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Principal of Russell O. Brackman Middle School

Jared Burke

Assistant Principal of Russell O. Brackman Middle School

Brittany Schork

Principal of Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School

Dr. Joseph Saxton

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

Michelle Johns

Principal of Cecil S. Collins School

Josh Toddings

Assistant Principal of Cecil S. Collins School

John Fiorentino

Principal of Lillian M. Dunfee School

Jennifer Froehlich

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2021-2022

# BARNEGAT Inspires CEREMONY



In honor of:

- Hall of Fame Inductees
- Outstanding Staff Members of the Year
- Superintendent's Award recipients
- Retirees

JUNE 1, 2022

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Retirees

**Dear Retirees,**

In Barnegat Township School District, we strive to INSPIRE. You all have done just that. You have inspired the children to be the best versions of themselves, you have inspired your colleagues to always be the best version of themselves, and you inspired the parents and community to be active members of our district. We cannot thank all of you enough for the contributions you have made over the course of your incredible careers. We will miss you all and wish you nothing but the very best life has to offer as you enter this very exciting next chapter of your lives.

Best wishes,  
Dr. Brian Latwis  
Superintendent of Schools

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| Denise Bense          | Rose Ann Marcy       |
| John Bilyk            | Cheryl Migliacci     |
| Kelly Blair           | Valerie Morris       |
| Dawn Dougherty        | Joseph Murray        |
| Lori Dubiel           | Lori O'Brien         |
| Elizabeth Federovitch | Dimitrios Pantelaras |
| Theresa Foley         | Catherine Pidgeon    |
| Elizabeth Goglia      | Joe Roguso           |
| Heather Harding       | Louis Salonia        |
| Susan Harkness        | Regina Sicilia       |
| Melissa Infurna       | Lois Schafer         |
| Patricia Jones        | Susan Stashkevetch   |
| Lisa Kenny            | Cheryl Thrunk        |
| Jane Lennox           | Annette Mastrolia-   |
| Carolyn Malmros       | Tynan                |
|                       | Sandra Wolfer        |

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR

for the 2020-2021 school year

- Barnegat High School  
Andrew McTaggart
- Russell O. Brackman Middle School  
Derek Rizzo
- Robert L. Horbelt Intermediate School  
Giovanna DeGrazio
- Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School  
Amy Helm
- Cecil S. Collins Elementary School  
Melissa Rose
- Lillian M. Dunfee Pre-K School  
Kate Stotte

# STAFF OF THE YEAR

for the 2020-2021 school year

- District Buildings & Grounds  
Arthur Walsh
- District Educational Services Provider  
Shirley Holly
- District Paraprofessional  
Jennifer Callanan
- District Secretary  
Susan Ciancimino
- District Transportation  
Shane Lupinetti



# SUPERINTENDENT

## Inspires Awards

### 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.

#### Recipients

Alanis Baumgardner, Kimberly Burke, Marissia Bartlow, Christopher DeCicco, Brooke Grasso, Pamela Hartsell-Stokes, Elissa O'Sullivan, Janet Park, Jennifer Pearson, Cynthia Winters

### 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.

#### Recipients

Christine Ayers, Deanna Buccella, Mario Cunha, Nicole Danser, Lisa Flores, Roy Huff, Diane Morano, Ashley Reynolds, Leigh Sharpless, Jennifer Wojciak

### 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.

#### Recipients

Kimberly Bopp, Alexandra Cahill, Keri Cronin, Donnamarie Durning, Margaret Schoka, Katie Quintero

### 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.

#### Recipients

Paul Covine, Daniel McGrath, Tammy Nicolini, Kevin Smith, Lyndsey Torre

# SUPERINTENDENT

## Inspires Awards

### 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.

#### Recipients

Sharon Costello, Michelle Dengler, Nilufer Dominguez, Heather Harman, Rachel Javins, Stephanie Kutcher, Kellie Lucas, Peter Melki, Kelly Padden-Kuchie, Leah Scali, Morgan Schwartz

### Superintendent's Award for *Promoting & Supporting the Well-rounded Student*

Superintendent's Award for Promoting and 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.

#### Recipients

Jennifer Blanchard, Glenna DeGenova, Renee Hourigan, James Kingston, James Mackey, Katherine Torres, Elizabeth Worsham

### 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.

#### Recipients

Jenna Cipriano, Jaclyn Grabowski, Barbara Quick, Kaitlyn Siciliano, William Wallace, Heather Yost

### 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

#### Recipients

Gary Brown, Tara Carroll, Michele Cucinotta, Brian Fitzpatrick, Lynn Litner, Melissa Malia



# HALL of FAME

## Congratulations!

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.

### Donna Abbato, 1977-2014

Dedication to children with a smile and a sense of humor. Her students loved being in Ms. Abbato's class. They could feel how much she truly cared for each of them and it did not matter what their needs were. Whether they were hungry, tired, cranky, or having trouble with work, Donna was always there. Her ability to connect with her students, parents, and colleagues was uncanny—this was quickly apparent as she was awarded Teacher of the Year in only her third year working in Barnegat. She continuously served as a mentor to new staff or to ones who just needed help or encouragement. Donna diligently sought ways to improve instruction and was eager and always willing to share! She was a handwriting expert and there was a long running joke throughout her school as it was quite easy to tell the students had her no matter what grade they were in, due to their amazingly beautiful handwriting! She prided herself on loving to teach and even more to see her students learn. Year after year, Donna provided a solid foundation for each kindergartener in her care. Every single staff member, student, parent, and grandparent of Barnegat learned something from Donna and we are all fortunate that she shaped our students for so many years. Dedication to children with a smile and a sense of humor- if they could make a mold to build future kindergarten teachers, Donna would truly be the one!



### Roslyn Marchese, 1984-2014

As soon as you entered the main office you were greeted with a big smile and a warm hello. All who came in contact with Ms. Marchese felt welcomed, cared for, and loved. She was instrumental in setting the tone for each day as her enthusiasm was contagious and she affected students and staff alike. Ros's work ethic was impeccable and she completed all tasks promptly and accurately. She was a team player who never hesitated to lend a hand to ensure her school ran smoothly and efficiently. In addition, she made sure that the safety of her students was a top priority, making sure to double check sign in and sign out sheets and staying on top of the often fast-paced changes that occurred daily with parental request, nurse visits, and absences. She always knew where each student was! Even in the most hectic days, she never wavered and always remained a positive light that could solve any problem that came her way. Ros was an integral asset to the Dunfee school and the entire district, as her dedication and work ethic were evident as she served for over thirty years as a playground aide, vice-principal/principal secretary and as the BEA Vice President. In 2001, she was selected as the district's Support Staff of the Year and in 2008 as Ocean County's Education Support Professional of the Year. Thank goodness for Ros! Everyone would go to her and we were thankful she was there to help create and maintain a positive environment for so many years!



### Kathy Makela, 1981-2018

Over Mrs. Makela's thirty-eight plus years and her roles as a teacher, Supervisor of English Language Arts, and as principal, she was a consummate professional that was totally dedicated not only to her craft, but more importantly to the children and staff under her supervision. As a teacher she was prepared, competent, and completely devoted to her students' welfare. She consistently demonstrated her ability to motivate students and to enhance their learning experience. Due to her abilities, she was acknowledged as an educational leader by fellow teachers and valued by all the district's administrators as she guided them through the myriad of changes that always occur in education. Kathy demonstrated outstanding leadership in assisting with the expansion of her school's facilities and implementing a wide variety of innovative programs that enhanced the educational experience for her students and staff as well. In 2014, she won CTAUN Best Practice Award for their ROAR program. Kathy's vision was always a step ahead of others. As a teacher you were always working with her, not for her. She was one of warmth, kindness, empathy, positive energy, and love of people and education. Dunfee's climate was evident in everyone employed there! In whatever role she served, Kathy conducted herself with distinction and in doing so, made her classroom, school, and district an exemplary environment for children to learn, grow and prosper.



## Honoring our BUILDING namesakes



In recognition of Dr. Donahue's loyal service and devoted commitment to the students of Barnegat for 33 years, the district's newest elementary school, which opened in September, 2008, was named in his honor. The Donahue School has served as a kindergarten through fifth grade school, housed our preschool program and currently serves as a third through fourth grade elementary school.

Dr. Joseph T. Donahue



In recognition of Dr. Horbelt's commitment to education, and 27 years of loyal service to the district, the elementary school was named in his honor in 2001. The Horbelt school has served as a kindergarten through fifth grade school and currently serves as our fifth and sixth grade intermediate school.

Dr. Robert L. Horbelt