

Jen Waldvogel Wins Illinois Computing Educators “2019 Educator of the Year Award”

Jen Waldvogel, Teacher on Special Assignment for Technology Integration in Yorkville District 115, has been selected as the 2019 winner of the Illinois Computing Educators' 2019 Educator of the Year Award in the Tech Administrator category. Ms. Waldvogel was presented with her award at the Illinois Computing Educators (ICE-IL) State Conference, held February 25 – 28, 2019, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Conference Center in Schaumburg, IL.



Each year Illinois Computing Educators selects one educator in each of two categories – one classroom teacher and one technology administrator/specialist, for this prestigious award. Educators are nominated for this award by colleagues, fellow teachers, students, and school administrators who feel that the nominee has made outstanding contributions to the integration of technology and the improvement of teaching and learning in their school or district. Once nominated, candidates must complete an extensive application process that is reviewed, evaluated, and scored by members of the ICE Educator of the Year Committee. Selections are then confirmed by the ICE Executive Board for final approval.

Jen works alongside students, teachers, school & district leaders to guide blended programming, design professional development, and coach personalized instruction. Jennifer is a National Board Certified teacher who spent over a decade teaching writing, literature, empathy, and voice to high schoolers. Favorite class: Creative Writing. After a transformative blended learning pilot, she shifted into the role of TOSA to support Yorkville’s journey toward greater innovation, diving into student success at a global level.

Jennifer holds a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois (Psychology), Secondary Education from North Central College (Language Arts), and Master’s degree from Northern Illinois University (School Counseling). Publications include *Midwest Poetry Review* (2004), *The Storyteller Magazine* (2004), and *Educational Leadership* (2019). Jennifer is also a published novelist, *Untouchable* (2016), who blogs about life & career at jenniferwaldvogel.com & recently launched a 2019 positive messaging campaign [@be.untouchable](https://www.instagram.com/be.untouchable) on Instagram.

The mission of the Illinois Computing Educators is to promote the development, growth, and use of technology in all facets of education. The Educator of the Year award has been designed to honor ICE members from throughout the state of Illinois who are exemplary educators and leaders at the school or district level, and who have made significant contributions leading to the integration of technology into the educational process. ICE-IL is truly grateful to the many outstanding nominees each year, and for all they do for children in Illinois schools. The true winners are students in the many school districts throughout the state where these outstanding educators teach and work.