# SUPERINTENDENT'S INSPIRES AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2019



BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 7:00 P.M. BHS AUDITORIUM

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE, OWNERSHIP, AND PRIDE

Superintendent's Award for Excellence, Ownership, and Pride is awarded to staff members who take pride in what they do and how they do it. Staff members who are

awarded this honor refuse to give anything less than 100% to the district, the school, the classroom, and the students. They are always there when you need them and they exemplify what we want in our Barnegat family.

### Colette Bach

Colette has been an integral part of my first year as Superintendent. She is thorough, organized, detail oriented, and caring. She cares deeply about the district and has been a true partner to me. She will come in early, stay late, and even drive back into the office to help me. She goes above and beyond and never once does she have a negative thing to say regarding the brisk pace, the time required, or the amount of work. Colette has truly been a key piece in making year one a successful one for me. Thank you, Colette.

~Brian Latwis, Superintendent



## Chief Keith Germain & Barnegat Township Police Department, Mayor Cirulli & The Town Council



Chief Germain and his department, as well as, the Town Council and Mayor Al Cirulli have been amazing to work with this year. Chief Germain's level of passion, energy, insight and forethought, partnered with a tireless work ethic and high standard of excellence, are evident and tangible to anyone who has been fortunate enough to work with him. This year alone the Town Council and Barnegat Police Department have partnered with the school district to develop ordinances on truancy and vaping aimed at protecting our students, have completed a vulnerability assessment to help make our schools a safer place, and developed mentoring programs for our students grades K through 12, prioritizing the importance of our students' social and emotional needs... just to name a few.

Chief Germain has come to every BOE meeting to partner with the School Board of Education and District Administration to hand out UpStander awards, promoting student demonstrations of strong character. The BPD has been quick to respond to any and all events that arise no matter how great or small, and that, above all else, is much appreciated. Speaking for the Barnegat School District, we cannot thank you and your department for the amazing wok you do.

~Brian Latwis, Superintendent

#### Randee Covine

Mrs. Covine has worked in the district for 20 years. She is an extremely organized person with an extraordinary work ethic, and attention to detail. She is a loyal employee who you can always depend upon for support or help. There are many intangible things Randee does on a regular basis that go above and beyond, but to name a few examples:

Randee ALWAYS gives 100%, as it should be; she was instrumental in ensuring Mrs. Makela's Media Center decor matched perfectly. Also, with the students in mind, she makes sure that every event and/or holiday is complete with decorations and matching colors and design;

She comes in early or stays late to ensure not only that every job gets done, but will do so to help any staff member who asks;

Randee not only is there for the staff and students, but she is truly Dunfee's "mom." She has many times gone into her wallet to help a student with lunch, got into the car to visit a student's parent and is our key person when it comes to coordinating, shopping, packaging and delivering gifts to needy families for the holidays; additionally, she is ALWAYS here to serve our families at special events we host throughout the year.

Mrs. Covine is genuinely and sincerely invested in the well-being and academic success of our students and families!



## Ryan Dalon

Mr. Dalon is a kind, calm, and supportive member of the Bengal Community. He has been a Head Coach and Assistant Coach for Lacrosse, Football, Wrestling, and Tennis. Mr. Dalon has volunteered countless hours to be involved in Bengal activities including Rumble in the Jungle, sporting events, and dances, to name just a few. Ryan is always a positive staff member and a friendly face. Students love to have him as a teacher, and staff love to work with him as a colleague. He is a member of the PD Academy, acting as a teacher leader and collaborating with others to provide relevant professional development to the Barnegat staff. Recently, Mr. Dalon has stepped into the role of Dean of Discipline and Part-Time Administrator in the Main Office. Ryan is trusted with his decision-making skills and fair discipline as part of the school community. He does all of these things with the mindset of what's best for our school and our students. He is a role-model teacher and coach and really shows what it is to have pride and ownership in our building.



#### **Robert Davis**

Coach Davis has been the Head Football Coach at Barnegat High School before the doors even opened. Each year, he works hard to promote, recruit, and prepare his athletes for the upcoming season. He is very active on social media and takes the time to highlight each and every one of his athletes. Students who have graduated come back to see Coach Davis both on and off the field. Mr. Davis brings back graduates to help volunteer and share their stories of post-graduation success. He runs a successful program and builds relationships with student-athletes and their families. Coach Davis sets up signing day activities for his players and invites friends and families to attend. He encourages his athletes to get involved in the Barnegat Community and gives them the tools they need for success.



## Kimberly Germano

Kim Germano has worked in Barnegat since 1996. Kim is the ultimate team player. She is kind and sensitive and always works to see the best in people. As a counselor, Mrs. Germano could just counsel, but she does so much more! Kim keeps in mind the vision of the school and seeks to fulfill that by helping the kids and the staff grow personally. She is quietly persistent. Kim was the one who kept working to get the Nurtured Heart presentation here at Horbelt. Kim pursued Unique You for the 3rd Graders, which taught the children coping and refusal skills, and how to just enjoy being themselves. She consistently goes above and beyond and does so with a smile.



### Susan Harkness

Susan Harkness is a veteran teacher at LMDS with 29 years of experience. She is always working to enhance student learning in her classroom. Mrs. Harkness has developed a great rapport with her students, the staff, and the entire community. She is still connected with many former students and provides them with support and assistance throughout their lives. Susan makes real-life connections to her students' lives and promotes a very healthy competition throughout the school year between herself and her students; she has a unique way of developing this coach vs student bond that produces a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and energy all the time. Additionally, this transcends to the staff and motivates the entire school team, as well as, elicits great school pride and spirit.



## Lefty's

Mr. and Mrs. Saropoulos have given much graciously to the school community, especially our families in need, regarding meals for many special events such as our Strengthening Families Night, Holiday Dinner, Pasta Night, Bunny Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation Week. They have dedicated a tremendous amount of time and resources to ensure our students, families, and staff are supported in every aspect.

Volunteering is something they have done selflessly; Barnegat is a small town with a real family vibe due to people like Jen and Ted Saropoulos. They have been contributing a myriad of hours to the schools and families consistently for years. Mrs. Saropoulos serves as Dunfee's PTA President, but also as Dunfee's unofficial, "mom!" She regularly communicates with teachers, guidance, secretaries, and admin on behalf of the students. Mrs. Saropoulos has brought great insight to every meeting she has attended, whether they are building based or District-wide. The Saropoulos family have offered their business, and personal time, to support the aforementioned special family and community events without hesitation or expectation of anything in return.



### Bonnie LoPiccolo

Mrs. LoPiccolo is Brackman Middle School. She can be found amongst the 7th graders teaching history, sharing stories, and engaging and nurturing our young Bulldogs. Mrs. LoPiccolo's great pride in this community and this school is forever on display, through her participation on various committees, Board meetings, and attendance and support at sports events and school presentations. Bonnie is one of the finest teachers to grace our halls and is often a fixture in former students' memories of their times at Brackman.



### Janet Park

Mrs. Park makes it her responsibility to see that the building is always cared for, decorated, and inviting. She facilitated many of the murals and signs that you see around Barnegat High School. In addition, she sees to it that the main office is always decorated for the season or holiday. She attends multiple events at the high school with her family and is truly the epitome of Bengal Pride. Janet has a genuine love for staff and the Barnegat community and it shows. She is one of the original hires of the Barnegat High School staff and has been a part of the positive growth that we have seen in the last 15 years. She is smart, kind, and understanding. She is efficient and does her job well; all while keeping the best interests of the building staff as a whole at the forefront of her actions. She takes it upon herself to see that the building runs as it should and is organized in doing so.



## Beth Ann Rapolla

Beth Rapolla is a Basic Skills Math teacher at the Joseph T. Donahue School. She has been a part of the Barnegat School District for the last 20 years. Mrs. Rapolla has a positive attitude, gets along with everyone in the building, cares about the students, and is truly willing to help out in any capacity whenever needed. Her dedication to the students is evident in her willingness to give up her prep or lunch to cover any teachers who are out. Beth loves the students and her Barnegat family, and we are lucky to have her.



## Jill Spain

Ms. Jill Spain is a Teacher of English at the Russell O. Brackman Middle School where she sets high expectations for students and offers opportunities for students to be engaged in meaningful activities, as well as, a teacher for the PAWS academy. Ms. Spain is also a volunteer advisor for the Oratorical contest, a facilitator of a book club with students, and a teacher leader. She continually goes above and beyond her role in the classroom to provide the best possible environment for the students. Everything Ms. Spain does, is done with excitement and pride.



## Sweet Jenny's

Barnegat is extremely fortunate to have a very special business such as Sweet Jenny's that helps to promote and foster a true family vibe in our town. Sweet Jenny's has been an asset to our community on so many levels as they have sponsored and contributed to many school and community events. "Investing in your community is a great way to give back to those who have helped support your business"; this philosophy has helped countless families in need and provided a valuable resource to several school programs. Sweet Jenny's always says "yes" and asks, "What else can I do?" They always give generously more than what is requested without asking. Sweet Jenny's is one of the most genuinely selfless supporters that you can always rely on in times of need. They have especially supported our Guidance Counselors with the District's Mentor/Mentee programs, NHS/NJHS initiatives to support families in need and PTA, District and Staff requests.



## Margaret Zabohonski

Peggy Zabohonski has worked for 25.5 year in Barnegat. She has been employed as a General Secretary in different buildings in the district and then a Principal's Secretary for the last 5 years at the Horbelt school. The best part of her job is the feeling of accomplishment and self-worth she gets after the completion of each day. She loves seeing the kids grow from being shy and scared on their first day of school to becoming independent, confident thinkers. She is a true support to administration and cares deeply about our Barnegat Family.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR BEING A LEADER IN STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Superintendent's Award for being a Leader in Student Engagement 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.

#### **Eric Geddes**

Mr. Geddes truly exemplifies the phrase, "Bringing education to life." Just a few minutes in his classroom and you will observe student exploration, collaboration, and a sense of pride. Mr. Geddes helps students explore Physics and helps them answer the question, "Where will I use this after graduation?" Eric promotes the wonderful things he does in his classroom through the use of Twitter. Students are excited to participate in the activities, and engaged throughout the lessons. Mr. Geddes builds wonderful student-teacher relationships and students seek his guidance in and out of the classroom. In addition to promoting classroom activities, he promotes wonderful things that happen in athletics. Not just his soccer athletes, but all. He consistently praises and retweets on Twitter and makes all students feel special. Eric's funny, calm demeanor attracts all students to him and is a role model teacher and gentleman who is often seen at events held at Barnegat High School to show his support for the community. With a smile on his face, he says, "Hello" to students, staff, and parents wherever he is. He is an exceptional member of the Barnegat High School staff.



### **Kevin Liston**

Kevin Liston is an effective teacher who provides engaging instruction and 110% each day. As demonstrated in observations, Mr. Liston embraces educational strategies, and uses many resources to provide instruction. Kevin is a "student-first" educator who is highly animated in his teaching and learning techniques. He puts the needs of his students as a primary concern in his teaching. In speaking with Kevin, he gives credit to his in-class support teacher, often saying that he comes up with mnemonics in songs that students listen to so that they understand different concepts in Mathematics. Although Mr. Liston doesn't listen to songs students may listen to, this shows he is willing to take risks in the classroom through providing different teaching strategies. In addition, he links learning to real world applications and provides relatable instruction to students. I am confident that Kevin will continue to enhance in his educational practices and impress all school administrators with his passion for educating students.



## Cheryl Migliacci

Cheryl Miglicci is an exemplary teacher; always going above and beyond for her students. She aims for full engagement and is successful day after day because she makes the content meaningful to her students. Cheryl creates personable dialogues with her students that reflect genuine warmth, caring, and sensitivity; she makes sure that she is aware of her students' interests. Ms. Migliacci's ability to develop relationships has enabled her to develop the skill sets of emerging mathematicians and enhance her exceptional students' ability to handle advanced rigor. Her conveyance of praise in her classroom is consistent, invoking their desire to improve under her tutelage.



## Lesley Thomson

Ms. Lesley Thomson is a leader in student engagement. All of the lessons that she implements in her classroom provide active student learning. Ms. Thomson teaches the content of her courses through the implementation of activities that are innovative, collaborative, and relatable to real world experiences. Her students have colored under desks to learn about Michelangelo and his painting of the Sistine Chapel, used props and costumes while they storm a French class to learn about the Storming of the Bastille, and planted flowers to learn about the Liberty Tree as a symbol of the French Revolution. Lesley constantly takes risks in the classroom to provide opportunities for her students to learn through engagement. As a result, her students are immersed in the lessons, while learning about the important events and topics of history. As a result of her engaging instructional strategies, Ms. Thomson was recently selected to present on Engaging Activities at the Social Studies Conference at Stockton University.



## Jennifer Wojciak

Mrs. Wojciak brings the Spanish classroom to life. She has worked with all levels of Spanish students in her time at Barnegat High School. When you walk into Senora Wojciak's classroom, it is always vibrantly decorated and engaging. There is exemplary student work displayed proudly around the room; even on the ceiling tiles! Jen's AP students have decorated many of the tiles in the room as a project that they were most proud of. In addition to her engaging classroom, Mrs. Wojciak has been the advisor of the World Language Club. She has been responsible for coordinating the International Dinner each year where students bring in dishes from their cultural heritage to share with others. This has always been a successful event at Barnegat High School. In recent years, Mrs. Wojciak has organized a field trip for her students where they travel to a Spanish restaurant and learn about culture through food and dance. Mrs. Wojciak has even been known to participate in the dance herself to surprise her students! She has a true passion for her subject area and it is evident; not only to the students but to the staff. She engages her students each and every day. Many come back to visit or keep in touch after graduation because of the true teacher-student relationships she creates.



## Elizabeth Worsham

Any given day you can walk into Mrs. Worsham's classroom and the students are up and about actively engaged in the lesson. Her lessons are student driven. BJ is positive, organized, outgoing, and compassionate. The way her classroom is set up allows students to get to know their classmates. She employs crisp transitions from one activity to the next and always alters pace appropriately. Mrs. Worsham engages her students by making the work in the classroom meaningful to them. She demonstrates passion and excitement upon delivery of the lesson. She has a plan and purpose for everything she does in her classroom, and if it doesn't work out as envisioned, she adjusts accordingly. She fosters relationships with each and every one of her students and makes connections.



### Heather Yost

Heather Yost has been a teacher at Barnegat High School for over 10 years. Mrs. Yost is a creative, engaging, strong teacher. Her classroom is always decorated with plants and animals, showing the connection of what her students are learning to reallife. She finds ways to make Biology and Astronomy engaging and exciting to students. Outside the classroom, Mrs. Yost has always been involved in the school community. She has been a class advisor, responsible for things such as fundraisers, proms, graduation ceremonies, project graduation, senior trip, and Mr. Bengal, to name a few. She seeks to get all students involved not only in the learning process of the classroom but in the social activities that promote healthy growth in our students. She teaches students the importance of following rules and being a productive member of the Barnegat Community. She encourages them to get involved in their school and class. In addition, Mrs. Yost seeks to help those students who are struggling with their academics by working with them after school and providing resources to those in need. She is involved with many homebound students and makes it her mission to make all students feel successful and accepted. She is funny and kind and makes students feel welcome.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS TO FOSTER LEARNING

Superintendent's Award for Building Relationships to Foster learning 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.

## Kerry Bollenbach

Ms. Bollenbach is the drama teacher at Barnegat High School. She makes it her purpose to make strong connections with her students to encourage them to reach their potential and try something outside of their comfort zone in the acting community. Kerry builds the relationships between her classroom lessons and the theater stage; offering opportunities to many students to become involved. She is the director of the Bengal Theatre Company and has started the Thespian Troupe. Ms. Bollenbach works on stagecraft, acting, music, sound, and lighting - all the aspects of a theater production, and teaches students how to do the same. She encourages and finds a place for all students to get involved through promotion, classroom lessons and Bengal Buzz features.



### Elizabeth Elko

Mrs. Elko is an exceptional teacher. Since starting at Barnegat High School 14 years ago, she has never lost her love or spark for teaching. She engages each and every student in her classroom by bringing English class to life. Liz's classroom is a stage; her teaching style is that which promotes the love for reading and literature. She is animated, loving, caring and supportive and refers to her students as "cubs" and encourages them to always do their best. In addition to teaching at Barnegat High School, Mrs. Elko is a published author and has worked as an adjunct professor, as well as, a presenter at Universities. Her love for teaching is evident each and every day, and brings that to life for her students. Last year, Mrs. Elko was chosen to be the spotlight teacher for NJEA Classroom Closeup show, highlighting all the wonderful things she does in her classroom at Barnegat High School.



## Kathryn Gehrke

Mrs. Gehrke guides students to work hard and do their best. She does so through daily interactions and counseling. Mrs. Gehrke provides the emotional support that students need to strive and do well in the classroom. Her procedures are well-established, and creates an environment of mutual respect and genuine concern that is conducive to student expression throughout the school, an open exchange of ideas, and successful counseling. She coordinates AP testing and 504 plans for the students at Barnegat High School. Kate truly promotes and supports students at various points in their high school career. Mrs. Gehrke consults with teachers, parents, and administrators and responds appropriately to referrals. She also uses and applies her knowledge of student needs to help teachers, parents, and students develop realistic academic, personal, and post-school plans.



## Jennifer Lane

Jennifer Lane has been in education since 2001 and solely in Barnegat! She first student taught in first grade at Collins with Betty Ann Bleakly. Mrs. Lane went to Horbelt when it opened in 2001 where she started kindergarten. Most of her time has been in Kindergarten at Horbelt but she did go to first grade for a year, and is currently working in K+ and Basic skills/ Strategic Reading Intervention. Jen leads the Climate and Culture committee, and makes sure that whatever milestones her colleagues have achieved, are celebrated because she believes people are worth celebrating. People are what makes teaching special. Every person in the Horbelt building feels valued in this way. Mrs. Lane is one of the building leaders in celebrating her peer's life and professional accomplishments.



### Michelle Lutcza

Ms. Lutcza has assumed the role of liaison between the school and the important stakeholders we serve. As a Barnegat parent, teacher, and PTA member she is in a unique position to understand the complex demands of communication, parent involvement, and support for our students from various perspectives.

She volunteers her time to serve on the Principal's Transition Team, offering grade level advice and suggestions to shape school based practices. By providing reflection on changes and suggesting areas for improvement, she actively shapes the school. Likewise, as a liaison to the PTA her feedback is invaluable in helping the governing board to allocate time, resources, and efforts.

However, quite possibly her greatest contributions come when she is working directly with students to enhance their school experience. Events like the talent show and school science fair, which she coordinates, provide students with opportunities, enrichment and artistic expression.



## Mary Mitchell

Mary Mitchell is adept at engaging her emerging mathematicians with acquiring the skills necessary for their academic growth. She creates personal connections with her students as a method of making them feel comfortable with their daily assignments within her blended learning environment. Mary is often observed interacting with her students with a smile on her face and warmth in her words of encouragement. Mary's practice of being personable with her learners has enabled her to foster a path for her students to become grade-level proficient mathematicians.



## Brittany Wishart

Brittany Wishart has worked at LMDS for 3 years. She is a true team player and likes to get involved in every capacity; one specific area of strength is that she works well with our ICR teachers, aides and students. Mrs. Wishart has established relationships with every single parent of her students; on any occasion that guidance or myself have addressed, Mrs. Wishart has provided us with previous knowledge that consists of many and various forms of communication with the parent and student. One particular student encountered a hardship at home. As a result she really struggled both academically and socially; Mrs. Wishart immediately came to her aid. Brittany also regularly communicated with guidance, administration, and the student on a daily basis to develop strategies to help her succeed. Mrs. Wishart's commitment to helping her students achieve their goals is an investment she makes with all of her students; she fosters a relationship with students that makes them feel important.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR LEADING OUR STAFF TO INSPIRE CHANGE

Superintendent's Award for Leading our Staff to Inspire Change 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.

## Mary Cammarata

Mrs. Cammarata has been a Teacher of English at Barnegat High School for many years. Recently, Mrs. Cammarata has obtained her degree as a K-12 Reading Specialist and has become an instructor for the Barnegat Professional Development Academy. Since then, she has become the primary teacher of the EOC courses at the high school. Mrs. Cammarata has been a coach and advisor to the students, as well as, to her colleagues. In addition, Mary has been a part of the Bengal community in many ways. Recently, she was selected to work on a committee for the NJDOE to create the next state assessment.



## Nora Green

Mrs. Green is a first grade Early Intervention teacher at the Joseph T. Donahue School. She has been a part of the Barnegat School District for the last 13 years. Mrs. Green is an outstanding teacher who excels in providing individual, scientific based, data driven instruction to her students. Nora has become an integral part of the Donahue School in providing assistance with helping to identify struggling learners and their specific areas of need, as well as creating classroom intervention strategies to meet those needs. Nora never backs away from a challenge and has worked with some of the most at risk and students in need.



## Suzanne Mayo

Mrs. Mayo has worked in Barnegat for 13 years and in education for over 23 years. Her greatest joy is seeing progress in student learning and helping students to develop the desire to learn on their own. Sue's driving vision is how to make her students successful. She constantly looks for new ways to help students, continuously looks for ways to improve her craft, and knows the power of being a teacher. Mrs. Mayo is a teacher leader. Completely selfless, she gives up her own time to help others. Her passion is tangible and her love for her students is evident.



### Sarah O'Neill

Mrs. O'Neill is a fifth grade Math/Science teacher at the Joseph T. Donahue School. She is a fun-loving, free spirit who is willing to take chances within her classroom to create an enjoyable and exciting learning environment for her students consisting of academic, social/emotional, and project based learning. If there is a crazy, out of left field idea that has the potential of helping her class, Sarah will be the first to do it -- guaranteed!



## Leigh Sharpless

Mrs. Sharpless is one of Barnegat's unsung heroes. Never one to stand up and take credit or ask for positive praise, she continually works behind the scenes to help launch new initiatives, programs, and support staff.

From Science labs to Maker Space activities Mrs. Sharpless consistently supports initiatives by coaching teachers, modeling lessons for classes, and sourcing materials, resources, sometimes from her own finances. She is always investigating the latest trends to excite kids and interest them in learning. Ozobots, LED accent lighting, Educational Minecraft, 3D virtual reality learning, and Cubelets are just a few of the engaging products she has introduced.

Beyond student program initiatives, staff initiative support and training has been an absolute strength of Mrs. Sharpless's contributions. Specific examples include Genesis lesson planning, Genesis gradebooks, and Genesis Employee Portal training. Mrs. Sharpless even took her expertise on the road assisting other schools with their implementation initiatives. We are lucky to have such a wonderful resource as a colleague at the Collins School.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR PROMOTING & SUPPORTING THE WELL-ROUNDED STUDENT

Supporting the Well-Rounded Student 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.

#### Kristen Blasi

Mrs. Blasi inspires and challenges students to work hard and fosters a love for reading and literature. Staff and students know when she is teaching *The Great Gatsby* because you will see her dressed up as a flapper throughout the day! She brings her lessons to life and encourages students to open their minds and engage in the lesson. Mrs. Blasi also promotes writing skills in her classroom through creative writing and self-reflection, and her love for writing is evident in these lessons. Kristen builds positive relationships with students and their families both in and out of the classroom. In addition to teaching, she is the head coach of the Color Guard and Winter Guard and works hard with these student-athletes year-round to prepare them for halftime shows, parades, and competitions. Kristen promotes their accomplishments on social media, marquee board, and Bengal Buzz. This truly promotes the well-rounded student and prepares them for post-graduation activities.



#### Michele Cucinotta

Mrs. Cucinotta has been in the district for 31 years. She currently works at Dunfee as the Guidance Counselor, but prior to this, she taught middle school Science. Many of the parents within the Dunfee community are former students, as well as, several staff members; ALL who rave about Michele's personable and compassionate spirit. She is an extremely personable and professional individual that is well-respected among staff and the community. Mrs. Cucinotta is the heart of the school, and many would say, the heart of our community/district. She goes above and beyond to help the families in her community. Strengthening families is a prime example of this. Thank you for all that you do.



### Chelsey McCallum

Over the past 4 years Ms. McCallum has served as a Kindergarten teacher at the Collins School and as the BSA Coordinator. Ms. McCallum has shown tremendous growth as a young teacher. She has demonstrated a willingness to take feedback and strategies from veteran staff, has researched professional growth opportunities outside of the workday, and piloted initiatives that would benefit her students. From piloting interactive TV's to researching and turn-key training progress tracking software, Ms. McCallum strives to provide a classroom that is responsive to student needs. In the classroom, every student is treated as an individual.

Ms. McCallum assists students' development by continually communicating with parents about classroom successes, student concerns, and areas where parents can help support the home-to-school consistency. She volunteers her time often giving her time to sit with students to provide extra support or just be a listening ear. Beyond the classroom walls Ms. McCallum has taken on the role of Before School Activities Coordinator. It is in this role that she organizes signups, club times, and staff resources to provide a variety of extension activities to students



#### Valerie Morris

Valerie Morris has been a teacher at Barnegat High School for 15 years. Mrs. Morris teaches four levels of French at Barnegat High School. In addition to teaching, she has been a class advisor, an advisor of the World Language Club, and an organizer and supporter of the touchdown club. Val has also volunteered countless hours to be involved in many fundraising events at Barnegat High School. Her classroom is vibrantly decorated to engage her students upon entering. She works hard to ensure that students can make real-life connections with French language and culture. Mrs. Morris is often seen at many events that Barnegat High School has to offer; whether it is cheering on her sons or her students, she is there to support our Bengal family. She models to students the importance of getting involved in the school community.



## **Anthony Orecchio**

Mr. Orecchio, the 2018 Teacher of the Year at Barnegat High School, promotes wellrounded students through his daily activities. In addition to teaching Honors Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Music Composition, Guitar Workshop, and Music Theory, Mr. Orecchio is involved in many aspects of the Bengal community. He organizes, conducts, and plays instruments in the Bengal Theatre Company productions, and does the same for music throughout the school, such as lobby and holiday performances. He is also a member of the Barnegat District DEAC committee, monitors and updates the school marquee, school website, and Twitter pages, as well as, helps the Technology Department during the school day. He is also involved with the Barnegat High School Marching Band. He also collaborates with the Brackman Middle School band and invites them to events and games. He brings guest artists and speakers into his classroom to show students that music can be a part of their post-graduation life. In addition to all this, Mr. Orecchio is the president-elect of the All-Shore Band Director's Association. He truly exemplifies what it means to be well-rounded and involved in multiple aspects of the Bengal Community.



#### Allison Stella

Ms. Stella's daily actions and activities make her a role model to staff members for providing students with the benefits of being well-rounded. In her classroom, Ms. Stella implements engaging and challenging lessons, while expecting hard work and perseverance. She also works with the Bengal Buzz students during and after school hours to create weekly episodes, cover events in the Barnegat School District, and create informational videos for the district website and board meetings, to name a few. When she is not working with Bengal Buzz, Allison is the advisor of Poetry Out Loud, encouraging students to write and have their poems published and shared locally and statewide. Ms. Stella is also an integral part of our music department, where she plays instruments for the Bengal Theatre Company productions, as well as, the band and chorus performances. This year, she also worked alongside the Junior Class Advisor to provide the fashion show with performances from herself and other students. She is involved in many aspects of the Bengal Community and we are so lucky to have her as a role model to show students that being well-rounded can be fun and rewarding.



## Maureen Tyrrell

Maureen Tyrrell has been a nurse at LMDS for 15 years. Mrs. Tyrrell is very dedicated to the staff, students, and community. She offers information and support to all. She is genuine in her concern and support for staff and students. Maureen serves as a great liaison between the community and the school, and will give whatever time is needed to help in any aspect, such as escorting students home when parents have no transportation, and providing clothing and undergarments to any student who needs it. Mrs. Tyrrell truly promotes the health and well-being of our Dunfee Community.



### Erich Wald

"Erich" is encouraging, reliable, and self-motivated. Mr. Wald continues to challenge himself and his students, and has met every hurdle along the way with a positive attitude and teaches his students to do the same. Not only does he make learning fun - he teaches his students life-long lessons. Erich puts 110% effort into everything he does and he is constantly challenging himself to do better. Time after time he exceeds the expectations. Erich always lends a helping hand to others and is a true team player that wants everyone to be successful - he motivates all to do better, not only in school, but in life. He is one who many, including myself, admire.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR PROMOTING & SUCCESSFUL STUDENT ATHLETES

Superintendent's Award for Promoting Successful Student Athletes 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.

## **Emily Cherry**

Emily Cherry is a dedicated math teacher at Barnegat High School and she is also our Head Boys Swimming Coach. Coach Cherry constantly stresses the importance of the term "student athletes" with the student part coming first. She has initiated policy on her team that every student has to complete a grade sheet which must be signed by all of their teachers and parents in order to compete that week. Emily knows the academic standing of each and every one of her athletes and she requires them to perform in the classroom just like they do in the pool.



#### Rebecca Kane

Rebecca Kane is a dedicated 8th grade ELA teacher at the Russell O. Brackman Middle School, and is also our Head Girls Swimming Coach. Coach Kane constantly stresses the importance of the term student athletes with the student part coming first. She has initiated policy on her team that every student has to complete a grade sheet and that sheet must be signed by all of their teachers and parents in order to compete that week. Coach Kane knows the academic standing of each and every one of her athletes and she requires them to perform in the classroom just like they do in the pool.



## Daniel McCoy

Mr. McCoy is our Baseball Coach and holds our students to the highest ethical standard possible. He preaches the triple-threat athlete, mandates high academic standards, and will bench any player who he receives a poor report from a staff member. Coach McCoy installs accountability and reliability as cornerstones of his program. His focus on student athletes help mold our Bengals to be future productive members of society and future leaders.



## Susan Perugini

Mrs. Perugini is the person behind the scenes who promotes each and every one of the student-athletes at Barnegat High School. She works tirelessly to ensure that they are properly cleared academically and physically. In addition, she works with the coaches to enroll teams in events and competitions. Sue secures all the officials and judges for events and keeps the schedule updated and organized. She supports all programs; whether it is through fundraising or attending events. Mrs. Perugini is a true member of the Bengal Community and she promotes the wonderful successes of our programs on the marquee board on Bengal Blvd. Mrs. Perugini also keeps athletes of the week displayed in the hallway outside of the athletic office. She is the reason the operations of athletics run so well and we are lucky to have her here in our Barnegat family.



## Joseph Tagliavia

Mr. Tagliavia has taught mathematics to sixth and eighth grade students at Brackman for the past five years and has done so with an energy and passion that is contagious to students and staff. Early in his tenure at Brackman, Mr. Tagliavia asked to act as a volunteer coach with the soccer program. He was so effective and popular amongst the students that he was asked to take over the team, a decision that has helped to build the girls team into perennial title contenders. Joe has also served as the assistant coach for the Brackman Baseball Team, a program that has also grown by leaps and bounds in his time; resulting in their first ever division championship. 'Coach T1' has led the JV Girls Basketball Team, while in the summer he helps to coach the Barnegat Summer Sports Camps.



# SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR ADVANCING IN ACADEMICS

Superintendent's Award for Advancing in Academics 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.

#### Alexander Aschenbach

Mr. Aschenbach has high expectations for his students. He provides exciting and innovative lessons to his class and helps answer the age-old question, "Where will I use this?" He shares stories with the students of his own experiences with researching conservation and banding of endangered birds in New Jersey, and the effects of particulate debris from the World Trade Center on human lung cells. These examples help bring his lessons to life. Alex provides an outstanding amount of resources for his students through his website, and encourages his students to use every resource available for success. He works hard with his classes to provide meaningful instruction in his classroom. In addition, Mr. Aschenbach is a team player. He is ready and willing to help other staff in their time of need. He works alongside his department, in-class support teachers, and other staff in the building to promote positive and collaborative relationships.

#### **Maureen Dudics**

Mrs. Dudics is a challenging and exemplary teacher. From just a few moments in her classroom, you will see that she expects her students to work hard and encourages them to do their best. She builds relationships with her students and they've come to know these expectations, and they strive to do their best because they are rewarded with the positive outcomes and extensive knowledge in the content. Maureen is often seen around the building in her white lab coat bearing her initials, MAD. She has a wonderful sense of humor and is professional in every sense of the word. Mrs. Dudics teaches students how to be accountable for their actions, and is a role-model for staff in the building for promoting academics. She teaches high-level Chemistry classes at Barnegat High School and works diligently to prepare her students for their future, both in Chemistry and in post-graduation plans, by encouraging them to be the best organized students they can be; planning ahead and making smart moves for success.



### **Donnamarie Durning**

Mrs. Durning has worked for the district for 23 years. Donna is one of our strongest teachers. As a veteran, she is the best role model for our new teachers -- Donna's toolbox is big! She does outstanding work with differentiating student work for her diverse learners; particularly in math workshop. This enables struggling learners to work on their skills in a means that allows them to demonstrate their true knowledge better. Additionally, Donna does this extremely well with assessments; she breaks down tests with consideration of each individual learners' barriers in mind so that she can accurately check their understanding. Mrs. Durning brings the learning to life!



#### Erin Koovits

Mrs. Erin Koovits is a teacher dedicated to setting high expectations in her classroom and holding students accountable so that they can reach their highest potential. She teaches AP and Honors Social Studies courses at Barnegat High School, as well as In her classroom, Mrs. Koovits sets high standards for her students through the implementation of cross-curricular learning. While Erin is extremely knowledgeable in her content area, which is demonstrated in her instruction, she also places a huge emphasis on reading and writing skills. Often implementing crosscurricular writing assessments and real world connections, Mrs. Koovits strives to support her students to become high-achieving readers and writers, who can utilize their knowledge and skills in real world scenarios. For example, in her AP Government and Politics course, Mrs. Koovits has students research civil and criminal cases and predict court decisions based on their knowledge of the case and the court system. Mrs. Koovits' love for her content area and learning is evident in her classroom and in her rapport with her students. In fact, many of her students often continue to take courses that she teaches because of her impact on their education.



#### Marie Kozlowski

What makes Marie Kozlowski one of the top educators Barnegat has seen? GRIT and her strong character, her passion, and perseverance for meaningful goals. Mrs. Kozlowski establishes clear expectations for her students at the start of the year and follows them consistently as the year goes on. She holds herself and her students accountable - She manages her classroom thoughtfully - when she says something she means it! Marie designs rigorous lessons and academic activities for her students - the lessons taught stay with her students and they come back year after year to remind her of the impact she has had on them. She promotes deeper thinking. She truly holds her students to "Good isn't enough when better is expected." She expects hard work, and, as a result, students rise to the occasion time after time, year after year. She is respected by the staff and students and is a mentor to all. Marie Kozlowski is one of a kind.



## Suzanne Mayo

Mrs. Mayo has worked in Barnegat for 13 years and in education for over 23. Her greatest joy is seeing progress in student learning and helping students to develop the desire to learn on their own. Sue's driving vision is how to make her students successful. She constantly looks for new ways to help students, continuously looks for ways to improve her craft, and knows the power of being a teacher. Mrs. Mayo is a teacher leader. Completely selfless, she gives up her own time to help others. Her passion is tangible and her love for her students is evident.



## Jennifer Meyer

Over the past 11 years, Ms. Meyer has served as a Kindergarten, first Grade, second grade, and K+ teacher in the Barnegat School District. Ms. Meyer has worked to advance academics both in her classroom, in our school, and across the district. Serving as a mentor to new teachers, Jen shares her breath-of-knowledge in areas of early childhood development, imparting strategies and skills acquired over her career in workshops, training, and in other districts in New Jersey and Illinois. Ms. Meyer has demonstrated an ability to provide colleagues with feedback, strategies to improve classroom management, lesson planning, digital resources, and delivery of instruction.



## Barbara Quick

Barbara Quick teaches Mathematics at Barnegat High School; she also serves as a PD Academy Instructor. She is a veteran teacher with 13 years of experience. In that time, Mrs. Quick has earned the respect of her peers and established herself as a leader in the classroom. She organizes an AP calculus pre-test for the county. Barbara sets high expectations for herself and those around her, and helps students reach them. To that point, it is quite common for her to give up her lunch to tutor, and corresponds with her students all summer to complete summer work.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR SUPPORTING SPECIAL NEEDS

Superintendent's Award for Supporting Special Needs is awarded to staff members who prepare students for life beyond school, maintain high expectations, and demonstrate empathy. Staff members who are awarded this honor exemplify what we look for in a teacher of special needs children.

#### Deanna Bartolini

Mrs. Bartolini has been a part of the Barnegat Township School District since 2009 and has worked in our elementary Behavioral Disabilities program since her start. Mrs. Bartolini's caring and compassionate nature have made her incredibly successful when working with some of our most challenging students. She never gives up on them and always encourages students to be the best they can be. As educators we strive to build relationships with our students in order to make a positive impact and Mrs. Bartolini exemplifies what it means to do this. Deanna is well-respected by her peers for her extensive repertoire of strategies that help our neediest children function normally. Because of her intense love, understanding of these children, and willingness to fight for their best, children flourish under Deanna's tutelage.



## Zachary Brebner

Mr. Brebner is the true definition of a team player who is willing to help, support, donate, volunteer, and lead. In the classroom, his calm demeanor and approach to learning inspires students to persevere, and has built meaningful relationships with both students and staff at Barnegat High School. He has been a mentor, teacher, and coach to many during his time here. Mr. Brebner encourages students to do their best and promotes this by having written on his homepage that "hard work pays off" and for students to "stay focused." In addition to his responsibilities in the classroom, he coaches and volunteers for many events. Zach promotes Bengal Pride and encourages students to be involved. He has also been involved in the history club and attends field trips with other clubs to help support and promote. Zach is a role model at Barnegat High School and we are so lucky to have him on our staff.



## Megan D'Arienzo

Mrs. D'Arienzo has been a part of the Barnegat Family since 2013. She began her time in district as a paraprofessional and transitioned into her role as a teacher almost 4 years ago. She has spent her time here working with students with multiple disabilities and has been a strong advocate for her students. Megan incorporates art and sign language, and her classroom runs like a well oiled machine. She has provided support to her fellow teachers and is always willing to jump in and help a colleague who may need support, guidance, or help.



#### Kristen Howe

Mrs. Howe, through her years in Barnegat, has always been a professional. She is well-respected by the administration and her peers. She is a hard worker and is always willing to go above and beyond. Mrs. Howe has volunteered her time to work on the FUSE planning committee and attends FUSE events at night, helping to make the program a success. She has put together professional development to support our staff and programs. Kristen is always so positive and willing to help out in any way she can, no matter how large her workload. She has helped out team members, taking on a mentorship role, even when that has been outside of her assigned duties. Kristen is also a great asset to the team, often working with colleagues to brainstorm solutions to challenging problems. The Barnegat family is lucky to have her.



#### William Junker

Mr. Junker is a special education teacher at Barnegat High School. Throughout his many years in our school, Mr. Junker goes above and beyond both in and out of the classroom. He has been a teacher, coach, and mentor. He encourages his students to always do their best by acting as a role model and creates meaningful, long-lasting relationships with his students and their families. Chip promotes an atmosphere of respect in his classroom and helps students succeed. His classroom is inspiring and creative; he brings his lessons to life to make a real-life connection for his students. Mr. Junker is an advocate for each of his students and provides them with the tools they need to be successful members of the community upon graduation. He supports and gives praise to his student's vocational and job skills to help students learn that with these skills, they can have a rewarding experience post-graduation. In the building, Chip has implemented culture and a sense of community through the "We Are The Change" logo. He encourages staff to wear our Bengal Pride colors on Fridays to show support of one another. In addition, he has run several successful fundraisers through the BEA for scholarships and to help our staff in need. Mr. Junker truly cares about the Bengal Community, staff, students and families.



#### Patricia Kilfeather

Patty Kilfeather is a Basic Skills Math Teacher at LMDS with 12 years of experience. Patty is a great resource for teachers, as well as, an excellent teacher to help struggling students experience success in the classroom. Mrs. Kilfeather exemplifies the phrase, "patience of a saint." One good example of this is when she works with a struggling second grader who gets extremely frustrated easily, which often manifests into a loud temper tantrum; however, Mrs. Kilfeather calmly encourages him without negotiating. She never wavered and the student has made tremendous strides due to her genuine commitment and consistent approach. This is one example of many; additionally, Mrs. Kilfeather is able to share her knowledge of what works and does not work for each of her students with their teachers.



#### Robert Klaslo

It is most evident, through daily interaction with Mr. Klaslo, that he creates meaningful and supportive relationships with his students. He checks in on them often, lets them know that he cares, and is always there for them. He sets a high level of expectations for his students and works with them to ensure that they are met. Bob also works closely with students on grades, attendance, and social skills. He is often called to the main office to help with administrative situations as his calm, helpful demeanor is always what is needed to solve problems and collaborate successfully. Bob's coined phrase is "Take 2 Klaslos and call me in the morning." Mr. Klaslo has worked at both Barnegat High School and ROBMS in the capacity of CST and Cross Country/Track Coach. He models the importance of health and fitness with his student-athletes and works right alongside them to ensure success. Mr. Klaslo also works with other CST members in the district to collaborate on programs for students and school refusal.



## Debra Majewski

Mrs. Majewski has been an employee in the Barnegat School District for 11 years. She began her employment as a paraprofessional and transitioned into the role preschool teacher for students with disabilities 6 months later. She worked with students, families, and other building staff to ensure her students' success. Two years ago, Mrs. Majewski transitioned into the role of a Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant. In this role, she supports students and teachers and ensures that students are able to meet success in their academic program. She goes above and beyond in the area of relationships. Debbie knows her caseload and she leads with her heart and head and, as a result, the students and families truly benefit.



#### **Kevin Peters**

This year, Mr. Peters became the teacher of the MD classroom at Barnegat High School. Since taking on this role, he has implemented many new ideas and projects with his students. He has transformed his classroom into a constant learning environment; giving everything purpose and making the real-life connection for his students. Kevin has organized and promoted a project for his classroom which focuses on acts of kindness. His students have been creating and working on these acts with students, staff, and administration. It gives them a sense of pride and accomplishment. In addition, Mr. Peters has teamed up with the BD classroom and facilitated collaboration between the two classes with events such as holiday meals and breakfasts. Mr. Peters is also a coach in the Barnegat District and has created many student-teacher relationships in our Bengal Community. Kevin invites students into his classroom to act as mentors and provides them an opportunity to engage and make their own relationships with his students.



## Susan Rogers

Ms. Rogers has been an integral part of the Child Study Team for many years. She has been there for countless students at Barnegat High School. Whether it was to support them in the classroom, at home, with graduation requirements, pushing them to succeed, on the tennis court or on the green, she has built countless relationships with students and families in the Barnegat Community. Ms. Rogers goes above and beyond in her role. She makes house calls when necessary, takes homebound students to help meet their needs when not in school, and donates to families in need. All of these things help build and strengthen the home/school connections that are so important in our school. Sue has been a successful coach at Barnegat High School, earning many awards and accolades. In addition, she herself has been named Coach of the Year by the NJSIAA. She has developed our Challenger League Tennis and Golf programs and has been actively involved with the Special Olympics in both Tennis and Golf, as well as the US Tennis Association.



#### Mindie Sobrinski

Mindie Sobrinski is a dynamic team player, both as a special needs teacher and as a creative individual, since she has been a member of the Brackman family. As a teacher of our multiple disabilities population, she effectively differentiates her lessons on a daily basis to meet her students' unique learning needs. Mrs. Sobrinski does this by engaging her students through visual, collaborative, and hands-on methods. Combined with her nurturing character, Mindie leads her students toward discovery and independence; she also mentors several students in the school who are in need of direction. She has her mentee students make positive "buddy" connections with her students as a way of developing communication skills and building community. Outside of school, Mrs. Sobrinski is a solid practitioner and true student of yoga. She demonstrates knowledge and continuous learning of this discipline. Her internet profile reveals her ability to inspire her followers to engage in yoga's physical and mental demands.



### Jeanne Soccodato

Mrs. Soccodato has been a part of the Barnegat family for the last 5 years. She began as a long term substitute and transitioned into the role of an elementary multiple disabled teacher. Mrs. Soccodato has moved into a new position as a teacher of our full day program for preschool students with disabilities. Jeanne began in this role in January 2019, and students have already made great progress in the program! The ultimate team player, Jeanne has worked with some of our most challenging students and she never gives up, is always positive, and demonstrates so much love for the students and her profession.



## Jennifer Trombly

Mrs. Trombley is a Speech Pathologist in the Barnegat School District. She has always been part of the team. We can rely on her to provide guidance in the area of her expertise. She has sat on hiring committees when were were interviewing new SLPs. Her feedback has always been well-thought out and we really value her feedback. Jenny is hard working and always willing to go above and beyond. Mrs. Trombley has put together professional developments to support our staff and programs. Jenny is always so positive and willing to help out in any way she can. Mrs. Trombley has also been a leader to the department, stepping in and helping new SLPs making our team stronger.



# 2019 BARNEGAT SCHOOLS INAUGURAL

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Barnegat Township School District's Hall of Fame is awarded to members of the education profession for their vital role in shaping the future of individuals and society. Staff members awarded this honor are former elementary or secondary classroom teachers, administrators, education support professionals, board members, coaches, volunteers, or any former employees who have dedicated their service to our schools and continue to cultivate and preserve our rich heritage. Inductees are selected every year by the Alumni Network Advisory Committee.

### Rosalind Ribaudo

Rosalind Ribaudo served from 1985 to 2006 as Assistant Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Principal of the Edwards School, and Supervisor of Basic Skills. The Barnegat High School National Honor Society Chapter is named in her honor. She was an integral part of many of the academic successes the Barnegat School District continues to exhibit.

### Louise Muth

Louise Muth served as a kindergarten and 1st grade teacher from 1980 to 2005. She has affected the lives of hundreds of students, parents, fellow teachers and administrators by setting the highest possible standards for herself and our profession. She received The Governor's Award as Teacher of the Year in 1994.



## Cynthia Corle

Cynthia Corle served from 1990 - 2016. She was not only the heart and soul of the ROBMS office, but the entire school. She opened the school in September of 1990 with her trademark smile and never stopped smiling. She was reliable, flexible, organized and devoted to making sure everyone she came in contact with had a positive experience. Cindy developed positive relationships with all parents, administration and colleagues at the Brackman School assisting everyone in any capacity she could.

## **Holly Carson**

Holly Carson taught within Barnegat Schools from 1984 through 2015. She served on several committees, including the Curriculum Council, PTA Liaison, the ROAR committee, attendance, and the morning breakfast committee with Joe Donahue, and an advisor to countless clubs. She spent many summers revising curriculum in most subject areas, as well as, mentored several student teachers and students alike. She was Teacher of the Year in 1995.



#### Frank Constantine

Frank Constantine began teaching at the CSCS in 1983, and quickly thrust the music program into the forefront. When ROBMS opened in 1990, he started the music program from the ground up, and it grew every year to what it is today. Frank took our students to numerous county and state competitions where they excelled. He was the backbone behind all the success of the music program in the Barnegat School District. In recognition of all he has done the Tri-M Music Honor Society was named after him.



## Joseph Papernik

Joseph Papernik from 1974 until 2012 Joe or "Mr. P", was a Health and Physical Education teacher and longtime soccer coach. Right from the start of his career, he was a favorite teacher and colleague to so many. Later, he went on to become Barnegat High School's first Track and Field coach laying the foundation for the successful program it is today. One of everyone's most memorable Mr. P lessons was his way

of teaching hygiene-- he called it "Dirty Day." When he retired in 2011 the ROBMS gym was named after him.