Gilmour named outstanding Educational Assistant

Holly Gilmour, an Educational Assistant at Crystal Beach Public School in Crystal Beach is the recipient of this year's Joan Crowe Award for an outstanding Educational Assistant. The award, presented annually by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 4156 and the District School Board of Niagara, honours a former Educational Assistant, Joan Crowe.

Holly is a caring and fun-loving professional. Colleagues say that she all about what’s best for students.

“She is their biggest advocate and their largest supporter and motivator,” reads her nomination form. “She goes out of her way to make sure that students have what they need to succeed everyday.”

Holly Gilmour was presented with the Joan Crowe Award for an Outstanding Educational Assistant at the Board Meeting for the District School Board of Niagara, on Tuesday, June 27, 2006. The Joan Crowe Award is presented annually by CUPE to an individual whose work with students in the District School Board of Niagara most closely matches the level of excellence set by Joan Crowe in her many years of service supporting students with special needs. Criteria for nominations include: students always coming first; being a team player; always accepting new challenges; exhibiting a high degree of professionalism; and adding the personal touch by doing little extras for students.

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