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1993

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Connie Sullivan  
George Wheeler

1994

Dr. Jean Avery  
Kennedy Clark  
Jack O'Rourke

1995

Ron Burton  
Tom Click  
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1996

Francis Galvani  
Joseph Perini III  
William Summers

1997

Si Babineau  
Barry Bograd  
Sherwin Greenblatt

1998

Robert Campion  
Barbara Gray  
Charles Long

1999

Steve Ryder  
Ann Stacie  
Dr. Eugene Thayer

2000

Rob Healey  
John Poles  
Phil Read

2001

Mark Goldman  
John Hart  
Kathy Herrman

2002

Ann Lamb  
Chris Petrini  
Elaine Robert

2003

Joan Kelley  
Betty Mattarazzo  
Sally Smith

2004

Robert Brown  
Jim Carey  
Pat Zucchi

2005

Patrick Dunne  
Bob Jachowicz  
Joan Rastani

2006

Jim Carney  
Margo Deane  
Pam Hulme

2007

Joe Casperowitz  
Mike Phipps  
Jim O'Connor

2008

Roni Cronin  
Lowell Mazie  
Pat Walker

2009

Rev. Dr. J Anthony Lloyd  
Lou Merloni  
Joseph Shields

2010

Richard Chesmore  
Arthur DellPrete  
George Hulme

2011

Michael Grilli  
Joey Sementelli

2012

Mark and Karen Curtis  
Dave Gudejko

2013

Sharon Gilbert  
Tony Tolson

2014

Dennis Giombetti  
Christine Tibor

2015

Bob Merusi  
Lee Mencoboni

2016

Alicia & David Blais  
Kathy Davies O'Leary

2017

Chuck Greenslit  
Bennie Ottaviani  
Maria Rosado

# The Salute to Framingham

## 26th Annual

Welcome to the 26th Annual Salute to Framingham, one of Framingham's most anticipated annual events! This year, we will be celebrating Michael J. Bower and Ron Vallely for their outstanding commitment and service to the youth of Framingham. They join a select group of people who have made a real difference in the lives of our children.

Over the past 26 years, the Salute program has also honored hundreds of teachers and school support personnel who make each day "special" in the Framingham Public Schools. This year, is no exception. During the program tonight, we will recognize 29 staff members representing all of the Framingham Public Schools, as well as two retiring senior administrators with over 10 years of service to our district.

And in keeping with tradition, we will be recognizing 25 graduating FHS students who have shown leadership in a variety of ways.

The Salute to Framingham is the largest single fundraiser for Framingham High School. All proceeds from tonight will be used to support activities, the arts and athletics for FHS students through the Framingham High School Foundation.

Many thanks to all of you for being here tonight and to our sponsors and advertisers for making this evening a tremendous success.

Enjoy the celebration.

Wendy Chan & Carol Phalen

Co-Presidents, Framingham High School Foundation



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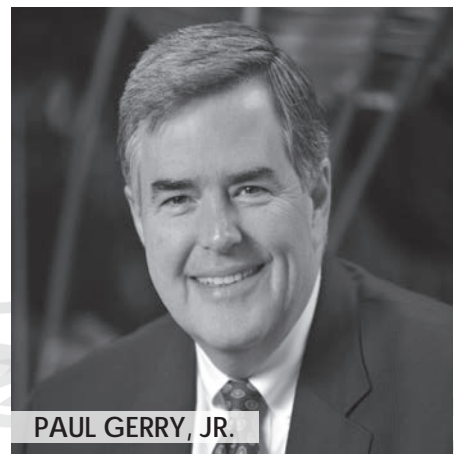
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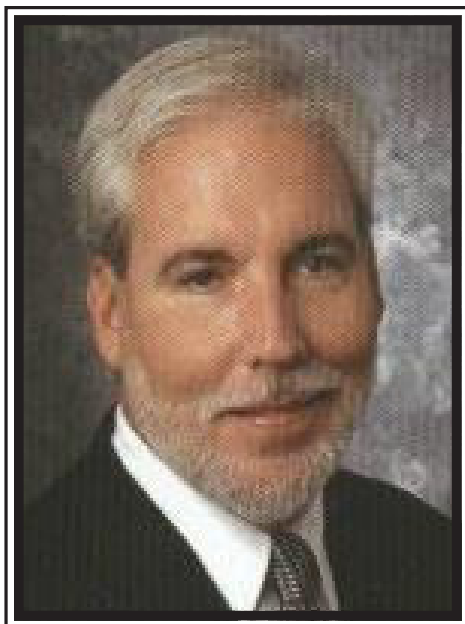


## Michael J. (Mike) Bower

Michael J. (Mike) Bower has been quietly supporting the youth of Framingham for more than 12 years. Mike moved to Framingham in 1992. In 2006 he became a Town Meeting member and quickly became Chair for the Standing Committee on Education. Shortly thereafter, he was elected to the Framingham School Committee where he served 5 years, one as Chair and two as Clerk, before his election to the Board of Selectmen in 2013. Prior to moving to Framingham, Mike served for 9 years on the Randolph School Committee from 1982 to 1991. Mike's community service for the benefit of students on both school committees is of particular note as he has no children. Mike retired from his selectman seat in 2016 to focus on working with the Greater Framingham Running Club on behalf of residents of all ages.

While serving as selectman in 2013, Mike was instrumental in establishing "Team Framingham", which each year gives 22 FPS employees and Framingham residents the opportunity to run the Boston Marathon. He helped shape the vision of Team Framingham and has lent his leadership and support in creating its guiding principles over the last four years. He worked tirelessly to establish the fundraising arm of Team Framingham, which since its inception in 2013 has raised close to \$270,000 for local charities. A generous portion has gone to charities that benefit Framingham youth, including FHS Resiliency for Life, Framingham High School Foundation, Hoops and Homework, The Boys and Girls Club, and the Framingham Youth Initiative (FYI) for the Arts. In addition, Mike has personally raised more than \$30,000 since 2010 for the Boys and Girls Club and the Ron Burton Training Village, as a charity runner for the Boston Marathon through his employer John Hancock.

In November 2016, Mike was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. MASC President Jake Oliveira upon presenting Mike with the award noted that it was "In recognition of your many years of service as a strong advocate for children and your unselfish contributions to the community of Framingham."



## Ron Valley

Ron Valley has been involved in Framingham youth athletic programs for more than 20 years. He is described as a generous, dynamic, innovative & creative man who is also a great team leader, team player, mentor, coach and friend. As with many parents, he started coaching when his children were participants, but Ron continued coaching long after his children aged out of the programs. Through the years, he has taken on the roles of softball coach, baseball coach, and TBA basketball coach.

For the last 16 years, Ron has been predominantly involved with the Framingham Youth Football and Cheer (FYFC) program, taking on almost every job role possible -- including master hotdog wrapper and making chili for home games. His contributions to FYFC started with announcing games from the back of a pickup truck with a microphone and small radio. Ron worked for years within the program, always coming up with unique and innovative ways for the program to expand, succeed and be financially sound. He was always looking for activities to give back to others within our community, teaching the youth of the program the importance of respect for themselves and others, and always encouraging the kids to do their best on and off the field. To ensure that the kids had positive examples to look up to, Ron started the "Heroes Among Us" Award, designed to recognize local citizens that have made a difference in the community.

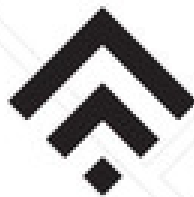
Ron has also been a great source of influence for many parents, coaches and other town programs. Over the last 7 years, Ron has held the role of President for Framingham Youth Football and Cheer, President of the Bay State Youth Football and Cheer Conference and is currently the Executive Director of the Conference. He works tirelessly to ensure safe and competitive environments, outstanding commitment and service for the youth of each of these individual town programs. His efforts and contributions go above and beyond teaching the fundamentals of football and cheer. With more than 12 communities currently in the Bay State Conference, with more than 300 youth in each community, it is safe to say that Ron's influence and dedication which began with the youth of Framingham has now spread far beyond our cities' boundaries.

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# 2018 Jim O'Connor Community Service Award

*The Jim O'Connor Community Service Award is given in honor of those who hold the passion, vision, commitment and leadership skills of the Salute to Framingham founder, Jim O'Connor. The honor is given to organizations who work as a team to serve the youth of Framingham.*



The Autism Alliance, a program of Advocates, currently lead by Executive Co-directors Allison Daigle and Pam McKillop, is dedicated to providing support, programs, and resources to families and individuals affected by autism spectrum disorders. The Autism Alliance is celebrating their 25th anniversary and was locally founded in 1993 as The Family Voice by a group of six families with children with autism. These families recognized that although it would always be frightening for families to confront an autism diagnosis, it might not have to be so overwhelming. Thus, their transformation from a small, grassroots network into a multi-service, family support center was based on a desire to share with other families what the founding families had been learning from their own experiences in dealing with autism.

As one of the seven Autism Support Centers in the Commonwealth, and the only center of its kind in the MetroWest area supporting families living with autism, the Autism Alliance offers an array of supports and services designed to assist MetroWest families caring for a loved one with autism. Currently, in Framingham, over 200 families supporting a loved one with autism are served. The goal of the Alliance is to give families the knowledge to not only cope with autism, but also to flourish and grow. Among other things, they provide information and referral, support groups, family recreational events, school vacation activities, and culturally sensitive community events. Across all programming, the Alliance serves more than 1,450 families and professionals annually, in 35 communities in Metro West/Greater Boston, at varying levels of participation. Any family with a child with autism living in these communities can access services offered by the Alliance.

Additionally, the Alliance provides training tailored to various groups in the community. Over the past twenty-five years, they have trained more than 4,000 first responders, school nurses, business staff, teachers, hospital staff, students, clergy, recreation staff, store employees, and others. To learn more about The Autism Alliance a program of Advocates, please visit [www.autismalliance.org](http://www.autismalliance.org).



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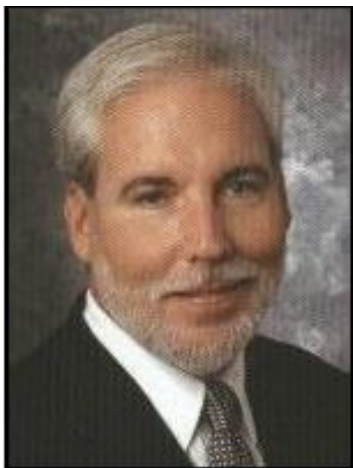
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# Class of 2018 Student Recognitions

"All quotes from FHS faculty and staff"



Erin Babineau

"Erin is a thoughtful, conscientious and caring student who goes above and beyond in all aspects of her life. She is a member of National Honor Society, works tirelessly in the Best Buddies program and has been a part of the Softball and Volleyball teams. Erin was also selected by her teachers to participate in the Infant Toddler room. The adults in the room truly appreciate her help in managing their infant classroom and the children love being with her. Erin always demonstrates dependability, confidence and the ability to connect well with everyone she comes in contact with."



Jake Brockway

"Jake is a young man of character and integrity. He takes his work seriously, he invests in his learning, and he endeavors to always improve. In addition to working so hard on his academics, Jake devotes himself to being a leader on the football and baseball teams. Jake's polite and affable nature must also be applauded; he is always with a kind word and a hand to help both his teachers and his fellow classmates."



Dylan Carrafiello

"Dylan is an earnest and diligent student who treats both his peers and teachers with respect. He is a young man of high integrity, who can be counted to lead by example. For example, Dylan has been mentoring a 7 year old boy through the King Mentorship Program this year and attended a National Leadership Conference at Fordham University as a junior on business and entrepreneurship. As both a student and athlete, he was Captain of our Boy's Hockey Team, Dylan represents Framingham High School with class!"



Tyler Chan

"Tyler Chan has been a member of the Student Government for the last four years. Tyler stepped up to be President during his senior year. Tyler has worked hard to bring in new members and create new experiences and fundraising efforts in Student Government. In addition to being President of Student Government, Tyler is also taking challenging courses and is an active member of the Boys Varsity Volleyball Team. Tyler is an exceptional student."



Mary Connolly

"Mary Connolly is being recognized for her incredible perseverance and dedication to Flyer Athletics. Mary has seen 3 seasons cut short as a result of serious knee injuries, each one requiring extensive surgery and lengthy rehab. After each injury she would hobble into practice with a brave and positive face and help her team any way she could. After 3 major surgeries, who would blame her if she did not return her senior year? Once again the team held their breath as Mary worked herself into incredible shape, often leaving practice for another 2 hour workout to keep her as strong as possible. Thankfully, the last surgery held up as Mary led the Flyer Cheerleading team to a League and South Sectional title as well as a Top 3 Div. 1 finish and a National bid."

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Caitlyn Edman

“Caitlyn Edman is the ideal student; curious, excitable, and thought provoking. Whether it be volleyball, AP classes, or yearbook, she continues to set the bar high for not only herself, but those around her. In her four years at FHS, she has grown into a wonderful young lady and will continue on as a well-respected alum.”



Tyler Fitts

“Tyler is a leader both in the classroom and on the field. He exemplifies what it means to be a true student-athlete. His positive attitude and energy has made FHS a better place for all of his classmates. His mature and hardworking nature will serve him well in all future endeavors.”



Khayel Francois

“Khayel Francois shows her enthusiasm, hard work, passion, optimism, kindness, and generosity in everything she says and does. She has an understanding of humanity that can brighten anyone’s day, and her participation in Art Club, Fusion, and the Mazie program show her dedication to self-growth.”



Jack Freedman

“Jack has an amazing work ethic as well as excellent time management skills. These are important qualities that all students should have. Jack forms strong and positive relationships with his teachers and is well respected by all of them. His focus and drive in the classroom are contagious qualities. He creates a group dynamic from which all students benefit.”



Pauls Galins

“Pauls is a hardworking and motivating student who leads by example in the classroom. He listens intently to lessons, participates positively in class discussion, asks good questions and encourages his group to work hard and stay focused. As a TA for the math department, he is responsible, trusted and highly respected by teachers. As captain of the basketball team, Pauls’ interactions with his teammates are consistently positive and inspiring.”



# Class of 2018 Student Recognitions

“All quotes from FHS faculty and staff”



Ryan Gallagher

“Ryan is a tremendous young musician who is never afraid to push himself to the limits of what a high school student can do. He serves the FFMB as drum major, directs and writes for the percussion ensemble, and has played in almost every musical of his career at FHS. Having him in ensemble has been an absolute pleasure since he joined the Fuller band in the 6th grade. He has shown incredible growth as both a musician and a leader!”



Nathan Halberstadt

“Nathan is an outstanding young man who worked tirelessly as a teaching assistant in an English 1 ACP Class. He was a role model to a classroom in need of one and was an impressive content expert. He was so impressive one on one with the students that I would occasionally send a collection of challenging students to another classroom with Nathan, and he would teach them while leaving me confident that the students would learn the material and come back having had fun. He has a maturity, composure, and beneficence that are truly unique for someone his age.”



Jacklyn Keane

Jacklyn is a quiet well-respected leader who leads by example. She is a three sport, four year athlete and as a senior is a captain of the soccer, alpine ski team and lacrosse teams. Jacklyn is a dedicated student athlete and is committed to her academics and her sports. Jacklyn is also a member of the National Honor Society and has shown that academics continue to be at the forefront of all she does. Jacklyn will be continuing as a student athlete at Franklin Pierce University. Jacklyn has been a true FLYER in every way.”



Liam Kelly

“Liam invests himself in everything he does! An exceptional student and a kind person, Liam leads with a quiet confidence and ease. He balances the rigors of his academic work with his athletic and club commitments, never losing sight of being a good person in all realms. Liam is a role model in this way and worthy of this honor.”



Ohad Klopman

“Ohad Klopman is an intellectually engaged, reflective and insightful student whose academic excellence stands out to his teachers at FHS. However, his engagement does not stop at the classroom door. Ohad transfers academics to experience, for example, in his role as Model Congress Co-President last year, he sponsored and hosted a debate for candidates for the State Representative’s office; later he interned for State Representative Jack Lewis, and also chaired the School Committee Student Advisory Council. When the town of Framingham voted to become a city last year, Ohad helped form a non-partisan organization called “The City We Want” that aims to educate citizens about the new Framingham government and increase civic engagement.”

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Hannah Levine

“Hannah Levine has served as the Class of 2018 Vice President for the past three years. Through her hard work and commitment she has helped raise money for the class, lowering the cost of school events to allow more access to these events by more students. She has also led events that raised money for multiple charities as well as committing to community service at Miracle Kitchen. Not only does she help lead the Class of 2018, but she also adds to the Framingham High School community with her school spirit and pride. Hannah is known for her energy, and her ability to reach all people. Hannah is a truly unique person who will continue to positively impact the world around her in the future.”



Erin MacQueen

“Erin MacQueen has managed to achieve excellence in all her classes while participating in several extracurricular activities and pursuing her passions. Erin is Member of National Honor Society. She is a captain of the FHS Dance Team and devotes close to twenty hours in this endeavor. Beyond this, she also volunteers at Buddy Dog, a nonprofit shelter for dogs and cats to be treated humanely. She has also participated in Relay for Life for over 5 years to raise money for the American Cancer Society. On a personal level, Erin is a sensitive, caring, mature, intelligent, articulate, and hardworking young woman. Erin represents the kind of person who makes the Framingham community proud and we salute her!”



Jarrod Marifote

“In addition to being very dedicated to his academics, Jarrod has also been able to balance his involvement in a number of extra-curricular activities. Jarrod is a tremendous athlete and leader. He has been is a member of the FHS Football, Basketball (Senior Captain), and Baseball Teams (Senior Captain). He has also been a mentor for elementary school athletes in the district and served as an Umpire for little league baseball. He clearly has a passion for sports and is always willing to share this with others. He is extremely goal oriented, hardworking, and polite. Jarrod has been a positive influence here at FHS and within the community.”



Cleopatra Mavhunga

“Cleo Mavhunga is a deep thinker, a gifted performer, and a natural leader. She has a broad curiosity across many subjects, and she has pursued challenging coursework and independent research. Cleo is a gifted performer with the FHS Drama Company and the Fusion Dance Team, and she is civically active, having written and argued bills in Model Congress, for which she was Co-President; acted as a youth advisor for now-Mayor Spicer’s campaign; and memorably explained the meaning of intersectional feminism to the entire FHS community on Flyer News. Cleo is a self-assured and confident young woman who is a powerful role model for others - young and old alike - to speak their minds.”



Jigar Patel

“Jigar is one of the unsung stars of robotics. Unlike most of the seniors in robotics (who did it in middle school), he joined as a freshman, which took initiative and bravery. Jigar is always a solid worker; he simply comes in and does his work. He never comes in with an ego; he is respectful and polite to everyone. Jigar knows when to ask for help and knows when to offer it. He knows how to work in a group: he supports both his team members and the other teams. Despite all this, Jigar still has a sense of humor and is great to be around. His presence at robotics will be sorely missed next year.”



# Class of 2018 Student Recognitions

“All quotes from FHS faculty and staff”



Alice Reis

“Alice Reis is a great academic and civic role model to her peers. She enjoys participating in community service activities and is socially engaged in the SIM camp (Student Immigration Movement). She advocates for undocumented immigrant students who wish to attend college in the U.S. but are told they cannot because of their immigration status.”



Symphony Shea

“Symphony comes from a family with decades of theatre experience and training. Symphony is a strong actress, singer and dancer in her own right and has a love and training in American Sign Language. At Framingham High School Symphony has participated in every show produced by the Drama Company and this year she was elected as Vice President. Symphony expanded her love and understanding of theatre this year to create an evening of original works that will be interpreted by an American Sign Language instructor so our deaf community can attend the evening and feel connected rather than marginalized. She has a passion to make theatre accessible to all. Congratulations Symphony!”



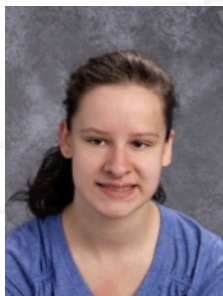
Varun Tekur

“As a freshman, Varun tried out every single activity at the school, but throughout high school his passion has been Robotics (and programming). He started robotics in 8th grade, and is his team’s programmer. He will spend hours turning the programming to match the uncertainties of a real world robot that interacts with other robots and field elements in a competition. If his team qualifies this year, he will have attended the Robotics World Championships five times in a row, primarily based on his ability to program a robot to compete a complex series of steps. At each appearance at Worlds, his team has gotten better and better. Last year, the combination of his team’s driving ability, the robots programming as well as their strategy put them among the 50 best teams in the world. His dedication to the club and his commitment to his team have been an inspiration to me.”



Hadassah Viana

“Hadassah Vianna is an extraordinary young woman! She is involved in her school community by promoting community service activities through International Club. She is also a member of NHS and the Mazie Mentoring Foundation, but what is the most impressive about Hadassah’s academic achievements is that English is her second language. Hadassah came into FHS taking her core academic classes within our ESL Department as she was building her English Language abilities. She pushed herself to quickly learn English and by her junior year transitioned out of our ESL program. Junior year not only did Hadassah transition out of ESL classes, but she took on the challenge of two dual enrollment courses at Framingham State.”



Kelly Wilson

“Kelly has shown immeasurable growth as a student and as a person in her time at FHS. She is known as a leader in the classroom and is always willing to help out a friend. Kelly has been an active participant in the Best Buddies organization at FHS and serves as the Buddy Director. Kelly leads a life of kindness and leaves a lasting impression on every person she meets.”



# Program

7:00 PM

## **Presentations Begin**

Emcee for the Evening: David O'Leary

National Anthem - Framingham High School Madrigals directed by  
Mr. Thaddeus Bell

## **Class of 2018 Student Recognition**

Carolyn Banach, Principal

and

Mark R. Albright, FHS Sr. Class Vice Principal

## **Student Recipients**

Erin Babineau	Jack Freedman	Jarrold Marifiote
Jake Brockway	Pauls Galins	Cleopatra Mavhunga
Dylan Carrafiello	Ryan Gallagher	Jigar Patel
Tyler Chan	Nathan Halberstadt	Alice Reis
Mary Connolly	Jacklyn Keane	Symphony Shea
Caitlyn Edman	Liam Kelly	Varun Tekur
Tyler Fitts	Ohad Klopman	Hadassah Viana
Khayel Francois	Hannah Levine	Kelly Wilson
	Erin MacQueen	

## **2018 Salute to Framingham Award Presentation**

Salute to Framingham Honorary Co-Chairs - Mark R. Albright & Paul Spear

Michael J. Bower

Ron Vallely

# Program

## Jim O'Connor Community Service Award

Autism Alliance

### **“We Are Grateful” Presentations**

Address by Superintendent of Framingham Public Schools, Dr. Robert Tremblay

Paula Del Prete

Dr. Ed Gotgart

### **“You Are Special” Recognitions**

Superintendent of Framingham Public Schools

Dr. Robert Tremblay

### Faculty and Staff Recipients

Virginia Bertelli-Blocks

Madelyn Jackson-Woodrow

Jonathan Padilla-FHS

Robin Brooks-Rodriguez-Cameron

Natalya Mains-FHS

Mauricio Perea-Stapleton

Meg Cabot-McCarthy

Susan Moriarty-Potter Road

Gregory Petersen-Stapleton

Sara Carr-Hemenway

Jeff Newcombe-Walsh

Specialist Team-Barbieri

Suzanne Chlapowski-Dunning

Emma Nicolazzo-Potter Road

Gabriella Tagliaferro-Brophy

Nelia Felicia Correa Patrick-Walsh

Christopher Ocampo-FHS

TBE Portuguese Team-King

Camarah Evans-Cameron

Kimberly O'Leary-Blocks

Ana Paula Viegas-Fuller

Laurette Hakar-Fuller

Lisa Weinstock-Hemenway

# We Are Grateful

## Paula Del Prete



For just over three decades, Paula Del Prete has positively affected thousands of lives of children and families from across Framingham. As a teacher and administrator at numerous schools in the district, Paula has had significant impact on and enriched the lives of many children.

Throughout her career in Framingham, Paula taught at Brophy Elementary School, was a Special Educator at Walsh Middle School, served as Special Education Team Chairperson at Fuller Middle School, held assistant principalships at Walsh Middle School and Barbieri Elementary School, and most recently, has served the last nine years as principal at Potter Road Elementary School.

During her tenure at Potter Road, Ms. Del Prete has overseen numerous changes, development and growth of the school---including the implementation of transitional bilingual education, sheltered English immersion and now Potter Road School's two way Portuguese immersion program. She has been a tireless advocate for all children that have come through the doors of her own classrooms, along with the doors of Potter Road. Throughout her work, she's always been guided by the question, "Is this what is best for students?"

Over the years, Ms. Del Prete has touched the lives of generations of families. Her relationships with students extend far beyond the four walls of the school building. Throughout her time as an educator, she's attended student soccer games and performances, family celebrations, and made sure that students know she's always a part of their extended families.

Though she's retiring this year, she's not finished with her life's work. She'll remain in the Framingham Public Schools as a mentor principal to continue to guide the teaching and learning of new generations of students by offering guidance and support to newer administrators in the district. Her past, present, and future impact on the children of Framingham will continue for a very long time. For all she has done for the students in Framingham- "We Are Grateful!"

# We Are Grateful

## Dr. Edward Gotgart



Dr. Edward Gotgart is thought of throughout the district as respected, kind-hearted, courteous and straight forward. His dedication to his profession and sincere effort to maximize benefits to both our students and taxpayers is unsurpassed.

Dr. Gotgart is an amazing and dedicated individual who always displays a positive attitude and the willingness to roll-up his sleeves and jump in wherever needed to get any job done. He sets a great example for all to follow.

With his guidance and support, every department that he has overseen experienced a level of growth. During his tenure, he oversaw the Buildings and Grounds, Food Services, Technology, Transportation and Business Operations Departments. In addition, he stepped into the role of Acting Superintendent of Schools when the district needed him to.

District moves that were initiated were with his support and coordination including the reopening of the Juniper Hill School and occupancy by the BLOCKS preschool program and the King Elementary School. The relocation of FPS administrative offices from the Maynard Building to Fuller, Juniper and Walsh and finally the Perini Building projects that Dr. Gotgart supervised and led to fruition.

Without the support and direction from Dr. Gotgart, the 50,000+ meals the district serves during the Summer Food Service Program would not happen. This program has served the children of this community over the past 8 years. Ed has been instrumental in the development of plans for a new Fuller Middle School in coordination with the MSBA process and continues to work with all City officials in a cooperative and collaborative effort in this regard. He has been an asset to the Framingham Public Schools and to the City of Framingham since the day he started in 2008. He takes the time to build relationships with community partners, former Town Meeting members, City Officials, School Committee members, administrators, teachers and families. His enthusiasm for education is contagious. He sees unlimited possibilities for Framingham and his face lights up when he hears stories about our students' success and he is often heard saying, "That is why we are here – it's about the kids." Dr. Ed Gotgart, for all you have done for our students, "We Are Grateful!"

# Framingham High School Foundation

The Mission of the FHS Foundation is to financially supplement Framingham High School extra-curricular programs (activities, arts, and athletics) which may otherwise be restricted due to budgetary limitations. We firmly believe that high school students engaged in extracurricular activities in their areas of passion help them thrive in both academics and in all areas of their social and emotional well being.

The FHS Foundation was founded in 2002 by a group of parents to address the district's financial challenges due to the economy. Since then, the FHS Foundation continues to be able to accomplish its mission by building alliances with the Metrowest community, applying for grants, and through the Salute to Framingham, FHSF's primary fundraiser. Thanks in part to your support, the FHS Foundation has been able to support a wide array of extracurricular activities at the High School for well over a decade.

As always, 100% of the proceeds from this event are used to benefit activities, the arts, and athletics for the enrichment of FHS students.



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The Framingham High School Foundation would like to acknowledge our Team Framingham runners and thank them for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the students of Framingham High School.

This year, the Framingham High School Foundation was chosen, by lottery, as one of the charities to benefit from the Team Framingham/Boston Marathon fundraising program.

The Town of Framingham received 22 Marathon bibs, which it distributed to town residents and/or town employees based on a lottery. The 22 lottery winners were able to select from 5 charities. Four of the runners, chose FHSF as their charity, and have been raising funds since late 2017. To date, they have collectively raised close to \$10,000 in support for the students at FHS. Since it's inception, Team Framingham runners have raised more than \$269,000 for local charities.

The Framingham High School Foundation would like to thank: Robert Connolly, Deb Dauley, James Kivlehan and Michael Pearson for their efforts.

You can help them by supporting their efforts and making a donation! Please visit [www.Framinghamhighschoolfoundation.org](http://www.Framinghamhighschoolfoundation.org) and click on the Team Framingham/Boston Marathon link and select one of their individual Crowdrise pages to donate. The Boston Marathon will take place on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, please cheer for all Team Framingham runners along the route!

# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Virginia Bertelli - BLOCKS Preschool



Virginia Bertelli has been part of our Framingham Public School family for over seventeen years. She is extremely familiar with our district, having held positions at Woodrow Wilson, Potter Road and most recently at the B.L.O.C.K.S. Preschool program for 11 years. She is a founding member of the Language Assessment Office and is a strong advocate for bilingual families and students.

At B.L.O.C.K.S. Preschool, it has been a privilege and honor to work with Virginia. Virginia is the consummate professional who is determined to improve student learning and success. Her collaborative work ethic, dedication and commitment is evident no matter what the challenge. She worked with our most challenging students and embraced them making it her priority to learn new techniques and strategies that they needed to be successful. Virginia took advantage of learning opportunities and incorporated that knowledge into her daily practice. Her empathy, thoughtfulness and genuine sensitivity allowed her to connect and communicate in a way that people understood and made a difference. Virginia did whatever was needed to bridge the learning between school and home.

Due to Virginia's expertise and commitment for our English language learners, Virginia assumed new responsibilities as the coordinator in the Language Assessment Office at the Parent Information Center. In her role as the Language Assessment Coordinator for the district, Virginia is responsible for overseeing the intake and initial identification process for bilingual students new to the district and for managing the day to day operations of the Language Assessment team. Virginia is dedicated, compassionate, organized and demonstrates initiative on new projects that affect students and families.

Virginia is a gift to any school or program fortunate enough to work with her. Her caring manner and thoughtful approach to others engenders trust and a feeling of acceptance. Virginia truly touches the heart of each person she comes across with every day. Virginia Bertelli, You Are Special!.

# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Robin Brooks-Rodriguez - Cameron Middle School



Patient, caring, helpful, and collaborative are adjectives I would use to describe Robin. Her hard work and determination has helped build a very successful emotional/behavioral program at Cameron Middle School. Robin often goes above and beyond by obtaining supplies and creating innovative ways to address the complex social/emotional, behavioral, and academic needs of her students.

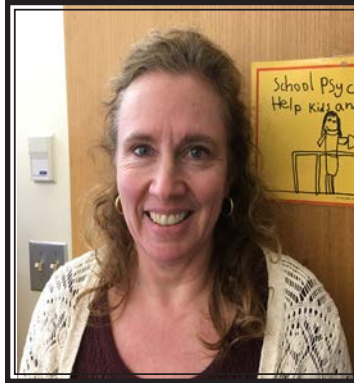
She informally mentors at risk students throughout the day. Her caring personality, warm disposition, everlasting patience, and ability to meet students where they are make her the perfect candidate for this award. From creating and organizing the annual program wide Thanksgiving dinner to engaging weekly social skill building activities, her students greatly benefit from having a teacher that is so invested in their overall well-being and growth.

As a staff, we also benefit from daily lessons learned from Robin. She does all that while co-teaching in all academic classes and maintaining high academic expectations for all students. Robin Brooks-Rodriguez- You Are Special!

# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Meg Cabot - McCarthy Elementary School



At McCarthy we believe all our staff are special, yet there are some individuals who stand out. Meg Cabot is one of those individuals. She has been a psychologist in the Framingham Public Schools since 1994, and has been an integral part of the McCarthy community since 2004. Meg is everything one would want in a school psychologist and more. She has one of the highest testing case loads in the district, yet always finds time to help out in any way she can. She works diligently to support the entire McCarthy community. She often visits classrooms to assist teachers in determining how to best work with particular students.

The staff appreciates her expertise, insight and dedication to each and every student's success. She has worked with teachers to help create calming areas within their classrooms, and has helped to design sensory kits for students. Over the years she has presented workshops for staff on understanding trauma, supporting anxious children, and co-led a book group on *The Behavior Code* by Jessica Minahan. This year she has been leading after-school meditation for the staff. Meg is also an incredible resource for parents and has presented to the PTO on several topics. She is bilingual and is always willing to make a call to a Spanish speaking family or provide in person interpretation.

McCarthy is extremely fortunate to have her and we thank Meg for her continuous hard work and devotion to each student each and every day. Meg Cabot-You Are Special!

# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Sara Carr - Hemenway Elementary School



Always Smiling!! Sara Carr is the math coach at Hemenway Elementary School where she has worked for the last 15 years. Sara started teaching in Framingham as a fourth grade teacher in 2002. She had just graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in elementary and special education.

After teaching fourth grade for eight years, she went on to teach second grade, kindergarten, and third grade. Sara has taken all of her classroom experience and incorporates her understanding of teaching into her role as our math coach. Despite the Hemenway math coaching position being only part time, Sara has worked tirelessly to support the 28 classroom teachers and 570 students who rely on her guidance in developing math lessons and effective instructional strategies.

Sara is a warm, positive, skilled staff member who always wears a smile...we are so fortunate to have Sara Carr as an integral member of our Hemenway leadership team! Sara Carr-You Are Special!



# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Suzanne Chlapowski - Dunning Elementary



When one thinks of the definition of the word “special”, the words extraordinary, exceptional and outstanding come to mind. Suzanne Chlapowski exemplifies these qualities. Suzanne has been a dedicated teacher at Charlotte Dunning for 18 years. She has an extremely kind and compassionate spirit, while maintaining high expectations in her classroom in all areas: academic, social, and emotional. She is a role model and mentor for young teachers and has hosted many field study students, student teachers, and FPS staff members. She is a leader at her grade level, and in the building, providing encouragement, guidance and confidence to those around her.

Suzanne goes above and beyond of what is expected of a classroom teacher. Each day she can be found in her classroom before, during lunch, and after school working with her students. Her priority is implementing strategies to meet the needs of all of her students. Her lessons reflect a variety of teaching techniques with meaningful and challenging learning experiences. She is a fierce advocate for her students, and always has their best interest in mind. She was instrumental in organizing and facilitating the Dunning School Running Club. Outside of her profession, Suzanne’ has been a lead coordinator for the Neighborhood Brigade in the Ashland area, offering aid and assistance to families who are experiencing illness, a loss or a tragedy. Currently, Suzanne’s is volunteering as a mentor with the MAZIE Foundation.

The Dunning Community is fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated and caring professional. Suzanne Chlapowski-You Are Special!

# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Nelia Felicia Correa Patrick - Walsh Middle School



Nelia Correa Patrick has been a Spanish Language Arts teacher in Walsh Middle School's Two-Way Program since 1998. She has been a central figure for developing the Two-Way Program at Walsh and a key contributor to the success achieved by the program. Nelia began the tradition of holding a Two-Way Bilingual graduation to honor the students who completed the program at the middle school level. Nelia is one of the leaders of LEA (Latinas en Acción), an affinity group that meets regularly to empower Latina girls by raising their self-esteem through motivational guest speakers, college visits, and discussion of self-help tools.

She also helps coordinates the MAS (Mentoring and Academic Support) after school program for sixth and seventh grade students. She provides academic support to the students and helps coordinate mentoring provided by Framingham State and MassBay Students. As a teacher, she is hard-working and dedicated. She is constantly looking for new ways to engage her students in learning the culture and Spanish language. She has been an influential force in the lives of many of her students as evidence of the many times she has been invited to present at the Framingham High School Honor Society ceremony. As a colleague, she is professional and reliable, despite the difficult task of creating and implementing curriculum for three grade levels, and taking on the implementation of new technology and personalized learning this year. She is a great asset to the Two-Way Bilingual Program, the World Language Department and the entire Walsh community. Nelia Correa Patrick-You Are Special!

# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Camarah Evans - Cameron Middle School



To know Camarah is to know his warm smile, putting both students and colleagues immediately at ease. Camarah is always approachable, courteous and willing to help out whenever there is a need.

He is a role model to many students who see him as another adult they can trust and count on in our building. Camarah provides additional support in classrooms, the hallway, and dismissal if help is needed. He always has a positive “can do” attitude. Camarah works with many at risk students and is able to build a rapport with them based on mutual respect. Students who are not in Camarah’s program seek him out as a mentor.

He is just as loved and respected by his colleagues who appreciate all he does for Cameron. Camarah Evans, You Are Special!



# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Laurette Hakar - Fuller Middle School



Complete dedication to the well-being and education of students ... a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect with colleagues ... generosity of time, ideas and resources ... kindness and concern for all. These are but a few of the descriptors of Fuller Middle School teacher's assistant, Laurette Hakar. Laurette joined the staff at Fuller, as a Sixth Grade Math teacher, following several years as a paraprofessional at Stapleton Elementary School.

She moved into her new role with enthusiasm and complete commitment to her students and colleagues. Laurette went above and beyond the parameters of her “job description”, on a daily basis, spending hours before, during, and after school to guide students toward academic and personal growth.

This year, while Laurette's role has evolved as a 6th grade paraprofessional this year, as she dedicates more of her time and energy toward family, her contributions to students and staff continue to build a deep sense of common good and growth mindset.

Laurette Hakar, never doubt that all of us at Fuller Middle School know, without question, that You Are Special!

# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Madelyn Jackson - Woodrow Wilson Elementary School



In Madelyn's own words: 'At this point, I can say my 42 year teaching career certainly flew! I've had many wonderful learning and teaching experiences in private, therapeutic and public school settings with students of varying levels with behavioral, emotional and learning needs.

These past 27 years as a Special Educator in Framingham have been rewarding working with students in grades three through six and McCarthy, Barbieri, Walsh and the last 21 years at Woodrow Wilson.

I've also enjoyed and appreciated working with many talented colleagues over the years.'

Madelyn Jackson-You Are Special!





# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Natalya Mains - Framingham High School



Natalya Mains is a special education teacher in Framingham High School. She is the lead teacher for the Learning Center Program. The students in the Learning Center have the most complicated learning profiles in the school. Through a combination of creative lessons, consistent behavior programs, and individualized learning, Natalya has developed a strong and dynamic program. In addition to academics, Natalya provides the students with instruction in life skills, including vocational experiences that take place within the High School. Natalya has created the Flyer Fuel Coffee Shop, The Fleagle Market school store, a functional cooking class and various other vocational experiences for her students. Natalya has taken her students into the community to learn about going to the grocery store, ordering at a restaurant, and buying clothes at the mall. She has taught her students how to take the public bus and the train.

In addition to the work she does with her students, Natalya has been the co-advisor for Best Buddies for the past 3 years. Through Best Buddies, students with disabilities are paired with non-disabled students with the goal that friendships will be formed. Natalya is a dedicated teacher, and a fierce advocate for people with disabilities. With Natalya's unrelenting desire for inclusion experiences for her students, she has helped foster a climate of tolerance and acceptance within the High School while providing her students with an outstanding, individualized education. Natalya Mains-You Are Special!

# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Susan Moriarty - Potter Road Elementary School



You might say Susan Moriarty grew organically at Potter Road. She began her career as a Potter Road parent for 15 years before becoming a Kindergarten assistant. After many years as an assistant she moved her way up the ranks to her current position--a Sheltered English Immersion Kindergarten teacher.

She makes her home in Framingham with her husband of 30 years, Tim. Together, they have lived in all four corners of the United States. She's the proud mom of two children, Kaitlin and Griffin who both attended Framingham schools (including Potter Road!) Kaitlin recently completed her student teaching at Potter Road and is a Pre-K teacher at Framingham Center Nursery School. Griffin is in Graduate School at UMASS-Amherst, working on his Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering-Water Quality.

Susan recently completed her Master's Degree at Lesley University as a Reading Specialist and is also a licensed ESL teacher. Her passion is teaching young English Language Learners and she loves coming to Potter Road each day, working with an amazing and collaborative staff. When not in the classroom, she can be found reading or taking a nice long walk. Susan Moriarty for so many reasons, You Are Special!

# You Are Special

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## Jeff Newcombe - Walsh Middle School



Jeff Newcombe has been a valuable member of our Walsh Middle School community for the past 24 years. It is very important to Jeff that all students feel welcome at Walsh. He encourages all students to go to breakfast where he greets them happily each morning. In his classes, Jeff takes a few minutes at the beginning of each period for students to share something. Regardless of students athletic ability Jeff encourages all students to participate in our 3 on 3 tournament, a major fundraiser for the school and a Walsh Community event. All students are more than welcome to compete in the tournament, regardless of skill level.

For those students that simply aren't interested in playing basketball, Jeff offers them opportunities such as refereeing, assisting with other tournament related tasks, or for Walsh's artistic community, designing posters. The money raised has gone towards technology for the school, new basketball backboards, and the fitness center. Always willing to lend an extra hand, Jeff can be seen in the cafeteria doing extra lunch duties, helping with the busses, and covering classes. He also graciously allows teachers to use the gymnasium space and equipment for reward purposes when students have earned gym time as part of our PBIS program. Jeff is a big advocate of having a positive culture in the building.

He strives to have each individual at Walsh, students and faculty alike, feel welcome as a part of the community, safe in all settings in and around the building, and happy to be at Walsh. Jeff Newcombe, You Are Special!

# You Are Special

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## Emma Nicolazzo - Potter Road Elementary School



Emma Nicolazzo brings the expression “teaching all students” to a whole new level. Every spring, you can be sure of two things: Emma will have some of her students join her on a day long hike up Mount Monadnock and she’ll also pitch a tent in her room as part of her integrated camping unit. Mrs. Nicolazzo joined Potter Road in 2012 and hasn’t stopped since.

Always on the cutting edge-having students experiment with the most up to date technology-she’s consistently on top of her game! Emma’s infectious smile and consistently positive personality allow her to engage all students.

When she’s not in the classroom, she can be found hiking, gardening, bird watching, baking or antiquing. She’s married to her fabulous husband, Mike. Together, they have two children who keep them busy: Petra and Leonardo. Emma, thanks for always giving 100% to Potter students. Emma Nicolazzo-You Are Special!



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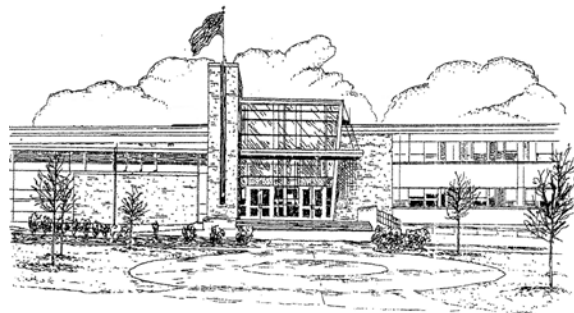
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## Christopher Ocampo - Framingham High School



Chris Ocampo started off at FHS in 2010 as a Special Education Aide, and quickly showed the drive to excel that has defined his experience in Framingham thus far. After starting off as an aide, he earned his certification as a Special Education teacher. As such, Chris is known for coming up with creative solutions to challenging problems students face.

He has thrown himself in to the FHS community by advising mock trial, starting the Ultimate Frisbee club, organizing “First Fridays” social gatherings along with “You Are Special” alumna, Taylor Collins, and acting as advisor to the Class of 2020. He also coordinates the Flyers Camp summer program for students who need social skills support. In Chris’s spare time, he is an avid gamer, comic book collector, and computer coder; he has even created his own app. Chris Ocampo-You Are Special!





# You Are Special

“You Are Special “ Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

## Kimberly O’Leary - BLOCKS Preschool



Kim O’Leary has been a member of the B.L.O.C.K.S. Preschool family for the past 27 years. Kim began her school career as a first grader at the Juniper Hill School until she graduated from Framingham North High School and completed her degree as an Early Childhood teacher at Framingham State College.

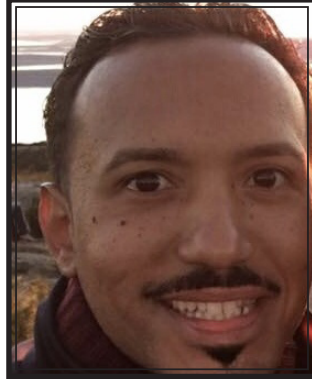
Professionally, Kim began her journey at B.L.O.C.K.S. Preschool as a classroom aide. Her ability to connect with young children and understand how to best teach them made her an excellent candidate to lead her own classroom as a teacher four years later. Her upbeat, caring personality and ability to frame learning situations positively, helps children persevere and work through the most challenging tasks. Kim’s knowledge of the young child and the importance of a strong foundation for social-emotional growth is evident in the activities and environment Kim provides. Kim also works closely with families to support their child both at home and at school fostering a connection that allows the child to have consistency and feel supported.

Kim’s enthusiasm and positive energy is contagious. She finds a way to smile about everything! She is kind, thoughtful, collaborative and so generous in sharing her knowledge and ideas with her colleagues. Her classroom overflows with materials and activities where she magically weaves together all curriculum areas allowing children to be inquisitive, challenged, successful and so proud of what they can do and who they have become! Kim O’Leary-You Are Special!

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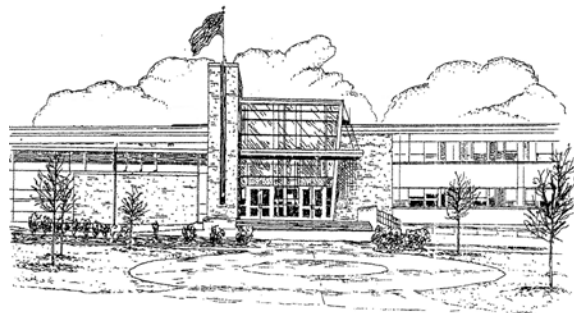
## Jonathan Padilla – Framingham High School



Jonathan Padilla is a custodian at Framingham High School. He has been in the district since March of 2011. His commitment and pride in his profession is evident in both his positive attitude and the results of his work. He consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of him.

He is a role model among his colleagues. Jonathan’s connection with the students is what sets him apart. During his second shift duties, Jonathan can be seen mentoring and supporting students, particularly in the athletics area. He completes his work with a smile. He connects with students and offers encouragement and support effortlessly. He never looks for accolades and is humble beyond measure.

We as the FHS community are grateful for his dedication and support!  
Jonathan Padilla-You Are Special!



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## Mauricio Perea - Stapleton Elementary School



Mr. Perea is an invaluable member of our diverse school community. He consistently exhibits a strong work ethic and a commitment to the students he serves. He believes that all students can succeed and communicates that message to them each and every day, instilling in them a stronger sense of self-confidence. Mr. Perea’s compassionate and optimistic nature is palpable, and as so, he serves as an encouraging and positive role model. In addition to providing academic support in the classroom, Mr. Perea is also sensitive to the social and emotional needs of students. He is an attentive and active listener and partners with them to work through concerns offering thoughtful guidance while enforcing behavioral expectations.

He consistently collaborates with staff across grade levels to brainstorm strategies for helping students succeed and is always seeking feedback and new ideas. Mr. Perea goes above and beyond his job description, often providing assistance with translations for our Spanish and Portuguese speaking families. He brings and shares with colleagues a great depth of knowledge and insights from his many community connections, cultural experiences, and the work he does outside of school with students with Autism. He is a highly creative and accomplished artist and seeks out opportunities to use this skill to encourage individual expression in students.

We are most fortunate to have Mauricio Perea as a member of our Stapleton School community. Mauricio Perea-You Are Special!

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## Gregory Petersen - Stapleton Elementary School



Although Mr. Petersen is a soft-spoken individual, the impact he has on our school is larger than life. His patience and easy-going approach with students contribute to his ability to successfully help them work through challenges, both in and out of the classroom. He exercises sound judgment in difficult situations and can always be relied upon to maintain a calm and consistent demeanor.

Mr. Petersen has a ‘toolbox’ of techniques and strategies which he uses intuitively to elicit cooperation from students whenever needed. Students and staff alike have come to rely on him and are grateful for his flexibility and the ease in which he is able to adapt to any situation. Whether it’s a last minute coverage need, a change in schedule, or a student in need of his support, Mr. Petersen is always flexible, open-minded, and optimistic. He has developed many close bonds with students and easily builds connections with students across grade levels. It is evident that Mr. Petersen truly enjoys working with children, just as they enjoy working with him. Greg Petersen serves as a positive role model in children’s lives and we are fortunate to have him at Stapleton Elementary School. Gregory Petersen-You Are Special!



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## The Specialist Team - Barbieri Elementary School



The specialist team of our art, music and PE educators; Maria Enrique, Jillian Webberson, Cindy Moore, Jack Corbett, Jane Lacy and Allie Navarro are extraordinary professionals! In addition to being outstanding educators in their individual fields of the arts and physical education, they are outstanding collaborators. They not only provide our students with high level instructional experiences that enrich their lives, they also support the development of students' academic skills through the creative units they have developed for arts and PE instruction during teachers' collaboration time.

This year, they are working together on instructional rounds, observing each other's practice and focusing on essential questions in each of their curriculum areas. They collaborate every other year with our PTO to plan an artist in residence experience for every student in our school, rotating the focus between visual arts, musical and physical movement experiences. As an important component of English language instruction in our school, they have integrated English language instructional strategies into their classes. They have also worked to provide full inclusion for all our students with special needs into classes.

Our students, staff and families' lives are enriched by their presence and work in our school. Members of the Barbieri specialist team-You Are Special!

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## Gabriella Tagliaferro - Brophy Elementary School



Stop by Gabriella Tagliaferro's classroom at 12:30 p.m. and you will notice that the lights are off, there is soft music playing, and the children are relaxed with eyes closed, in various, comfortable spots throughout the room. You will hear Gabriella's gentle voice, leading her second grade students through a guided meditation. Acutely aware of the trauma many of her bilingual students have endured through their immigration experiences, Gabriella leads her students through this mindfulness exercise every day following lunch. The profound effect of this daily relaxation and regrouping time was noted recently through letters former students wrote about how grateful they were to be taught this strategy.

Gabriella has touched the lives of children on three continents in over 25 years of teaching. Gabriella's first position was with Mapuche children, an indigenous group in Southwestern Argentina in the Patagonia region. It was here that Gabriella's future as a bilingual teacher was shaped and nurtured. After several years, Gabriella relocated to Italy where she took a position as an ESL teacher in a Kindergarten. Finally, after a brief stint back in Argentina, Gabriella and her family settled in Framingham where she began teaching at Cameron, then at Fuller, and finally at Brophy where she has been for the past seven years. While balancing full-time teaching and motherhood, Gabriella earned her Master's Degree in Applied Linguistics from UMass Boston. Colleagues who have worked with Gabriella over the years describe her as compassionate, intelligent, patient and reflective. Fluent in four languages, she is a fierce advocate for her students, and a strong believer in bilingual education. Gabriella, you are a gift to all who know you. Just breathe... You Are Special!

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## TBE Portuguese Team - King Elementary School



Dedicated, compassionate, caring, and supportive....these are just a few of the words that describe Alba Ortega and Edna Semprum, King School's nominations for this year's You Are Special award. Alba and Edna are the glue that bonds our TBE Portuguese 2nd and 3rd grade class with the rest of our school community. Beyond their specific classroom, Alba and Edna serve a vital role in communicating with Portuguese speaking students and families at King School. Their kindness and care extend beyond the walls of room 208, and are felt broadly by students and adults alike. Their shared dedication to student success, coupled with the support they provide the Portuguese speaking community, is notable and admirable.

Alba Ortega joined the King staff two years ago when the King Community welcomed a large group of students from Brazil whose native language was Portuguese. Edna Semprum was a Portuguese Native Language Tutor at the time and joined Alba as we formed a TBE classroom in order to meet the needs of our new arrivals. The teamwork and collaboration they exhibit in order to provide our TBE students with a safe, supportive, and engaging classroom, along with meaningful integration opportunities, is so appreciated and admired by the entire King staff.

As the TBE students prepare to fully integrate into the mainstream SEI classrooms next year, and King risks the chance of losing these two special staff members, we feel this is a perfect opportunity to recognize the impact that they both have truly had on our entire school community. They deserve recognition for who they are as educators and people that have touched the lives of many students, staff, and families in a very short time. TBE Portuguese Team-You Are Special!

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## Ana Paula Viegas - Fuller Middle School



We are proud to announce our nomination for the Salute to Framingham award to a person whose dedication, flexibility, calmness, and devotion to the students at Fuller Middle School is exceptional. Ana Paula Viegas, Bilingual Special Education Assistant Teacher, has been with us at Fuller since 2013 where she has provided academic, linguistic, and socioemotional support to all students in the Bilingual Department on a daily basis. As a native Portuguese speaker, she can often be found in our Portuguese content classes where she works closely and collaboratively with teachers to support all students. She can be found doing the same with our ESL 1 and 2 teachers as well.

Being from Brazil and having learned English as a second language herself, Ana Paula's ability to connect and empathize with bilingual students of all backgrounds is uncanny. Current and former students often seek her out not only when they need help, but also just to say hello. Additionally, Ana Paula's daughter, currently on the Honor Roll and taking multiple AP classes at FHS, was a former Fuller student. Ana Paula is well respected by her colleagues who will say without hesitation that they wish she could be in all their classrooms every period of the day.

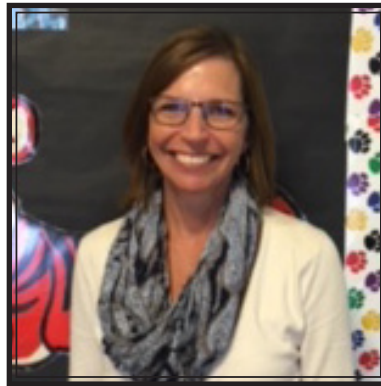
When asked to describe Ana Paula, one colleague said, “you can count on her no matter what, and she always has a smile and a good word to cheer you up.” She goes well above and beyond and is often thought of as the glue that holds the Bilingual Department together. For all these reasons and more, Ana Paula Viegas-You Are Special!



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## Lisa Weinstock - Hemenway Elementary School



Woman Extraordinaire!!! Lisa is the Literacy Coach at Hemenway, where she has been teaching since 2001. Prior to coming to Hemenway, Lisa taught in both the New York City and Pittsburgh Public schools. For the first 13 years at Hemenway, Lisa was a fourth grade teacher. She attended summer institutes at Columbia University’s Teachers’ College to learn about Reading and Writing workshop and was part of the first cohort of TLA lab classroom teachers that helped the district launch the workshop model in reading. Three years ago, Lisa became the literacy coach here at Hemenway. She has worked with Project Zero research institute at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education to help Hemenway develop our culture of thinking and use of thinking routines in support of the district initiative of making thinking visible.

Lisa works tirelessly with kindergarten through fifth grade teaching teams, specialists and administration to support the growth of instructional practice and student learning outcomes. Lisa has been instrumental in supporting Hemenway teachers in developing their instructional practice in Reader’s and Writer’s Workshop. The Teaching and Learning Alliance has selected Hemenway School to host other public school districts as part of their guided observation program, “Taking a Closer Look at Exemplary Literacy in K-5 Classrooms.” Lisa Weinstock is invaluable as an instructional leader and resource for all members of the Hemenway community...We are so fortunate to have Lisa on our leadership team! Lisa Weinstock-You Are Special!





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