Frankfort, Ky -- Rachel Crider, Principal at Allen Elementary School in Floyd County, has been named the building level Administrator of the Year by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. She was presented the award at KASA’s annual leadership conference in Louisville, July 17, 2019.

This award represents the highest honor KASA bestows on active administrators, recognizing outstanding leadership, significant contributions to the effectiveness of the association, and the respect they bring to themselves, their colleagues, and their profession.

A KASA member for five years, Crider has been engaged in a variety of association initiatives, including being a member of the KASA Leadership Challenge Steering Committee, as well as a trainer for the program, a past presenter at KASA’s leadership conference, a presenter at the Southern Region Educational Board, and was one of 25 selected for the Kentucky Women in Education Leadership program.

Her leadership development has not gone unnoticed by others in the district, including Davida Marson, Director of Instruction for Floyd County Schools.

“Ms. Crider’s leadership abilities are second to none,” wrote Marson in her letter of recommendation. “This is an area of strength for her, but she continues to find ways to grow and improve.”

“She has a gift of communicating feedback to improve others. As a school leader, she is a true professional. She is innovative and dynamic, infusing her teachers with tremendous motivation and instilling in them the appetite for the joys of teaching and learning.”

Another letter of support commended Crider on her work ethic, passion, and leadership qualities that are recognized throughout the district and in the region.

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The Kentucky Association of School Administrators is the largest school administrators’ group in Kentucky, representing more than 3,100 education leaders from across the commonwealth. Formed in 1969, KASA connects education leaders to policymakers, legislators, and other interest groups, and provides numerous benefits and services to Kentucky’s school administrators.