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Excellence in Supporting Catholic Education Award: CUPE, Support Staff and Senior Managers



The Excellence in Supporting Catholic Education Award – CUPE, Support Staff Association and Senior Managers will recognize an individual who demonstrates excellence in the workplace while supporting faith-based education.

This year's recipient is **Barb Megill**, educational assistant at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Secondary School.

Working as an educational assistant in a Catholic school is more than a career for Barb, it is a vocation. For the past 32 years she has been providing an extraordinary level of care for students. Currently she works in the Life skills room at Regiopolis–Notre Dame Catholic High School.

Barb consistently exemplifies the tenets of the Catholic Graduate Expectations through her interactions with all students, but this becomes most visible watching her with the most vulnerable students, students with profound needs. Barb may be embarrassed to hear the words her colleagues have used to describe her. They have said, "She is one of the kindest and most generous people you will ever meet," that she "embodies what it means to be a Catholic, and serves as a role model not only for students but also her colleagues," and that "she patterns her life after Jesus in every way, epitomizing the role of a humble servant."

While colleagues spoke of Barb's many strengths, most telling was a student who said, "I am truly grateful to have such a woman of God in my presence every day."