

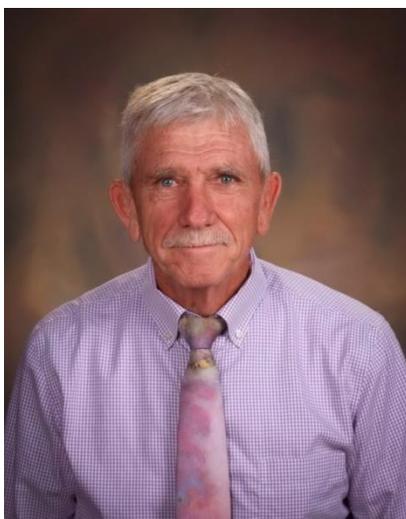
Three Westfield Educators Nominated For Prestigious “2021 Herb Kohl Fellowship” Awards

Congratulations to Mr. Daniel Mahn, Mr. Jeff Napp, and Dr. Dan Steward on their nominations for the 2021 Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship Awards. The Kohl Fellowship Award Program serves to recognize teachers for their excellence in the classroom, innovative teaching practices, and commitment to bettering the lives of their students through education. Winners of the Kohl Award receive a \$6,000 personal award and an additional \$6,000 to use at their school for projects of their choice. Kohl winners are also automatically entered into the Wisconsin Teacher of the Year program.

Mr. Mahn, Mr. Napp, and Dr. Steward join previous Westfield nominees: Jeremy Akey, David Briggs, Sheri Cujak, Nikki Kopach, Mary Mades, Quinn Shirley, Jeff Steckbauer, Lori Temanson, and Sara Watson. Five Westfield educators have won the award in previous years: David Moody (2016 Kohl Outstanding Principal Leadership Award), Stacey Oliphant (2020 Kohl Teacher Fellowship), Fred Posthuma (1993 Kohl Teacher Fellowship), Kristi Romberg (2020 Kohl Teacher Fellowship), and Julianne West (2014 Kohl Teacher Fellowship). Recent student winners include Lily Wagner (2019 Kohl Student Excellence Award), and Camden Stampfl (2020 Kohl Student Initiative Award).



Daniel Mahn: Mr. Mahn is in his 11th year of teaching overall, and his 6th year at Westfield High School. Mr. Mahn earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Educational Administration with a concentration in Principal and Curriculum Director Licenses from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Mr. Mahn is known as a teacher who simply refuses to give up on his students and refuses to let students give up on themselves. He relentlessly pursues ways to help his students find success and develop a deep understanding of Math and its relevance to real world applications. Daniel is a problem-solver who constantly finds new ways to help his students learn and appreciate Math. Throughout his years in Westfield, countless students have been able to achieve success in Math who had not previously been able to comprehend the material. It is due to Mr. Mahn's persistence and never-give-up attitude that so many of his students develop a confidence they had never before experienced. In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Mahn is the Advisor of the Math team and serves on a number of committees in the school. As the resident "Problem Solver," Mr. Mahn is constantly sought out by his colleagues for assistance with technology, curriculum, scheduling, and any number of issues for which they need assistance.



Jeff Napp: Mr. Napp is in his 42nd year of teaching overall, and his 37th in Westfield. Mr. Napp earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in Art. He earned his Master's Degree in Educational Professional Development in Art & Health Education from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He also served his country in the United States Army. Mr. Napp is known in Westfield as a teacher of tremendous energy & enthusiasm, and as a person who goes out of his way to ensure students of all interest & ability levels have the opportunity to experience Art education. It is not uncommon for Mr. Napp to run two or three classes simultaneously so students are able to fit specialized Art classes into their schedules. His love of Art, and his extraordinary talent for working with students, has inspired countless students to pursue education and careers in the field of Art. He runs a highly active Art Club, District Art Shows and, for over 30 years, has worked with students as they compete in the Visual Arts Classic at UW-Madison. In recognition of his exceptional career achievements, Mr. Napp was inducted into the Westfield Pioneers Wall of Fame in 2019.



Dan Steward: Dr. Steward is in his 17th year of teaching overall, and his 15th in Westfield. Dr. Steward earned his Bachelor's Degree from Marian University in Music Education. He earned his Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Trombone Performance and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Curriculum & Instruction. Dr. Steward teaches Middle School Band, Middle School Jazz Ensemble, Beginner Band to elementary school students, and is team-teaching High School Band this year so the Band could be split into two sections due to COVID-19. Dr. Steward is known as a teacher with great passion for all types of music, and works incredibly hard with all students to help them “learn the language” of music. Several years ago, Dr. Steward created a Middle School Jazz Ensemble class for students with an interest in pursuing additional studies in music and to help advanced Band students build upon their understanding of Jazz. Dr. Steward is also known for his trademark look – he dresses in black from head to toe on a daily basis, his love of NBA basketball, and his love of trivia.