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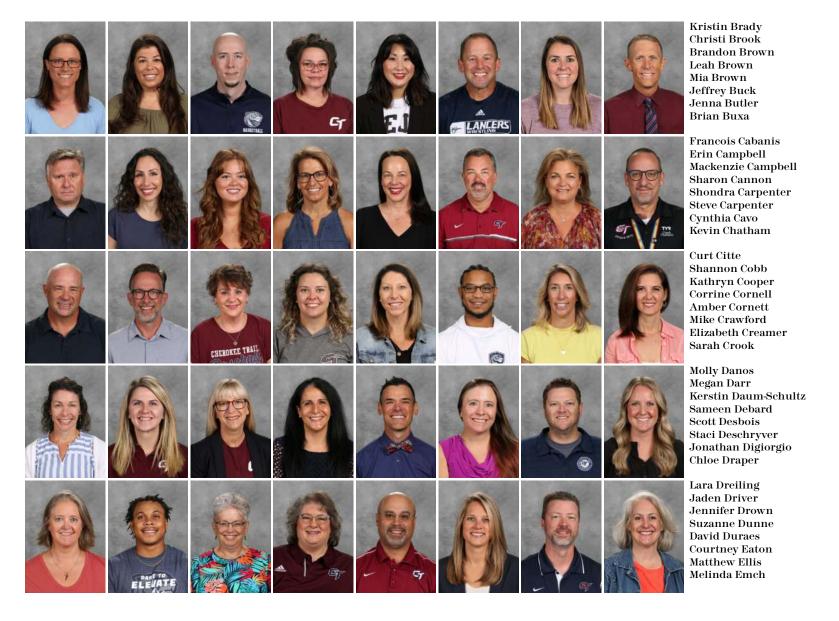
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REWARDS & RECOGNITION. Throughout the year teachers work hard and connect to their students and create an impact. These teachers can be nominated for the teacher of the year award. But a special part of this award was the feeling of collectively supporting a few people in the staff. "It's nice to be recognized by staff and students especially while working hard with everyone else; it's a positive representation of what we do in this building and it's a celebration of that," Ms. Jenniffer Barnhart said. She believes teacher of the year is an award all teachers deserve and whether they won or not, they should be proud of their hard work. Photo by D. Doellefeld.



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FREEDOM WRITERS. Teaching is a profession that requires a lot of an individual: patience, organization, kindness, and a desire to help children succeed. Though it takes a lot of time and effort, the ones that put in the work get to reap the rewards like Mrs. Shannon Walsweer, who had been teaching for 19 years at CT by the time she had won the Educator of the Year Award. Having taught for so long, Walsweer had garnered many memories with her students, but one that stuck with her was a Writing Lab class she'd had that became more of a family than anything. "It reminded me of the movie Freedom Writers. Everybody thought of it as a class that where they could come and write about what was bothering them and then they would share out and in essence end up counseling each other," Walsweer said. She loved being close to her students and the junction between writing about literature and personal feelings. *Photo by Z. Ahsan.*