

Matt Giordano, physical education teacher at Cornerstone and Parkview Elementary Schools, was named the recipient of the 18th Annual Jones Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award.

Giordano is beginning his twenty third year of teaching for the Wooster City School District. Originally an English teacher, Giordano transitioned into teaching physical education in 2007. He also serves as a before and after school intervention program teacher at the elementary schools and has coached for the high school football team.

“Matt has worked with students of all grade levels to help them achieve excellence both in their writing skills and in their athletic pursuits,” said Matt Long, attorney and grandson of Ralph R. and Grace Jones. “His partnerships with his teaching peers are remarkable and his visibility and support of his students outside of the classroom is exemplary.”

“Matt and Roberta have, indeed, made a significant impact in our school system,” said Superintendent Dr. Michael Tefs. “It is not hard to see why they were chosen by the Jones Foundation for this year’s award. They are both incredibly special employees.”

The award comes with an unrestricted \$5,000 cash stipend, funded by the Ralph R. and Grace B. Jones Foundation. It is awarded to those who show a special dedication to their students, contribute outside the classroom by serving the larger community and demonstrate respect for students, peers and the community.