

## **2020 CTE NEW TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

*JESSICA TEAL*

*Family & Consumer Sciences*

*Windsor High School*

How to describe Jessica Teal? A real go-getter, a dedicated professional who is admired by her students, their families and the staff with whom she works, a life-long learner, passionate about teaching!

A colleague writes that Jessica develops lessons using the content standards as her base. She assesses students' needs and abilities to refine her delivery method. She also collaborates with the teachers in the FCS department to get feedback on new ideas and approaches for her assigned classes. Her creative approach to lessons and application of new technology has given students many avenues to learn the class content. Jessica definitely understands what it takes to create quality lessons and tailor teaching to meet student needs.

As a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher at Windsor High School for four years, Jessica has gone far above her duties as a teacher. She created a Fashion Club, served as FCCLA adviser, and provided fresh new ideas as a member of the WHS Vision Team. According to her principal, Ms. Teal is "truly making a difference in our school, city and state." She cares deeply for her students, is honest, caring, compassionate and supportive. She accepts challenge with a sense of dignity, passion and pride.

Not limiting her leadership to Windsor HS, Jessica has served as President of CATFACS. She is currently the President-Elect of CACTE and will assume the role of President on July 23, 2020. She has attended the ACTE VISION conference. Jessica also demonstrated her leadership as FCCLA Northern District Consultant.

When you meet Jessica, you are drawn in by her lively, fun personality. She has the capacity to make *everyone* around her feel important. She is a wonderful team member, always looking for new ideas and creating an atmosphere where teamwork flourishes. Jessica Teal embodies the characteristics of a Career & Technical Education teacher, which makes her a deserving recipient of the CACTE CTE New Teacher of the Year Award! Congratulations, Jessica!