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Greendale Teachers Earn Kohl Foundation Recognition

GREENDALE, WI -- Greendale Schools' teachers Theresa Kruschke-Alfonso and Holly Miller were recognized by the Herb Kohl Foundation for innovation in the classroom at a luncheon at Greendale High School on April 8. The Kohl Teacher Fellowship program recognizes and supports teaching excellence and innovation in the State of Wisconsin. Annually, the Foundation awards 100 Wisconsin teachers this honor. Educators are chosen for their superior ability to inspire a love of learning in their students and ability to motivate others, and for their leadership and service within and outside the classroom.

Ms. Kruschke-Alfonso is a Spanish teacher at Greendale High School and has been a well-respected leader in the Greendale School District for over a decade. She teaches a variety of Spanish language courses, from Spanish 1 to AP Spanish/Spanish 5, where students are able to earn college credit from UW-Oshkosh through the CAPP Program and her certification as an Adjunct Professor at that university. She established the Greendale Chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society to recognize students' dedication and excellence in Spanish. As the curriculum facilitator for the District's comprehensive K-12 World Language program, she has been a leader in creating a professional development relationship with high-level language instruction colleagues helping to create a department curriculum based on thematic units to create culturally meaningful and academically rich language interactions for students.

Ms. Miller has been a part of the Greendale Middle School team since 2009. She teaches 6th and 7th Grade Healthy Choices classes, 8th Grade Health class and acts as the faculty advisor for two Greendale Schools' clubs, FACT (the District's Youth Tobacco Prevention Program) and Teens With Impact, an organization designed to promote healthy lifestyle choices among teens. Her work in both aspects of her role help to create opportunities for student leadership among both middle and high school students. Miller's passion to promote a positive and healthy environment for youth has resulted in programs that bring the school, families, and community together to help students to face personal challenges and offer them opportunities to be involved in activities that promote wellness.

The Kohl Foundation Fellowship program was established by Herb Kohl, philanthropist and businessman, in 1990. To date the foundation has awarded \$11.5 million to Wisconsin educators, principals, students, and schools.

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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.

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