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Cindy Sholtys-Cromwell is the 2024 Annalee Braley Membership Award Winner

Kelso School District Principal Gives Back to AWSP and School Leaders Across the Country

OLYMPIA — Cindy Sholtys-Cromwell is the third winner of the Annalee Braley AWSP Membership Award. Cindy is a ray of light who gives back a tremendous amount to AWSP and school leaders across the state and country. She is an award-winning leader, Solution Tree consultant, and frequent conference presenter. Her devotion to helping her fellow leaders, our association, and her dedication to students make her an easy choice to represent Annalee's legacy.

Cindy has accomplished quite a lot in her 24 years of experience as a school administrator. In 2021, she was recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals as one of two National Digital Principals of the Year for her work growing Kelso Virtual Academy. In addition to her principal role, Cindy is a frequent presenter at the AWSP/WASA Summer Conference, as well as at national conferences and our Launching School Leadership series.



She lends her voice and wisdom in a variety of ways. Cindy has been a longtime AWSP Communications Advisory Council member and currently serves on OSPI's AI Advisory Group. Her monthly School Celebration Newsletter (republished on the AWSP blog) helps leaders find fun and innovative ways to celebrate staff, and students, and create an amazing culture.

"Congratulations to Cindy for receiving this award," said Mary Beth Tack, Kelso School District's superintendent. "This recognition celebrates Cindy's incredible passion, tireless work ethic, and inspiring contributions to AWSP and our professional community."

She is an exemplary leader, a valued AWSP member, and a leading voice for educators across the country, all of which make her incredibly deserving of the Annalee Braley Membership Award.

About the Award

The Annalee Braley Membership Award was created in 2022 to honor the memory of former AWSP Membership Coordinator Annalee Braley, who passed away tragically and unexpectedly in September 2021. Annalee started at AWSP when she was just 19 years old and was about to cross over to 32 years of service at AWSP in various roles. Annalee was one of the biggest reasons AWSP has the strongest membership in the country year after year. Learn more about the Annalee Braley Membership Award at www.awsp.org/Annalee.