

March 19th, 2021

AP Contribution Award Nomination  
Ryan Starno

APAC Council Members,

I would like to recommend Ryan Starno, a key member of COM IT department, for an over and above commitment to excellence, without added stress. Where IT generally is in high demand and places many restrictions on what can and cannot be done, Ryan has agreed to some very outrageous ideas I have come up with, providing service and a perfect solution. In one case, it was because of Ryan's "yes" that we were able to put together a virtual event that served 210 youth in HOSA Leadership Conference, that would have normally been in person. We requested 3 anatomy rooms, with 6 presentations, 2 presenters at each station and 2 cameras per presentation to work in 6 break out rooms. We were trying to simulate an anatomy classroom where students could connect with the presenters and learn about 6 different areas of gross anatomy. Besides saying "yes" Ryan located all the equipment we needed without additional cost, recruited the IT support necessary, and spent a Saturday afternoon making sure the whole event was successful:

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Other examples of Ryan's willingness to entertain complicated IT matters, has to do with a large mentoring project we are conducting in four rural schools in Stevens County. We have individual programs for each grade level 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, various mentors, video conferencing needs, permissions etc. and Ryan put together for us a Google classroom that mentors, youth participants, and site coordinators can access the curriculum, access the calendar, and set up video conferencing. Though this may sound like a typical IT role, please keep in mind that the medical school has not yet graduated the first class of MD's and we have been writing our curriculum, developing technology, and accomplishing statewide initiatives all in startup mode. Our IT is taxed, and Ryan still said yes.

Please consider him for this award, as I hope that this message will be coveted by other IT folks 😊

Thank you,

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