

THE "G" AWARD CASE EARLY CAREER SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR AWARD: DUE JUNE 15!

THE G AWARD

The Early Career Special Education Administrator Award will be presented to a Special Education Administrator who is a member of CASE and in their first three years administering special education programs and/or services, and who embraces 5 of the pre-selected values of the 17 Gersh Values.

The Gersh Values were created by members of Gersh Academy in an effort to recognize those values most important in their staff members and members of the community. Members of CASE would nominate a Special Education Administrator with 3 or less years of experience who exemplifies the Gersh Values by telling their story and how they support their teachers enabling them to go above and beyond for children with disabilities.

The winner will be determined by the CASE Award Committee. This award is a thank you to this administrator for sticking his/her neck out to better to support their teachers to enable them to make a difference in the lives of the students they serve. Nominations should be sent with a detailed description of why this person is being nominated for the award and how they exemplify the 5 pre-selected Gersh values. Nominations would be directed to the CASE Awards Committee Chair for consideration.

GERSH VALUES

1. **"Heart" is at the core of what we do:** Be passionate. Don't be afraid to show how much you care. Your emotions are a powerful tool – use them! Treat each student like your own child; treat each other with compassion and empathy; trust your gut and do what you know is right. Create a feeling of warmth in every interaction you have; be nurturing and supportive. Above all, never forget why every little thing matters: you are changing people's lives.
2. **Lead by example:** It's not what you say, but what you do that matters most. Have integrity; act as if the whole world is watching you. Be willing to do anything you ask someone else to do; nobody is too good for any job or task. Pitch in and help – lend a hand whenever possible. Always strive to do the right thing; be the way you would want those around you to be.
3. **Be honest:** Be frank and accurate in your assessments; don't keep secrets or hold important information back. Admit mistakes. Don't lie to yourself or others -- the truth is important, even if it hurts. Build trust by being direct and truthful always. Accurate information is the key to everything we do, so share it.
4. **Think outside the box:** Traditional approaches are not always the best; be willing to use alternative methods and to try new things. Be creative and imaginative. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Invent and adapt; create something unique and beautiful. The fact that it has never been done before doesn't mean anything except that you can be the first to do it, so dream and visualize what could be instead of only seeing what is.
5. **Always use a collaborative approach:** Listen first. Empathize and seek to fully understand alternative opinions and perspectives, then partner in developing and agree on solutions. Find and work from common ground. Strive to clarify concerns and expectations; respect other people's differences and utilize each other's' strengths and expertise; seek out alternative ideas or perspectives. Work together to find the best possible solution.

Nomination Form

NAME of CASE MEMBER: _____ Email _____

Telephone # _____ CASE/CEC ID _____

Name of Nominee: _____ Email: _____

Nominee's Position: _____ School: _____

Address of School: _____

Telephone # _____ Yrs in Education: _____

Provide a narrative that includes a description of how the nominee exemplifies the 5 core values described below. Narrative should be between 300-600 words. Use the table to insert short phrase to reference the example of the value in the narrative.

NOMINATOR _____

Why this person is being nominated:

How the nominee exemplifies the 5 core values:

“Heart” is at the core of what we do:

Lead by example:

Be honest:

Think outside the box:

Always use a collaborative approach:

GERSH VALUE	Phrase from Narrative/Example	YES(1) NO (0) EXEMPLARY (2)
1. “Heart” is at the core of what we do		
2. Lead by example		
3. Be honest		
4. Think outside the box		
5. Always use a collaborative approach		
TOTAL		

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