



Ohio School Psychologist of the Year
Daniel VonderEmbse



Nominee for Ohio School Psychologist of the Year
Dana Marlot

Ohio School Psychologist of the Year Awards Nominees

Kristen Prough

The nominee of the Northwest Ohio School Psychologists Association, and the winner of the Ohio School Psychologist of the Year Award is Daniel VonderEmbse. He is currently employed by the Putnam County Educational Service Center where he is the chair of the Pupil Personnel committee and the Lead Psychologist. He also serves as the coordinator of the Learn and Serve Grant Program that targets a low-incidence disability population. In addition to serving multiple school districts and providing the traditional school psychologist services, Dan has worked to implement programs including crisis intervention, alternative school programs, and bullying programs. He also provides mental health services to students in rural areas who may otherwise not receive such services. Dan helped to develop and serves a leadership role at an annual Good Grief Camp for children who have lost a close member. Dan is the current President of his regional association and serves as a mentor to new school psychologists. He is described by his colleagues as an effective communicator who collaborates with fellow staff members so they feel valued and have ownership of their goals.

The nominee of the Cleveland Association of School Psychologists is Dana Marolt. Dana is currently employed by the North Olmstead School District where she is working as the RTI Coordinator. In her role, she manages district-wide RTI programs and the web-based assessment program. Dana trains the staff in North Olmstead to engage in an effective problem-solving process, reading theory, and RTI implementation. She assists teams in identifying and implementing research-based interventions with treatment integrity and progress monitoring to increase student achievement for all learners. In addition to her role in her district, Dana is frequently called upon to consult with other districts regarding program design. She also presents on RTI implementation and design on a regional, state, and national level. Dana is described as the “most dedicated and hard-working professional that I know” by a colleague and is known for her leadership and ability to communicate effectively with parents, students, and staff. Please join OSPA in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Dana Marolt.
