

**Allison Watson** is the Custodian at the Tuba City Elementary School. He is the Classified Staff January Employee Recognition Nominee. He was nominated by Corileen Phillips, she states, "Sanitation and cleanliness of our public buildings, schools, and businesses are left in the hands of janitorial staff and custodial workers. During a pandemic, their importance becomes even greater, but so do the risks of exposure to COVID. Janitors in schools and office buildings are often the invisible front-line work force in the fight against COVID-19 transmission, they also happen to be the lowest paid and most vulnerable. For these reasons I would like to acknowledge Allison Watson here at the TCES; despite being placed at a higher risk when it comes to doing his job, he is here daily ensuring that our building, classroom, cafeteria, and students, and staff are all safe and healthy." Corileen continued, "The school custodian makes a significant impact on the readiness of school daily. Allison's work and attention to detail make our classrooms, offices, hallways, and grounds safe, clean, and inviting to our students, teachers, and staff. I want to recognize the hard work and dedication this individual exemplifies. He is a valuable team member and his role here at TCES is essential to the success of campus operations." Congratulations Allison.



# TUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



**"Together Our Hearts Beat As One"**



**Caitlin Williams** is the Kindergarten Virtual Teacher at the Tuba City Elementary School. She is the Certified Staff January Employee Recognition Nominee. She was nominated by Taylor Yazzie. She states, "Caitlin is an all-around teacher. She took on the role of a virtual teacher for her technology skills and ability to communicate with students and parents. Ms. Williams is always looking for an opportunity to support, engage, and challenge students in multiple capacities. This school year, she has taken on many leadership roles and additional responsibilities, such as: becoming the Assistant H.S. X-Country Coach, being the Student Achievement Teacher, and the TCES Head Basketball Coach. I have had the pleasure of working with her as a coach, teacher, and in our leadership positions at TCES. Ms. Williams always takes on the role of the leader and challenges her team to do what is best for the students. She goes above and beyond through her teaching and coaching. Ms. Williams is a mentor to many teachers and her advice, mentorship, and wisdom is sought by many TCES teachers." Taylor adds, "Caitlin has taken on the role of virtual teacher this school year and has mentored me and other virtual teachers. She has shared her tips and tricks to virtual teaching, for instance, she presented at our PD about the online platform, Schoology. She shared how to create assignments for students to complete using their IPADs. Caitlin has quickly become a mentor for much of our staff because of her great computer skills. Caitlin took on the responsibility of starting our TCES Basketball program by recruiting students and parents, creating the application to play, and drafting our season schedule. Ms. Williams has great communication skills with parents, and it is evident in her virtual teaching, coaching, and interactions with our staff. Congratulations Caitlin.

## January Employee Recognition Nominees