



Monthly Kudos Digest

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Collaboration • Compassion

A long overdue thank you to **Brian Schupbach, Mark Spackman, Bill Robertson, Lin Dyga**, and employees in Technology Services for their mentorship to our students from the Young Adult Program. A few students have been placed in their department as work experience students to learn about working in an office setting and entry level skills in technology. The Tech Services staff did an excellent job with setting high expectations in a supportive setting. YAP students greatly improved skills in quality and quantity of work as well as in social and communication skills. Thanks to all of you for providing an opportunity for our students to learn in your department. You are all amazing...and most appreciated!!

Connie Laurinat
YAP



Innovation

I was working on a project that involved several hours of tedious work. In our daily stand-up meeting, I mentioned that my day was going to revolve around this project. After our meeting, **Jim Touchtone** (MiCase) volunteered to help me complete the work that needed to be done. A few minutes after we both started working on the project he came to me to indicate that he had found a much more efficient way to complete the task at hand. He took the completion time of the project from several hours to just a few minutes. Not only did Jim offer to help me with this project even though the task was not considered to be one of his daily responsibilities, but he took the additional initiative to find a better way to complete the task. I am grateful to have a person like Jim on our team!

Amanda Wilholt
MiCase



Collaboration

In our Transportation Supervisor Meeting we had a program put on by SET SEG on Distracted Driving and we need someone to be the driver of the bus. I ask **Jeni Opel** (Human Resources) if she could help out she said she could and did very well with a total score of 75% out of 100 and I was told after the program that the normal score was 60% way to go Jeni. The schools want you to drive for them.

Bill Dawson

Kalamazoo RESA Service Center



Collaboration • Trustworthy

Kudos go out to **Brian Behrendt** (Valley Center School) for assisting with the M-STEP and Mi-Access testing. Working along side our fabulous Tech department, he has been a tremendous help in preparing our computers for the student testing. He has taken the time to have each computer ready for each student every day. His approach has been very comforting and calm for both the staff and students. This approach then helps put the students at ease for this new experience. Thank you Brian, you are so appreciated.

Barb Payne

Valley Center School TC



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On April 17th, Kalamazoo RESA Service Center hosted another successful Mobile Learning Conference sponsored by MACUL & REMC. We had over 135 educators attend with a focus on improving their ability to implement technology into their teaching and learning. This success is in recognition of our KRESA team members that worked so dutifully to ensure that our participants had exactly what they needed in order to meet their goals for the day. I want to send a special thanks out to **Keith Tramper, Jeremie Coplin, Mark Dersch, Galen Patrick** (Technology Services) and **Larry Phillips** (Maintenance) for assisting me in our collaboration, innovation, compassion and respect as a team and for our participants. As the sun was shining outside, it radiated inside as well!

Tina Tribu

Kalamazoo RESA Service Center



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With the end of the school year quickly approaching, I wanted to make sure that **Micah Bergan** and **Dylan Copp** (MiTech) know how much we appreciate their presence at Gull Lake. I am speaking for many (based on conversations I have had with colleagues), when I say that they have really gone above and beyond this year helping us to resolve problems and learn how to use tech to make our jobs easier. They are so patient, and outwardly interested in helping; they both deserve the highest "grades". Thank-you!

Shawn Herron

Gull Lake CS



Collaboration • Innovation

I had a last minute great idea - Isn't that typical? I went into REMC at 8:30am and asked **Amy Simmons** if it would be possible to make a 24x36 poster in just a few hours for a meeting in the afternoon. Not only did she make it happen, but the whole group was positive and willing. I know it's a pain to have folks who don't plan ahead, so I really appreciate the can-do spirit in REMC!

Carly Wiggins

MiCase



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