

## 2019 GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

**K**YLA WENDELL MCINTYRE is a peace builder. She works alongside students from diverse countries, cultures, languages, and perspectives, teaching English as an Additional Language, creative writing, and mindfulness. In 2017, she developed a Mindful Creative Writing course that helps develop compassion, tolerance, peace-building skills, authentic communication, self-confidence, conflict resolution, and kindness for self and others.

Kyla creates environments that are conducive to learning collaboratively, to living mindfully, and to sharing personal narratives which allow students to break down barriers. She is helping to create a culture of peace while giving the practical skills to achieve this.

Kyla is an advocate; she has nominated students for youth leadership awards and coordinated opportunities for students to meet with and interact



with government officials. This helps to create familiarity for students with authority figures, lowering or eliminating the barrier that may exist. Kyla supports students as they find their voices in the classroom and is amazed when they share their stories beyond it. She continues to be inspired and grateful for each student she connects with and guides. In addition to her life as a teacher, Kyla is also the mother of two young global citizens, Finn and McKenna.