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British School teacher receives Outstanding Educator Award

Chicago, IL - Clare Grehan, a Year 1 teacher at the British School of Chicago, was recognized as the 'Outstanding Educator' by the Ravenswood Community Council. The British School is located in the Ravenswood suburb of Chicago. The award was given by the Council at a Community Awards Evening on 28th February which was attended by community leaders, local politicians and heads of business. Dawn Amundson, grandparent of one of the 5-year-olds in Miss Grehan's class approached Head Teacher Mike Horton about the award and he fully supported the nomination. Ms. Amundson said that her family had been impressed with the nurturing environment that Miss Grehan creates in her classroom and by the individual connection that Miss Grehan has with each child. It is this connection that makes her more than just an educator for her pupils. Miss Grehan attended the awards ceremony with Mike and Kath Horton, Justine Bricheno and Liz Musson from the British School. "It was a real honour to even be nominated let alone win the award and I am very flattered and touched by the support of Ms. Amundson and Mr. Horton," said Miss Grehan.

A graduate of Manchester Metropolitan University, Miss Grehan taught in England for five years before coming to Chicago's British School in 2004 where she teaches Year 1 and is a member of the management team. Miss Grehan's pupils know that she has high expectations of them in all aspects of school life. They respond to this, always eager to please and enjoy school life, and know they always have her support and encouragement. Miss Grehan also takes pride in her relationship with her pupils' parents. It is this personal touch that she shows towards her pupils and their families that sets her apart.

The British School of Chicago is part of the British Schools of America which were founded in 1998 when the first school opened in Washington D.C. The British Schools of Boston and Houston both opened in September 2000, the British School of Chicago opened in September 2001 and the British American School of Charlotte, the fifth school, opened in September 2004. It is anticipated during the next few years that the total number of British Schools of America will grow to 20, all located in major cities across the USA. Pupils at the British Schools of America follow the International Primary Curriculum, the National Curriculum of England through GCSEs and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Teachers at the schools are recruited directly from the UK and are trained in the delivery of the National Curriculum, the IPC and the IB.

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