

# *Award Winners*

## **State Team Member of the Month Honorees:**

**Shelly Lamb**

January 2021

**Jason Williams**

July 2021

**Chris Wiseman**

February 2021

**Amir Ghaidi**

August 2021

**Corporal Jeffrey Huff**

March 2021

**Jordan Delameter**

September 2021

**Leslie St. Clair**

April 2021

**Kara Berlin-Bates**

October 2021

**Heidi Fox**

May 2021

**Elizabeth Page**

November 2021

**Benjamen Pringer**

June 2021

**Chelsea Gibbs**

December 2021

*January 2021*

## **Shelly Lamb**

Director of Adult Education and Literacy  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Shelly Lamb showed exceptional initiative and work ethic during the COVID-19 pandemic. Shelly created opportunities for students and adults to obtain their high school equivalency certificates. When testing centers were closed, Shelly looked for ways to continue testing and was instrumental in getting the *HiSET Exam at Home Program* approved in Missouri.

*February 2021*

**Chris Wiseman**

Disability Determination Counselor/Computer  
Information Tech  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Chris Wiseman provided guidance, training, and problem-solving during the telework transition throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. He was instrumental in the set-up of computers and equipment to ensure continued service to customers. Chris served as a resource to others across the state and his support to team members was critical to continued success.

*March 2021*

## **Jeffrey Huff**

Corporal  
Department of Public Safety/MSHP



Corporal Jeffrey Huff initiated a traffic stop of a sixteen-year-old driving at an extreme speed. The parents were contacted and stated they were going to seek help for the teen, as they were concerned for his mental health. Corporal Huff shared a personal story with the teen of a family member who took their own life. Later, the teen's mother personally thanked him for his kindness and shared that when later they took their son for treatment he said, "That Trooper saved my life tonight."

*April 2021*

**Leslie St. Clair**

Social Services Unit Supervisor  
Department Social Services



Leslie St. Clair is dedicated to the children she serves. A horrible New Year's Eve event left a child without a caregiver and the puppies the child held during the tragedy had been picked up by animal control. Leslie ensured the child had proper care and spent her New Year's holiday locating the animals and reuniting the child with her puppies. The extra steps Leslie took to ensure the well-being of this child deserve recognition.

*May 2021*

## **Heidi Fox**

Senior Commissioned Investigator  
Department of Social Services



Heidi Fox had a challenging assignment that required her to guide a multi-disciplinary team in the removal of over a dozen children from a private child treatment facility with a long history of allegations of abuse and mistreatment. Heidi's investigation resulted in 101 counts of child neglect and sexual abuse. Her actions stopped this tragedy and resulted in the arrests of the perpetrators.

*June 2021*

## **Benjamin Pringer**

Administrative Support Assistant  
Department of Health and Senior Services



Benjamin Pringer took on new and challenging responsibilities during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ben completed COVID-19 training for data entry and contact tracing and shifted gears to entering test results into Red-Cap and EpiTrax. Ben's responsibilities grew with the usage of Health Level Seven – a data submission and retrieval web-based immunization registry. During this time, he continued providing excellent results in his regular responsibilities, including converting the Organ and Tissue Donor Family Recognition Program to a virtual event.

*July 2021*

## **Jason Williams**

District Construction and Materials Engineer  
Department of Transportation



Jason William's commitment to providing the safest quality transportation projects to the citizens of Missouri is deserving of recognition. Jason began leading a 140 million dollar bridge project, during this time he was promoted but proposed that he continue his role to ensure the project remained on track. He also led a core team in the replacement of two interstate bridges and the construction of the area's first diverging diamond interchange. Jason's ability to coordinate and communicate with numerous stakeholders ensured the success of the project.

*August 2021*

## **Amir Ghaidi**

Maintenance Supervisor  
Department of Transportation



Amir Ghaidi came across an accident along I-70 in the city of St. Louis. He was the first to respond to a very serious situation where the driver was trapped inside and was losing a dangerous amount of blood. Amir took action and created a tourniquet to slow the blood flow. Amir stayed with the injured driver until EMTs arrived, and informed Amir his efforts saved the driver's life. Amir's selfless and proactive actions are to be commended and exemplify the spirit of public servant leadership.

*September 2021*

## **Jordan Delameter**

Maintenance Crew Leader  
Department of Transportation



Jordan Delameter responded to a call for water over a roadway. Upon arrival, he found two occupied vehicles and quickly took action. With the swift current Jordan knew the occupants would not be able to open their doors. He pulled his dump truck alongside, had the motorist exit through the windows, and crawl onto the roof of their vehicles where he helped pull them safely into the cab of his truck. Jordan's quick thinking saved lives.

*October 2021*

## **Kara Berlin-Bates**

District Supervisor  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Kara Berlin Bates exemplifies public service. She partners with the Northeast Correctional Center where she is instrumental in removing barriers and assisting coordinators who apply for benefits for offenders pre-release. She is passionate about creating employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and was instrumental in creating the first reverse job fair in the Hannibal area. Kara's kind and helpful nature are making a positive impact.

*November 2021*

## **Elizabeth Page**

Social Services Unit Supervisor  
Department of Social Services



Elizabeth Page stepped up for a co-worker. When a single mother of three fell ill with COVID, Elizabeth ensured out-of-state family members were contacted to care for her children, took on her workload, ensured FMLA papers were filed, and worked to gain approval for shared leave. Tragically, her co-worker passed away. Elizabeth maintained contact with the family and gathered necessities for the children. Elizabeth brought many people together at this time and her efforts will not be forgotten.

*December 2021*

## **Chelsea Gibbs**

Investigator  
Department of Health and Senior Services



Chelsea Gibbs works to protect and serve some of our most vulnerable citizens. Chelsea showed professionalism, diligence, and perseverance while investigating a first-degree domestic assault, perpetrated by the family of the victims. Chelsea did an outstanding job gathering evidence, preparing for the hearing, and testifying on behalf of the prosecution. Her efforts resulted in safety and justice for these elderly victims.