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JDCAP 2018 Educator of the Year Nomination

Chris Murdoch

Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center
Years teaching at YIC: 5 years
School District of Lancaster Teacher

Mr. Chris Murdoch has been teaching here at the Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center since 2013. Mr. Murdoch has been a great asset to the team here with his positivity and outgoing personality. He has served in many capacities during his time here with us at YIC, he currently is teaching Social Studies and Communication Arts within the detention area of the facility.

Mr. Murdoch has done some great and creative networking to get outside local community agencies to come in to the center and engage with educating our kids. We've had representatives from Thaddeus Stevens College, The Human League of Lancaster, and Lancaster County Career and Technology Center come and share with the kids just to name a few. One of the favorite educational activities that Chris has championed that has become a highlight within the school year calendar is the DUI (Driving Under the Influence) simulator. The residents get to practice distracted driving and/or driving under the influence scenarios within a computer game set up complete with steering wheel, accelerator, and brakes that they all seem to really enjoy and gain some valuable lessons from.

Chris has also been instrumental in working to get the Apex educational software, an online learning environment, into some of our classroom settings and with individual residents that could benefit from the credits they can retrieve through it. Implementing this has proven to be a real challenge with all of the technical support and safeguards that have been needed to safely and appropriately institute the program here in our setting.

In his teaching role Mr. Murdoch has a caring and compassionate way of interacting with the kids. He is always very positive and optimistic and is a great role model to the students that he teaches.

For all of these reason the Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center is honored to nominate Chris Murdoch as the JDCAP 2018 Educator of the Year.



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