

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BIRNADINE MACK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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The Birnadine Mack Scholarship Foundation (BMSF) is pleased to announce the 2021 \$1000 award winners!

Western Division- Kayley Archuleta
Northeast Division- JoAnna Doty

Southern Division-Jaci Schatz
Metro Division-Micaela Manchester

There were 105 applicants this year, indicating the great need for continuing education among active Colorado public school employees.

Thanks go to BMSF board members Marie Antalek, Leonard Nelson, Mike Clem, and LuAnn Long for all their time and effort. Also, a big thank you to Paul Van Camp is in order. Paul made it so applications were written and edited online and paperless.

Another thank-you to the many individuals and CSPERA local units that donated to the Foundation over the last year. With so many deserving applicants who could not be awarded, building the BMSF would be desirable, so more than one award could be given in each division. Please consider individual donations and a \$1 per member per local unit for the next year.

Kayley Archuleta



I am currently in my third year of teaching math at Delta High School in Delta, CO. I coach 8th grade volleyball, freshmen girls' basketball, and track at the high school. I also sponsor Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In December 2020 I completed my Masters in Education from Louisiana State University Shreveport.

I am currently working on completing a graduate certificate in Applied Math from Colorado Mesa University. With this certificate, I will be able to teach College Algebra as a concurrent enrollment class for high school students. I recently got engaged to Brandon Fuller, and we will be getting married in July 2021. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family, hiking, four wheeling, and doing anything in the mountains.

Jaclyn Schatz



A Physical Educator at Lewis-Palmer high school in Monument, Colorado. After earning a Bachelor's of Sports and Exercise Science from the University of Northern Colorado, Jaci has dedicated herself to developing quality and engaging physical education programs. Now in her 17th year of teaching, Jaci has taught numerous classes to thousands of students.

Currently, Jaci is pursuing her master's degree from American College of Education in Instructional Design and Technology. Applying her creativity and knowledge, she desires to meet all students where they are at in their fitness journey and help them learn the skills needed to be successful for a lifetime. Jaci has a growth mindset and is eager to learn.

Jaci is gracious for the support of Colorado School & Public Employee Retirement Association and humbled to accept this award from the Birnadine Mack Scholarship Foundation. In her free time, Jaci can be found on the golf course or in a yoga class challenging herself to be better. She enjoys reading and baking. Jaci dreams of traveling more with her husband and two kids.

Jody Doty



I am JoAnna Doty and have been with the Greeley-Evans School District since October 2020. After completing my Bachelor of Science degree, I began working as a Project Engineer for a local construction company. Although there were many challenges to successfully overcome, I enjoyed learning the blueprints and my time in the field to ensure our crews were providing the highest quality of work possible. However, through the years in construction I still felt like my purpose was unfulfilled and that there was more within me that I could be dedicating to my deep-seated passion.

When I decided to make the transition out of the construction field, my introspection was a major determining factor in the path that I would follow next in life and what I am most passionate about. The fascination I have had from a young age with science, arts, engineering, and

technology have opened my mind to a life goal of becoming a teacher and eventually concentrating in STEM education as my focus area.

My determination, passion, and persistence to keep pushing forward will allow me to conquer new challenges I might face as a teacher and the best techniques for helping others. I have learned joy in the connections I have made with students in the short amount of time I have been in this district and a newfound hope for an exciting future. I hope to open the curiosities of students to know this passion of STEM within themselves and to teach them that they are also worthy of time and effort in their interactions. I am so grateful to have been chosen as a winner for the 2021 Scholarship for the Northeast Division.

Micaela Manchester



My name is Micaela Manchester and I am currently a graduate student studying School Psychology. My career choice was inspired by the value I place in mental health, the interest I have in special education and specialty service provision, and a love for the educational opportunities that can be special-tailored to provide opportunity and knowledge to any student. I love Colorado and all of the outdoor activities that it has to offer, so I hope to stay here in CO to share these experiences with future students and clients.