



The Literacy Alliance

Project READS  
Pre-High School Equivalency Prep  
High School Equivalency (HSE) Exam Prep  
English Language Learning  
Professional Certification and Training

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Friday, May 20, 2022 – Fort Wayne, IN** – On Thursday, May 19, 2022, The Literacy Alliance held its annual **Volunteer Appreciation Celebration** for the first time in two years. The celebration took place at The Summit campus, on the south side of Fort Wayne off Rudisill Boulevard.

The incredible volunteers recognized this year, included:

- The **2022 Gordon Cole Outstanding Program Volunteer of the Year Award** was awarded to **Trevor Waldman** for his work in TLA's high school equivalency (HSE) program.
- The **2021-2022 Toma T. Davis Volunteer Tutor-of-the-Year Award** was awarded to **Jane Winnerman-Shaw** for her work in TLA's Project READS program.

Additionally, these incredible volunteers were recognized for last year:

- The **2021 Gordon Cole Outstanding Adult Program Volunteer of the Year Award** was awarded to **Steven Steininger** for his work in TLA's English Language Learners (ELL) program.
- The **2020-2021 Toma T. Davis Volunteer Tutor-of-the-Year Award** was awarded to **Karen Sinish** for her work in TLA's Project READS program.

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The Literacy Alliance strives to end illiteracy by teaching through learning centers, literacy programs, and tutoring services that empower students to succeed at work, at home, at school, and in the community. Since 1988, The Literacy Alliance has helped more than 15,500 students improve the skills they need to work, live, and raise their families. For information on the program at The Literacy Alliance, please visit [literacyalliance.org](http://literacyalliance.org) or contact Melinda Haines, chief executive officer, at (260) 423-0001 or [melinda.haines@fwliteracyalliance.org](mailto:melinda.haines@fwliteracyalliance.org).