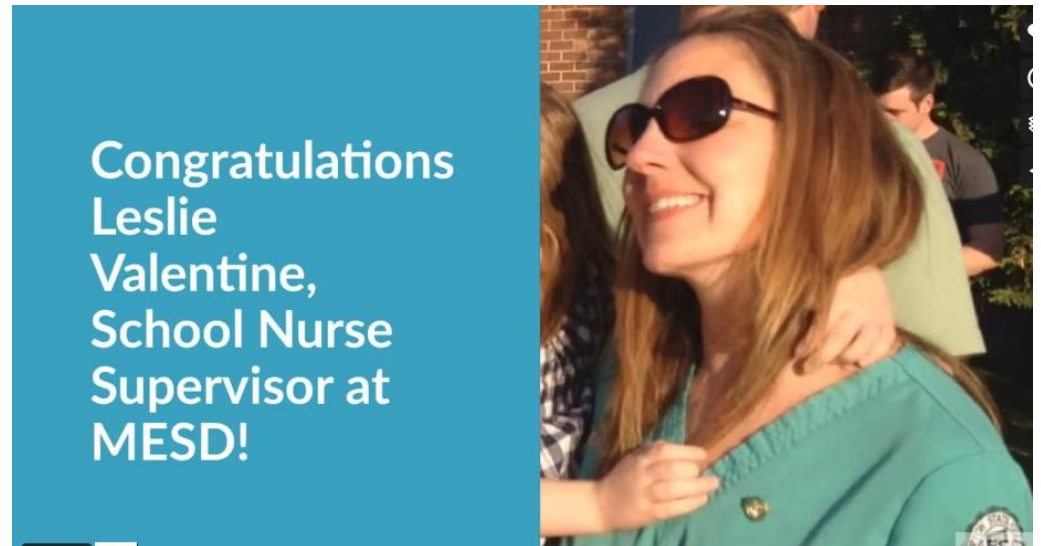


School Nurse of the Year 2021

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This past year has brought many challenges to our profession. It has also strengthened our commitment to serving our school communities. We have also seen some amazing leadership from our nurse leaders. One nurse leader who has stood out amongst our



school nursing community has shown what a true leader is during times of a public health crisis. One of the letters of support stated that "she leads by example, is passionate, compassionate, has integrity and is respected by her supervisor and peers". This individual not only advocates for the safety and well-being of her students but promotes the importance of self-care to the school caregivers. "She is patient and conveys that we need to take for ourselves to relax, rest, and heal...She is so positive and responds with care to her staff's concerns and has been flexible." Another individual wrote, "There is not anything that she would ask of her partnership that she herself would not do. She works in support of mental health groups, shows her support for the LGBTQ+, leads the social media team, has supported our staff and students through the Comprehensive Distance Learning, and worked on forms review within our electronic document system. In addition to all of this, she is volunteering two days a week to support the COVID-19 vaccination efforts." WOW!

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