

# Zoe West, Shelby Mombourquette and Amy Davey prove to be leading staff role models of 2019

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Three staff members from schools in Long Sutton, Kirton and Bourne were recognised for their positive impact on some of the next generation.

Amy Davey, of Willoughby School, Bourne, Zoe West, of Kirton Primary School, and Shelby Mombourquette, of Peele Community College, Long Sutton, took the teaching prizes at this year's Education Awards.

Miss Mombourquette, originally from Canada, was named Inspirational Secondary School Teacher of the Year (sponsored by Produce Industry Expo 2019) after leading Year 11 Citizenship students at Peele to organise the school's first-ever Mental Health Week.

In the most competitive awards category of all, judges chose Shelby ahead of other finalists Dawn Bushell (Spalding High School), Samantha Graper (University Academy Holbeach) and Fiona Martin (Bourne Academy).

Miss Mombourquette said: "It was a great honour to have been chosen for this award, one of the greatest honours I have experienced as a teacher, because we don't come to work thinking about recognition.

"But it's nice to be recognised outside of your own school for what I consider to be my day-to-day job and I got to share the evening with some of my colleagues and students who give me the pleasure I get out of the job that I do."

Judges were equally tested in choosing a Most Inspirational Primary School Teacher from one of Ben Slaughter (Swineshead St Mary's), Louise Wright (Gedney Church End) and Zoe West (Kirton).

But on the same day when her school won the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) prize at the 2019 Education Business Awards in London, it was Ms West who made it an impressive double for Kirton.

She said: "It was an absolute privilege but I could not have done it without all the adults and children at the school."



EDUCATION AWARDS 2019: Most Inspirational Primary School Teacher 2019, Zoe West, with Simon Stone, of category sponsors Springfields Outlet Shopping and Leisure. Photo by Tim Wilson. SG-040719-086TW

The award and certificates were presented by Simon Stone, retail director for category sponsors Springfields Outlet Shopping and Leisure, Spalding.

Mr Stone said: "This is the second year we've been involved in these awards and it's great to recognise teachers for the outstanding, inspirational and important job they do."

A determination to progress from starting out as a meals assistant to become a "higher level teaching assistant", according to her colleagues at Willoughby School, saw Amy Davey edge past fellow nominees Joy Hill (South View Community Primary School, Crowland) and Phyl Williams (The Deepings School) to lift the Support Staff Award.

Sharon McCauley, who presented the award and certificates on behalf of category sponsors Calthrops Solicitors, said: "I would like to congratulate all the nominees because it's a great award to be nominated for.

"We all appreciate the importance of our support staff and organisations would grind to a halt without them."