The Jeffco Student Engagement Office is excited and honored to announce the recipients for the 2019 Wayne Carle Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Diversity & Inclusion.

Administrator:
Samantha Hollman, Principal

Licensed Staff:
Jessica Post, High School Teacher

Educational Support Professional:
Andrea Syko, Family Engagement Liaison

Student:
Gabrielle Davis, High School Student

Community Group:
Jeffco Safe Schools Coalition, Community Group

In 1940 a group of grubby 10 year old campers, on their way back from a week in the mountains, could hardly wait for their promised swim at the local country club. They lined up eagerly at the entrance to the fenced club and began to enter. One of the campers Mary Ota, an Asian American, was stopped and told she could not enter. Without saying a word, her fellow campers all turned around and got back on the bus, their eyes filled with tears at the affront to their friend. One of those campers was ten year old Wayne Carle. Since that incident so many years ago, Dr. Wayne Carle, former Superintendent of Jeffco Schools, remained devoted to promoting cultural understanding and respect. His impetus for this work generated the Wayne Carle Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Diversity and Equity in Jefferson County Public Schools. This year’s recipients were nominated by Jeffco staff, students, and community members.

Recipients will be honored at the Board of Education meeting on October 10, 2019. Please contact Simone McLaughlin in the Student Engagement Office for further information about the awards ceremony and reception. 303-982-6559 or Simone.McLaughlin@jeffco.k12.co.us.