Educator Recipient

Erin Cealey is a special education teacher at Lake Oswego High School and program coordinator for the Unified Sports Program. She became a teacher in 2016 after graduating from Illinois State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education with a focus in Learning and Behavior Sciences and a minor in Civic Engagement and Responsibility with a focus in Urban Studies. In 2020, she earned a Master's Degree in Educational Policy and Leadership from American University in Washington, DC.



Erin moved to Oregon in 2020 and has been working in the Lake Oswego School District since the fall of 2021. Her first placement was at Harmony Academy Charter School, Oregon's first recovery high school, as their special education teacher on campus. The following year she joined the educator staff at Lake Oswego High School.

In the Fall of 2022, Erin demonstrated her passion for sports and her commitment to building a more inclusive community when she helped to establish Lake Oswego High School as the first Unified Champion School with Oregon Special Olympics. Unified Sports is an inclusive sports program that unites Special Olympics athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities) and partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities) as teammates for training and competition. For the past two years, Lake Oswego has fielded Unified Sports teams in soccer and basketball. Track and field will be added to the Unified Sports program this spring.