

# 2020 ACTE Region V Excellence Awards

## **Carl D. Perkins Community Service Award**



**Rachel Aszklar  
Sumner-Bonney Lake  
School District**

Rachel Aszklar is a teacher at Sumner High School in Washington State. Rachel graduated Magne Cum Laude from WSU with a degree in Family & Consumer Sciences in 2012 and earned her master's degree in Career & Technical Education from Concordia University. She grew up in the Pacific Northwest, and education has always been a passion (she received an overhead for third grade birthday). Rachel started her teaching career at Spanaway Middle School, and in addition to her current position at Sumner High School, she recently returned to WSU to be a Cougar Quest Administrator where she organized the WSU summer camp for high school and middle school students. Rachel is an active adviser for FCCLA. Through her involvement in FCCLA and in her Family & Consumer Science classes, students have the opportunity to make an impact through various community service activities and overall make a significant impact in the Sumner-Bonney Lake community.

## **Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year**



**Kitti Wheeler  
Clover Park  
School District**

Kitti Wheeler is a Business and Marketing teacher, accomplished DECA advisor, work-based learning coordinator and student store supervisor in Lakewood, Washington. Kitti is a national board-certified teacher and has a master's degree in Education. National conference presenter, author and teacher mentor with 30 years' experience as a business and marketing educator, she has an extensive background in implementing programs and curriculum that provide students with relevant experiences to develop their potential as leaders in their schools, communities and future careers. She has a passion for helping teachers thrive in the classroom and gives her students hope by instilling in them a positive mindset and a belief that their future is limitless.

## **Career Guidance Professional of the Year**



**Nora Zollweg  
West Sound Tech  
Skills Center**

Nora Zollweg is a Student Services coordinator at West Sound Technical Skills Center in Bremerton, Washington. Nora has earned a bachelor's degree in Human Services from Western Washington University, master's degrees in Organizational Leadership and Human Resources from Brandman University, plus a master's degree in Educational Leadership with a principal's endorsement from Western Governors University. Nora has also completed her CTE director's training through OSPI and holds a CTE director's credential. Nora has served as the president of the Washington Association for Career Counseling & Employment Readiness (WA-CCER- Career Guidance) and served on the WA-ACTE Executive Board for four years. She is passionate about developing employment opportunities, ensuring equity and access, and supporting students so they can thrive in the career of their choice.