education and developed valuable insights into how disability support is structured in Canada. Her passion and knowledge will no doubt have a lasting, positive impact on the Northcott Prairie and RVS communities and the individuals she works with. Well done!"

Devon Sawby, Principal

Shelley Churchill

Learning Assistant (Support Substitute), Bearspaw School

Education Assistant Certificate – Bow Valley College

"Shelley has been a regular and valuable support substitute at Bearspaw School for the past three years. She has a wealth of knowledge and talent in supporting students; the relationships she develops with each one is her greatest superpower. We are excited for this achievement and what it will mean to RVS! Congratulations, Shelley!"

Andrea Craigie, Principal

Anne–Marie Czember

Assistant Principal, R.J. Hawkey Elementary School

Trauma Sensitive Practices Graduate Certificate – University of Alberta

"Anne-Marie completed a two-year graduate certificate in 2025. A passionate role model, she helps all students thrive. Her integration of trauma-informed strategies into our school is strengthening staff capabilities and supporting student success both academically and personally."

Jackie Root, Principal

Leslie Fleming

Learning Assistant, Crossfield Elementary School

Braille Transcription Certificate – Canadian National Institute for the Blind

"Leslie has accomplished this achievement in a remarkably short period of time. Her dedication and hard work have had a significant impact, enabling a blind student in our school to begin learning braille. This course is highly intensive, and Leslie deserves sincere congratulations for her time, effort and commitment."

Jordan Flower, Principal

Carolyn Flower

Teacher, Muriel Clayton Middle School

Master of Education: Interdisciplinary Studies – University of Calgary

"Carolyn has been a dedicated advocate for inclusive practices within RVS, completing a diploma in Inclusive Education and a certificate in Supporting and Enhancing Children's Mental Health through her master's program at the University of Calgary. Her research on parent-teacher collaboration for students with ADHD deepens her impact in the classroom and in the school, fostering stronger partnerships and support systems for students."

Susan Sellan, Principal

Abbey Forand

Teacher, Rainbow Creek Elementary School

Master of Education: Inclusive Education – St. Francis Xavier University

"Abbey embodies what it means to be a teacher for all students. She works tirelessly to meet the diverse needs of every child in her classroom and throughout the school. Abbey is deeply committed to building a positive school culture and fostering a sense of belonging through her committee work, always striving for excellence in everything she does. Congratulations!"

Lisa Schultz, Principal

Jenn Fuller

Teacher, Fireside School

Master of Education: Interdisciplinary Studies – University of Calgary

"Congratulations to Jenn for completing her master's degree specializing in School and Counselling Psychology and Supporting and Enhancing Mental Health. Jenn addresses diverse student needs, promotes mental well-being and fosters inclusive environments. Her expertise creates a positive school culture focused on emotional and psychological health."

Dave Banderk, Principal

Stacy Greenwood

Administrative Assistant III, Kathryn School

Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations (with Distinction) – Athabasca University

"Stacy's commitment to ongoing and life-long learning not only benefits RVS, but also the community of Kathryn School where she interacts daily with families, students and staff members in her role. Stacy's achievement will further support her role in the competencies of fostering effective relationships and leadership, making her a valued member of the community she serves. Congratulations!"

Angela Rott, Assistant Principal

Kelly Kreiger

Teacher, R.J. Hawkey Elementary School

Graduate Diploma: Educational Research – University of Calgary

"Kelly's graduate diploma focused on educational neuroscience and STEM. As a middle school teacher, Kelly is passionate about neuroscience and its impact on executive functioning. Her use of brain-based research is helping her students thrive, and she is modelling to staff the importance of brain-based research in education."

Jackie Root, Principal

Jennifer Leadley

OHS Officer, Education Centre

OHS Diploma – University of Calgary

"Jen continues to pursue her occupational health and safety credentials, having obtained her diploma this year. She continues to be the champion for RVS' safety culture through her untiring dedication to her professional learning. Congratulations!"

Lyndon Chubbs, Senior Manager of
Human Resources and OHS

Sherry Lightfoot

Teacher, Cochrane High School

Master of Education: Educational Research – University of Calgary

"Sherry has been a welcome addition to Cochrane High School and our French Immersion and second language programs. During her program, she specialized in neuroscience in education. Sherry's enthusiasm and passion for second language learning has had a tremendous impact on students, including a growing interest and requests for the addition of Spanish language courses that will be offered for the 2025/26 school year. We congratulate Sherry on this significant achievement!"

Jeff Chalmers, Principal

Jacki Martel

Learning Assistant, Nose Creek Elementary School

Bachelor of Education – University of Calgary

"Jacki exemplifies life-long learning. Since joining RVS, she has completed two major academic achievements: first, she earned her educational assistant certification and now, she has earned her teaching degree, all while working as an employee and practicum student at RVS. I commend Jacki for her phenomenal achievements as a learner and teacher!"

Suzanne Martin, Principal

Sarah–Faye MacGregor

Teacher, Northcott Prairie School

Master of Arts: Educational Research – University of Calgary

"Sarah-Faye's research highlights the value of integrating physical activity into classroom teaching to support students' physical health, social well-being and academic focus. She brings this passion to life in her classroom and through Northcott Prairie School's Experiential Learning Week. We're proud to celebrate her success!"

Devon Sawby, Principal

Carolyn Mcleod

Teacher, Cochrane High School

Doctor of Education: Educational Research – University of Calgary

"Carolyn has been a dedicated teacher and life-long learner over her career. Her doctorate, specializing in curriculum and learning, looked at regulation in students and using research-based practices. Carolyn provided programming in psychology classes at Cochrane High School, including using HeartMath to help students develop strategies for regulation and to decrease anxiety. She shared this work with many student teachers, helping them to prepare for their new careers. Congratulations Carolyn!"

Jeff Chalmers, Principal

Megan Murayama

Teacher, R.J. Hawkey Elementary School

Master of Education: Educational Research – University of Calgary

"Megan's master's degree focused on supporting and enhancing children's mental health and learning disabilities in the classroom. Her research into whether offering rewards to students increases their prosocial behaviours will serve her well as she continues to work with our younger students in RVS."

Jackie Root, Principal

Robyn Napier

Teacher, Rainbow Creek Elementary School

Post Graduate Inclusive Education Certificate – Queen's University

"Robyn is the go-to expert at our school for inclusive practices and EAL support. Her collaborative spirit and deep knowledge make her an essential resource for teachers seeking strategies and planning support. Earning her certificate in inclusive education further empowers her to lead meaningful, school-wide change for all learners."

Lisa Schultz, Principal

Kelli Rendell

Learning Coordinator, Bert Church High School

Bachelor of Arts: Global Development Studies – Queens University

"Kelli is a valued staff member who supports students in their learning journey every day. It was delightful to share in her excitement and joy about her recent achievement. Her passion for learning was evident as she spoke about her classes and shared new insights. Her commitment to advancing her own learning is inspirational to both staff and students, and our school community recognizes her dedication to personal and professional growth."

Nikki Tysowski, Principal

Jennifer Rowe

Family School Liaison, Education Centre

Master of Arts: Counselling Psychology – Yorkville University

"Jennifer is currently a provisional psychologist and maintains her role as family school liaison. This accomplishment reflects her dedication and resilience, as she balanced her full-time employment with her academic studies and personal responsibilities. We are pleased to celebrate Jennifer's achievement. Her continued learning will greatly benefit the families, students, our divisional learning supports team and the schools she serves."

Sherri Black, Director of Learning Supports

Kaity Schaab

Teacher, Fireside School

Curriculum Development and Instructional Design Certificate – Mount Royal University

"Kaity's innovative and passionate approach to instructional design distinguishes her as a masterful educator. She has employed rich teaching practices from Grade 1 all the way up to Grade 8! She dedicates herself to continuous improvement, and this achievement is just one reaffirmation of that."

Congratulations Kaity!"

Jason Ness, Assistant Principal

Jennifer Thompson

Senior Communications and Engagement Officer, Education Centre
**Strategic Communications Management Professional Certification –
Global Communication Certification Council**

"Jennifer demonstrates critical thinking and strategic communications skills in all her work. When a new project is brought to her, she asks, 'what problem are we trying to solve?' and digs into this question with her colleagues and others to ensure she brings forward focused solutions to drive measurable outcomes that achieve RVS' goals. Jennifer's SCMP certification is one of many examples of her commitment to life-long learning and to RVS' success. You make us proud!"

Tara de Weerd, Director of Communications and Engagement

Divina Tindog

Caretaker I, Elizabeth Barrett Elementary School

**Diploma in Business Administration –
Professional Institution of Management and Technology**

"Divina is a member of our RVS team who is committed to furthering her learning. After completing her diploma in business administration, she is also taking an Education Assistant certificate. She makes a difference in our school, and we are so happy to have her as part of our team!"

Gerry Gaudet, Principal

Michelle Trim

Learning Assistant (Support Substitute), Bearspaw School

Education Assistant Certificate – Bow Valley College

"Congratulations to Michelle on this achievement! Bearspaw School has been so fortunate to have Michelle on our regular roster for the past two school years. She excels at connecting with students (especially middle school students) and is a regular contributor to our school's climate and culture. She demonstrates great school spirit, is knowledgeable about her role and RVS is fortunate she is part of our team."

Andrea Craigie, Principal

Lisa Trout

Teacher, Manachaban Middle School

Master of Education – University of Calgary

"We are proud to celebrate Lisa's remarkable achievement in earning her master's degree, with research centred on food's powerful role in supporting student well-being, connection and emotional safety in schools. Her work highlights how food can be intentionally used to build a sense of belonging, foster vulnerability and strengthen peer relationships — particularly during the critical middle years of student development. Congratulations, Lisa!"

Brenda Valerio, Principal

Bryan Verdillo

Caretaker II, Elizabeth Barrett Elementary School

**Diploma in Business Administration –
Professional Institute of Management and Technology**

"Bryan is an excellent example of a hard-working member of the RVS team who is committed to life-long learning. After completing his diploma, he is currently studying Fifth Class Power Engineering at SAIT. Outside of his current job and his learning, Bryan also contributes to our school communities by serving as a basketball coach at Manachaban Middle School. We are so happy to have you as a part of our team!"

Gerry Gaudet, Principal

Sara Witzaney

Receptionist, Springbank Community High School

**Career Development and Academic Advising Certificate –
University of Calgary**

"Sara's dedication at Springbank High has made a lasting impact over the past three years. Her new certification will further enhance her ability to support students and contribute meaningfully to RVS' commitment to student success. Congratulations!"

Robert Makkreel, Principal