

Jennifer Wescoe

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Ms. Wescoe was nominated for this award by a student who was terrified of public speaking. By the end of his freshman year in Ms. Wescoe's class, his outlook had changed so much that he joined the school's production of *Hairspray* the following year. Ms. Wescoe's use of theater as an educational tool included having her Drama One students write and perform plays based on children's literature. They traveled to the middle schools in their district and gave talks on anti-bullying, self-confidence, and respecting differences. Ms. Wescoe also serves as the advisor for her high school's chapter of "Students Against Destructive Decisions."

