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Supervisor of Math/World Language/Business (5-12)
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Principal of Russell O. Brackman Middle School
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Jared Burke & John Fiorentino
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Assistant Principal of Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School
Jennifer Lane
Principal of Joseph T. Donahue School
Regina Santolla
Assistant Principal of Joseph T. Donahue School
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Principal of Cecil S. Collins School
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Assistant Principal of Cecil S. Collins School
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Principal of Lillian M. Dunfee School
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2022-2023 Barnegat Inspires CEREMONY

In honor of

- SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS
- HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
- RETIREES
- OUTSTANDING STAFF MEMBERS OF THE YEAR
- GREATEST GAINS

June 8, 2023

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Superintendent's Award for Excellence, Ownership, and Pride

This is awarded to staff members who take pride in what they do and how they do it. Staff who are awarded this refuse to give anything less than 100% to the district, school, classroom, and students. They are always there when you need them and they exemplify what we want in our Barnegat family.

Recipients: Deanna Buccella, Christopher Cherubino Emily Dancisin, Michelle Dengler, Donna Durning, Kathryn Gehrke, Kimberly Germano, Marissia Grippe-Bartlow, Heather Harman, Dana Hermanni, Shirley Holly, Patricia Kilfeather, Robert Klaslo, Debbie Loechner, Suzan Lorenc, Tom Lowe, Daniel McGrath, Anthony Orecchio, Linda Sweet, Steven Tatur, William Thorne, Astin Williams, Elizabeth Worsham

Superintendent's Award for Being a Leader in Student Engagement

This is awarded to staff members who are leaders in innovation, active student learning, and collaborative learning in the classroom. Staff members who are awarded this honor embrace cutting-edge educational strategies and link learning to relatable, real-world connections. These staff members are willing to take risks in the classroom, and as a result, are leaders in student engagement.

Recipients: Maria Altomare, William Brasil, Erin Connors, Lisa Flores, Donna Gulla, Roy Huff, Jennifer Hurt, Lauren Mackin, Nina Polcino, Katie Quintero, Samuel Salguero, Tina Summerton, Erika Szelc, Joseph Tagliavia, Michael Villiez

Superintendent's Award for Advancing in Academics

This is awarded to staff members who set high expectations and are leaders in reading, writing, and literacy instruction, as well as, leaders in furthering STEAM and Mathematics in the classroom. Staff members who are awarded this honor implement cross-curricular learning and set high expectations. As a result, these staff members lead in high state testing scores and academic success.

Recipients: Angela Bivins, Gerard De Grazio, Jaime DiStefano, Cindy Gallagher, Pamela Hartsell-Stokes, Elissa O'Sullivan, Michele Ruddy, Stacey Walaszek, Colleen Wrubel

Superintendent's Award for Supporting Special Needs

This is awarded to staff members who prepare students for life beyond school, maintain high expectations, and demonstrate empathy. Staff members who are awarded this exemplify what we look for in a teacher of special needs children.

Recipients: Nicole August, Deanna Bartolini, Marissa Bedrose, Doreen Bernard, Giovanna DeGrazio, Thomas Duralek, Lynn Garry, Kimberly Hare, Kristen Howe, Rachel Javins, Kelly King, Michael Leone, Kellie Lucas, Rachel Martin, Chelsea McCallum, Katelyn O'Neill, Melissa Rose, Margaret Schoka, Kirsten Sciallo, Sara Voza, Cody Vurgason, Manon Wattez

Teacher of the Year FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Kevin Peters

Barnegat High School

Catherine Romano

Russell O. Brackman Middle School

Victoria Rizzo

Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School

Danielle Peregman

Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School

Tina Martin

Cecil S. Collins Elementary School

Jaclyn Grabowski

Lillian M. Dunfee Pre-K School

Staff of the Year FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Mike Palladino

District Buildings & Grounds / Technology

Samantha Burke

District Educational Services Provider

Rhona Mellugh

Paraprofessional

Jennifer Amato

Secretary

Christine Sweeney

Transportation

CONGRATULATIONS

Retirees

CYNTHIA ACKERMAN
NELLY ARAYA
GRACE BUCK
DONNA BUSCIO
SUE CIANCIMINO
RENA DINENO
BART DOWSTRA
ROBERT ENGLERT
MARK HARRINGTON
JOANNE MARANTINO
PATRICIA NOKES
JANET PARK
NATALIE PINTO-ALTONJY

JOSEPH PLATERO
DENISE PUMA
SUE ROGERS
LAWRENCE SANTANIELLO
LORI SCHOONOVER
BEVERLY SHAW
ALBERT SIMAN
ANTOINETTE SIMAN
ANN THOMPSON
JOHN TREVASKISS
ANDRES YLLANES
JOHN YOUNG

To Our Retirees,

Our Barnegat Township School District mission is to INSPIRE. You embody that. You have inspired our students to put their best foot forward each and every day, you have inspired your colleagues to grow as educators and mentors, and you inspired the parents and community to be active members of our district. Your lessons have made a significant difference in everyone you have come in contact with and we cannot thank all of you enough for these contributions. We will miss you all and wish you nothing but the very best life has to offer after you have given so much during the course of your incredible careers. Congratulations on beginning this next chapter.

Best wishes,
 Dr. Brian Latwis
 Superintendent of Schools

TENDENT

Inspires Awards

Superintendent's Award for Promoting & Supporting the Well-Rounded Student

This is awarded to staff members who support students beyond the classroom. Staff members who are awarded this honor promote opportunities for contests and activities, and support students outside of school and within the community. These staff members model and promote upstander behavior.

Recipients: Jennifer Blanchard, John Boylan, Jeffrey Fonseca, Stacy Raguckas, Traci Sellers, Kristen Staub, Sara Stoeckel, Michael Tomko, Meghan VanderPyl

Superintendent's Award for Building Relationships to Foster Learning

This is awarded to staff members who truly care about our students. Staff members who are awarded this honor build relationships with students and are partners with parents. These staff members leave a lasting impression on students and ultimately change their lives for the better.

Recipients: Christine Ayers, Keri Cronin, Jennifer Elms, Jamie Hans, Donna Hetherington, Nicholas Krueger, Morgan Schwartz

Superintendent's Award for Leading Our Staff to Inspire Change

This is awarded to staff members who are leaders of teachers. Staff members who are awarded this honor support and promote district and school visions, model positive attitudes and actions, and act as a coach to teachers. They go the extra mile and have taken ownership and initiative within the district.

Recipients: Jennifer Avezzano, Vivian Garaizar, Melissa Hayes, Lynn Lintner, Marybeth McCarty, Diane Morano, Samantha Rua, Lisa Savianeso, Kate Stolte, Katherine Torres

Superintendent's Award for Promoting Successful Student Athletes

This is awarded to staff members who are coaches that prioritize the student part of student athletes. Staff members who are awarded this honor set high academic expectations of team members and emphasize ethical and academic integrity, as well as, offer extra help and academic support.

Recipients: Tammy Nicolini, Carissa Shearer, Lyndsey Torre

Greatest Gains AWARD

LAURA ANDERSON
 DEANNA BARTOLINI
 ALANIS BAUMGARDNER
 ANGELA BIVINS
 KRISTEN BLASI
 JENNIFER BREYTA
 WILLIAM CAMPAGNOLO
 EMILY CHERRY
 MARIO CUNHA
 EMILY DANCISIN
 ASHLEY DAVIES
 GERARD DEGRAZIO
 DONNAMARIE DURNING

BRIAN FITZPATRICK
 JESSICA GASPARINO
 REBECCA KANE
 MICHELLE KAZANOWSKY
 AIMEE KLINGER
 KEVIN LISTON
 LAUREN MACKIN
 JENNIFER MADDALENA
 JENNIFER MARTIN
 TINA MARTIN
 KATHERINE MAXWELL
 BRENDAN MCCARTHY
 JENNIFER MEYER

CHRISTINA PARTYKA
 COURTNEY POLHEMUS
 JILLIAN QUINN
 KATIE QUINTERO
 ALEXANDRIA RAO
 MICHELE RUDDY
 CHRISTINA RUSZALA-FELICE
 MICHELLE RUSZCZYK
 KAITLIN SICILIANO
 DIANNE SPISAK
 JOSEPH TREEN
 STACEY WALASZEK
 TERESE WEINER

HALL *of*

The Hall of Fame's mission is to continue its very proud tradition, encourage excellence in all areas of education, and continue to cultivate and preserve the rich heritage of our schools and those who have retired and dedicated themselves to its service.

◆ Bonnie LoPiccolo, 1988-2021

During her three plus decades as an educator for Barnegat Twp. School District, Bonnie LoPiccolo was often referred to as the heart and soul of the district. She truly cared about each and every student and co-worker who she came into contact with. Bonnie never entered school without her contagious smile - the one that gave those around her a true sense of belonging. Not to mention, her sense of humor could make anyone's bad day turn around. She was and always will be a mentor to so many people who had the pleasure of working with her. Now newly retired, Bonnie reflects on how much she loved her career as an educator and loved being part of the Brackman family. Those who had the opportunity to work and learn from Bonnie say she is a true icon who has left a major mark in Barnegat.

◆ Marie Kozlowski, 2000-2020

Marie Kozlowski, 20 year veteran-teacher of the Barnegat Twp. School District, embodies exactly what it means to be a teacher. Her students were all lucky enough to be enveloped by her passion for instruction, regardless of their abilities or test scores. Every child she taught was nurtured and supported as they developed as writers, readers, and thinkers. Marie instilled competence and confidence in her students - trusting in their capabilities and allowing their strengths to shine. Because Marie's students were held to very high standards, her students moved onto their new life journeys with their heads held high and a strong sense of moral and academic responsibility in place. Every child left her classroom with the full knowledge of the English language and greatly improved reading and writing skills. Marie Kozlowski is the epitome of a true educator who not only helped mold her students, but also served as a shining example of what current and future teachers should strive to be.

FAME

Congratulations!

◆ Mary LaBruna, 1989-2013

Over Mary LaBruna's 24 years in the district and her roles as a Social Studies/Math Teacher, Vice Principal, and Supervisor of Math, she was completely dedicated to her craft, but more importantly, to her students the staff under her supervision. As a teacher, Mary was able to be the district's cheerleader for all her students. When standardized testing time came around, Mary laced up her boxing gloves and would do a motivational "Rocky" themed assembly for the students - reminding them that they could knock out testing! In 1993 and 2000, Mary received the Teacher of the Year Award for excellence. As a Vice Principal and Supervisor, Mary was fair and understanding with her students and was always there to listen to and assist staff members. Mary was a true educator who just loved teaching and always went above and beyond.

◆ Susan Perugini, 1996-2020

Susan Perugini served Barnegat students and staff with the utmost commitment. To her co-workers, she was looked at as family, someone who would always give sound advice, calm their woes, and help them recenter after stressful situations. Throughout her entire career, she always put the good of the kids first and foremost, and guided the staff - willingly and lovingly. Susan possesses a rare combination of integrity, sincerity, and professionalism and exhibited it on a daily basis in the classroom. She is often referred to as a role model, and she inspires those around her to be the best they can be. She continues to influence those who once worked with her even after she has retired. Her demeanor, eloquence, and work ethic is reflected in the lives she has touched.