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Crystal Carranco, Assistant Principal at Stagecoach Elementary School in the Cabot School District, Named Arkansas Association of Elementary School Principals (AAESP) Assistant Principal of the Year

CABOT, AR – Crystal Carranco, Assistant Principal at Stagecoach Elementary School in the Cabot School District, was recently named the 2025 Arkansas Association of Elementary School Principals (AAESP) Assistant Principal of the Year. This award is sponsored by Curriculum Associates. Dr. Tony Thurman, Cabot School District Superintendent, Lenett Thrasher, AAEA Assistant Executive Director; and Alice Shirey, Curriculum Associates; presented Mrs. Carranco with the award at her school on December 12, 2024.

This award is given each year to an Arkansas elementary level assistant principal who has succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students and has been acknowledged by peers for exemplary contribution to the profession.

Mrs. Carranco has served as assistant principal at Stagecoach Elementary since 2022 and says she took the role with the goal of being the kind of administrator she needed when she was in the classroom. During her time as assistant principal, she has worked to support both teachers and students. One of her most significant accomplishments is the success of the "Reading Club," a group she launched to support struggling readers with tutoring in disguise.

Mrs. Carranco is dedicated to the education of Arkansas students and very deserving of this award as evidenced by the following comments:

"I have never worked with any educator with the sense of urgency, responsibility, and commitment to education as Crystal Carranco possesses. Mrs. Carranco has had a profound impact on the well-being of our educational community. She works diligently to build relationships with families and to partner with businesses to support our vision and mission at Stagecoach Elementary." - Carol Skiba, NBCT, Principal, Stagecoach Elementary

"From the very start, it was clear that Crystal Carranco was an all-in leader, dedicated to supporting educators and fostering a positive learning environment. Her commitment to her colleagues and students is unwavering, and she consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that everyone in her school community feels valued and supported. Whether she is greeting students from on top of the school building dressed as the Elf of the Shelf, or providing mentorship and modeling to paraprofessionals providing in class support on their journey to becoming classroom teachers, Crystal is committed to excellence and continually goes above and beyond." - Jessica Saum, Collaboration and Inclusion Coordinator, Cabot Public Schools