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Five Greendale Teachers Earn Board-Certified Status from National Organization

GREENDALE, WI -- Five Greendale Schools' teachers have earned the National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) designation from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. They are Amy Bauer, Megan Faherty, Benjamin Hubing, Kristin Martens, and Sarah St. Martin. The Greendale Board of Education recognized their accomplishment with a celebration and commendations at its meeting on Monday, February 5.

To earn board certification, the profession's highest mark of achievement, teachers complete a rigorous, performance-based, peer-review process, demonstrating their proven impact on student learning and achievement. Nationwide, there are more than 118,000 teachers with the designation from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

"Earning National Board Certification is a tremendous personal accomplishment for these outstanding educators," said Joe Crapitto, president of the Greendale Board of Education. "We are proud of their commitment to their students and to the promotion of teaching as an important profession."

"These individuals bring their passion and excitement for learning to their students each day. They are leaders in their schools and among all the excellent teachers in Greendale," Gary Kiltz, Ph.D., superintendent of Greendale Schools. "I am proud of their hard work in achieving this distinction and in helping our students to grow and our District advance. We are fortunate to have them as part of the dedicated and highly-committed teachers and staff in Greendale Schools."

A fourth grade teacher at Canterbury Elementary School, Amy Bauer has been teaching in Greendale for four years. She has 16 years of experience as an educator and holds a Bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in broadfield social studies from Concordia University and a Master's degree in technology integration from Nova Southeastern University. Ms. Bauer resides in Franklin with her husband.

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Greendale High School social studies teacher Megan Faherty has been teaching in Greendale for ten years and is 13 years into her career. She currently is teaching students in all high school grade levels through her courses: Global Studies, Advanced Placement European History, and Advanced Placement Psychology. Faherty is a graduated from UW-Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education. She earned her Masters in Educational Administration from UW-Milwaukee.

GHS Teacher Ben Hubing has been instructing Greendale students for 10 years. He teaches Advanced Placement U.S. History and Advanced Placement Government and Politics courses to high school juniors and seniors. Hubing earned his Bachelor's degree in history, political science, and a certificate in European studies from UW-Madison and a Master's in teaching from Cardinal Stritch University. He resides in Shorewood with his family.

Kristin Martens is a fifth grade teacher at Highland View Elementary. She is in her eleventh year of teaching and has been working in Greendale for four years. Martens holds a Bachelor of Art degree from UW-Parkside. She lives in Franklin with her husband and their two children.

A second grade teacher at Canterbury Elementary School, St. Martin is in her ninth year of teaching and her third year in Greendale Schools. She holds a Bachelor's degree from St. Norbert College, Master's degree from Alverno College in Administrative and Instructional Leadership. St. Martin lives in Milwaukee with her husband, a high school principal.

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About the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (www.nbpts.org):

The founding mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by: (1) maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; (2) providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards; and (3) advocating related education reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education and to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers. Recognized as the “gold standard” in teacher certification, the National Board believes higher standards for teachers means better learning for students.

ABOUT GREENDALE SCHOOLS:

Established in 1938, Greendale Schools is home to more than 2,600 students. The District prides itself in providing an outstanding education for all students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade at Greendale High School, Greendale Middle School, and three elementary schools (Canterbury, College Park and Highland View). Greendale Schools, in partnership with students, families, and the community, is committed to developing leadership, creativity, and educational excellence. By creating multiple opportunities for learning, each student's unique abilities are developed to achieve success and contribute positively to our global society.