

## Spokane Valley High School

Our students nominated and chose a winner of the **Heroes of COVID Award**. The four jobs the students chose from were: the nominees group, the media group, the basket group or the plaque and thank you card group. The students discovered the importance of community members and their role in our community.

They worked as a team and coordinated with the other teams. The Inlander picked up our story and sent readers to our school website to vote for their favorite nominee. All of our nominees as well as the winner received their gift baskets. The recipients stated that they were honored to be chosen by our school and to be considered valued members of the community. Many of the nominees picked up their baskets at school and allowed our students to photograph them. It was so nice for our students to meet them and ask question. The recipients also had many questions for us and wanted to hear more about our school. It was a win-win for everyone.

Our nominees were:

Mel Lueders, director of Plum Tree Pre-school,

Marion Hill, a stand-out volunteer at the Cheney Emergency Food Bank,

Sharon Grant, director at Canterbury Court, a low-income senior housing center,

Tennille O'Blenness, the clinical supervisor at the Isabella house,

Lin Preiss, a part-time chaplain at Sacred Heart,

Doug Beane, a deliverer and driver for Meals on Wheels,

Demetrius Palmer, an employee at Excelsior Wellness center,

Calvetta Phair, the founder of the "On It" Foundation,

Ben Preiss, an ER doctor at Sacred Heart and Deaconess Hospital.

Our winner: Christine Duncan a Dispatch Health worker who travels from home to home providing medical assistance and general welfare check ups for people who cannot get to the hospital or clinics when needed. Christine works with a diverse team of nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, and EMT's. In response to the current COVID-19 guidelines, Christine's Dispatch Health worker team provides innovative care for the elderly as well as young patients with special needs .In addition to providing medical assistance, they also deliver dinners, fill prescriptions, and even pick up groceries for their patients as needed. Christine and the rest of her team at Dispatch Health demonstrate selflessness and dedication through their commitment to serve their patients. Their determination to provide high quality personalized care to some of our most vulnerable population is an inspiration.

Christine accepted the award with her team.

Thank you so much for your support, your grant and your connection to Traci McGlathery's at STCU, made our baskets substantial and beautiful.

Here are some pictures taken of students and recipients.



Sharon Grant with students and me (left).



Marion Hill with students.



Teacher Seth Roberts delivering basket to Mel Lueders.



Christine Duncan and her team with basket and plaque.





Christine Duncan receiving her plaque from a student.

Thank you so much for your support. Your grant and your connection to Traci McGlathery's at STCU, made our baskets substantial and beautiful. All the recipients appreciated their gifts.

Joni Chambers  
Spokane Valley High