

Congratulations to Mrs. Jessica Kurtz and Mrs. Dineen Batchelder in recognition of their effort in the Nourish the Future Program. The program is a national education initiative developed by science teachers for science teachers to inspire a network of educators and these two educators do just that.

Mrs. Kurtz and Mrs. Batchelder along with a group of educators traveled to Oklahoma this past summer to participate in a four day program entitled **On The Farm STEM**. The program brought together teams of educators from across the country with experts in science and agricultural education.

The mission of the program is to build awareness and a positive perception of agriculture through engaging learners in critical thinking, while connecting students to modern agriculture. The program provides science-based resources that meet both the teacher and student needs in the classroom.

Together as a team, the teachers brainstormed about connecting these concepts to develop learning experiences for their students. This was an opportunity to engage in discourse with scientists, agricultural specialists, and other educators. It was a rewarding experience for all.

At Intermediate South, we are so proud of our dedicated teachers, congratulations to Mrs. Jessica Kurtz on being selected as a 2023 Teacher Leader for the Nourish the Future Program & Congratulations to Mrs. Dineen Batchelder for being selected as a 2022 Teacher Leader for the Nourish the Future Program.