

A portrait of Maranda Foster, a woman with blonde hair, wearing glasses and a green scarf, smiling. The background is a textured brown.

Congratulations Maranda Foster!

2026 Michigan CEC Paraprofessional of the Year Award

Maranda Foster is a dedicated paraprofessional at Creekside School, where she serves as the lead support for the Middle School/High School Functional Life Skills program. Known for her empathy, patience, and remarkable ability to connect with students, Maranda provides a safe and consistent presence for students with significant behavioral and emotional needs.

One of Maranda's most impactful contributions is her work with the Creekside Bistro, a student-run café that provides hands-on opportunities to develop job-readiness and independent living skills. She also goes above and beyond by participating in wraparound meetings, individualizing student supports, celebrating milestones, and helping students work toward their IEP goals.

Having once received special education services herself, Maranda brings a unique perspective and deep understanding to her work. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work, continuing her commitment to supporting and advocating for others.

Through her compassion, resilience, and dedication to helping every student succeed, Maranda has made a lasting impact on Creekside community. Michigan CEC is proud to recognize her as our Paraprofessional of the Year.

