



Rocky Mountain Junior High

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To the Award Selection Committee,

It is a distinct honor to recommend Chancy Kelley for the First Year Special Education Teacher Award. A 2025 graduate of Utah State University, Chancy has leapt into the world of special education with the exact brand of enthusiasm and energy that our students deserve.

While many first-year teachers spend their initial months finding their footing, Chancy has hit the ground running with an impressive understanding of differentiation. She allows data to guide her instruction with precision, breaking down levels of understanding to even smaller steps, ensuring her students clearly understand and own their next step while also finding success in each progressive step. In saying that, I want to also emphasize that she never loses the rigor necessary for students to achieve meaningful growth. She understands that high expectations and high support are not mutually exclusive.

Most impressively, Chancy has mastered the art of motivation. In a junior high setting where students can often feel discouraged by past academic hurdles, she has inspired her students to reach levels of success they have never experienced before. Her ability to build confidence while maintaining academic integrity has fundamentally changed the trajectory of her students' school year. She has the ability to be more stubborn than her students - she never gives up on them. She has had students who refused to engage in the work until the last few weeks of Term 3. Being relentless in her motivation and belief in their ability to do hard things, these students have been able to experience meaningful growth and success in her class.

Chancy Kelley is a rare talent who combines heart, data, and high standards. She is exactly the kind of educator this award was designed to honor.

Sincerely,

Quincey Mogolich

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