

GRIFFITH NAMED SCHOOL OF THE YEAR, AP TIP-IN MATH TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Griffith's Advanced Placement Curriculum and one of its AP math instructors walked away with top honors Friday from Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives.

The Institute named Griffith High School the AP TIP-IN School of the Year – one of four finalists for the award. Others in the running were Argos, Lebanon and Northwestern high schools.

Adding to the great news, AP Computer Science Instructor Marilyn Brunk was named AP Math Teacher of the Year.

"This is a tremendous honor for the entire school community, staff and students," High School Principal Brian Orkis said. "It is reflective of the expectations that we have set forth for our staff and students. They have embraced the AP culture and the challenges that come with it, all the while demonstrating sustained excellence."

What gave Griffith the edge: the way the school embraced the goals and exemplified the spirit of the AP TIP-IN program.

Program Director Karen Morris said, "Griffith did a phenomenal job of increasing participation in its AP program. We looked at the support of the administration and all over culture of creating opportunities for career readiness and found Griffith excelled there, too."

"Griffith Public Schools is honored to receive this recognition from AP TIP-IN," Assistant Superintendent Michele Riise said. "We also congratulate Marilyn Brunk on being named the AP TIP-IN Teacher of the Year. She, along with her colleagues and administration, have been instrumental in establishing a culture of high expectations and ensuring our students receive the highest quality of instruction to be career and college ready."

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