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## Lisa Laber Is RPS Paraeducator of the Year



Ridgefield High School staff members led by Principal Dr. Jacob Greenwood surprised Lisa Laber to announce that she is the RPS Paraeducator of the Year. Attendees of the surprise announcement learned that it's never too early in the morning to shed a few tears.

Her colleagues and students in the RHS RISE (Ridgefield Intensive Special Education) classroom surrounded her with hugs and smiles. Dr. Greenwood remarked on Ms. Laber's work ethic, intelligence, creativity, calm demeanor, and infectious smile. He said, "She does not shy away from difficult tasks with students, always with a great attitude."



In their support of Ms. Laber for this honor, the RHS staff wrote, "Lisa is the best of the best. She works with any student and is able to help every student progress and have a great experience at Ridgefield High School. Lisa is indispensable, easy-going, professional, kind, intelligent, and the most caring individual. She comes up with her own ways to help our students and speaks in a manner that engages students even in their worst moments." The staff's praise continues: "She allows them to problem-solve and be as independent as they can be. She has a gifted talent in the way she responds and asks questions in a calming and nurturing way."

Laber has made her mark on Ridgefield quickly. She joined the District from the Danbury Public Schools in 2019 and has loved her work with students and colleagues since. The Paraeducator of the Year announcement affords the District the opportunity to recognize the integral role paraeducators play in the Ridgefield Public Schools. "We truly couldn't continue without our paraeducators," said RPS Superintendent Dr. Susie Da Silva. "Day in and day out, these staff members bring integrity, care, expertise, and collaboration to our community."

Congratulations, Lisa! Thank you, RPS Paraeducators!

