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## Paula Dyrkacz 2024 Special Education Teacher of the Year

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## About

The Council for Exceptional Children is honored to present Paula Dyrkacz, SAU 53's Preschool Coordinator and Teacher, as the recipient of the 2024 Special Education Teacher of the Year Award. This award highlights her dedication and commitment to the development of our youngest learners with special needs. Paula has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary ability to engage and inspire her students, tailoring her approach to meet the unique challenges they face. Her colleague aptly describes her work: "It takes a certain level of teacher magic and love to create an environment that not only meets their needs but pushes them to thrive." This sentiment echoes the views of many who have witnessed Paula's impact firsthand, reflecting her deep understanding of and empathy for her students.