Manson Board of Directors recognized the 2019 Blue and White Excellence Awards winners at its recent school board meeting. Nominations were submitted by staff, students and community members. Award recipients were: Susan Sears, high school teacher and Gabby Lopez high school attendance clerk. Susan and Gabby were also celebrated at the North Central Educational Service District’s Excellence Banquet held in Wenatchee earlier this month.

Susan Sears, high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) Instructor and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Robotics Club Advisor. One of her nominators wrote, “Her work and dedication to robotics participants is outstanding. She devotes tons of time and forms wonderful relationships with her students.”

Gabby Lopez MS/HS Clerk and Varsity Soccer Coach. As submitted by one co-worker, “He is a humble person, pleasant and most importantly, he collaborates with whoever asks him for help.”

The Genius Hour Project is a time for students to discover, learn, and share about their passions and interests. Students were tasked with developing a guiding question to be answered, research about this topic, and then create something to share their learning with others. This model comes from Google, as they give their employees 20% of their day to work on projects they are passionate about within the company, and some schools have started to implement this model as well. Fifth graders did an excellent job in sharing their learning during our Genius Hour Exhibit with posters, PowerPoints, iMovies, and other demonstrations!