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Si Babineau
Barry Bograd
Sherwin Greenblatt

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Robert Champion
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 DelPrete
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

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Kathy Davies O'Leary

2017

Chuck Greenslit
Bennie Ottaviani
Maria Rosado

2018

Mike Bower
Ron Vallely

The Salute to Framingham

27th Annual

Welcome to the 27th Annual Salute to Framingham, one of Framingham's most anticipated annual events! This year, we will be celebrating Kathy Hauck and Cathy & David Miles 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 27 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 one retiring senior administrator with over 10 years of service to our district.

And in keeping with tradition, we will be recognizing 24 graduating FHS students who have shown leadership in a variety of ways.

The Salute to Framingham is the largest single fund-raiser 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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Activities

Soldier Cookie Project – Food items

Model UN - Transportation & expenses

Robotics Club - Root Robot parts & VEX Championship travel

Flyer Television - Equipment & Parts

Career Development-NE Laborers Camp field trip; BC College Fair field trip

ESL Class - Support to see Othello at Regis College, Museum of Fine Arts trip

Facing History - Support to see Schindler's List on a big screen

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Global Students Leaders Club - Support EF Tour to multiple countries

AP Language - Support for Walden Pond trip

Sophomores - Support to see Macbeth at Babson College

Writers Club-Young Writers Conference fee, Publication fee for Open Window

Book Club - "Louder than a Bomb" poetry competition entrance fee

Ultimate Frisbee Club - Tournament registration fees & equipment

Multiple Clubs - Support for author visit Matt de la Pena

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Kathy Hauck

Whether on the athletic fields of Framingham or in the halls of the schools that her four children attended, Kathy Hauck has been a champion for Framingham's youth for many years. In 2002 when district budget cuts threatened to reduce the number and scope of extracurricular activities at Framingham High School, Kathy was among a dedicated group of parents who came together to form the Framingham High School Foundation, whose mission is to be able to financially supplement athletics, arts and activities for all students at FHS. Kathy served as president of FHSF until 2014. Under her leadership, FHSF worked with parents, alumni, district administrators and local corporations/business on several corporate and alumni funded initiatives.

However, the most enduring example of Kathy's dedication to serving the city's youth is the Salute to Framingham, which moved under the umbrella of FHSF in 2003. Under Kathy's stewardship, the Salute grew to an event that annually draws more than 600 attendees. The funds raised through the years for FHSF under Kathy's leadership have supported activities for thousands of FHS students with a varied range of interests and strengths from athletics to the arts, from poetry to robotics and everything in between.

Additionally, although her children are grown and out of the Framingham schools, Kathy continues to give of her time whether called upon as a committee member for the FHS Athletics Hall of Fame dinner or as a parent member of the selection committee for a new FHS football coach. Kathy also currently serves as a commissioner on the board of the Framingham Parks and Rec. department where she lends her guidance to such topics as skate parks and fields throughout the city.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Kathy Hauck

To someone that has always worked for cause and not for applause -

*We admire you, your commitment and your unrelenting willingness
to give back to your community from the kindness in your heart.*

*The tireless devotion of the many volunteers like yourself makes
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Cathy and David Miles

For many years, David and Cathy Miles have demonstrated their commitment both individually, and together, as advocates for Framingham's young people. As the current co-chair of the Framingham School Building Committee, David has been instrumental in the development of, and planning for, the construction of a new Fuller Middle School. He served for 12 years on the Framingham School Committee, including being named as Chair several times, where he tackled challenging issues facing our district and students. He served as a Town Meeting member for 6 years where he chaired the standing committee on education. He was appointed to the town finance committee. David has coached hundreds of Framingham kids in a number of sports. Whether they played YMCA soccer or basketball, Framingham Little League, Framingham United Soccer, youth skating at Loring Arena or TBA basketball, David could be found on the sidelines providing reassurance and using humor as motivation.

Cathy can be found giving her time wherever help is needed. Turning personal experience into a positive force for good, Cathy recently co-founded Framingham FORCE (Fostering Opioid Recovery, Compassion & Education), an organization which serves to raise awareness of and de-stigmatize opioid misuse.

As an advocate for the underserved, Cathy served as a steering committee member for the Framingham Services Coalition aiding those affected by homelessness. Cathy was also on Hoops and Homework Board of Directors and currently serves on the Committee to Break the Silence for Voices Against Violence. She was an integral part of the annual Framingham Education Foundation's adult spelling bee which raised monies for curriculum based initiative in the Framingham schools. She was an active member of PTO's at all levels when her two children were going through the Framingham Public Schools. She served on the FHS 20th Merger Committee, working tirelessly to help gather information to celebrate the merger of Framingham North and South high schools. Cathy volunteered countless hours as the parent volunteer coordinator for the Framingham Recreational Swim Team. Cathy has served as the volunteer coordinator for MetroFest for the past 4 years, recruiting David as one of her star volunteers.

Additionally, David and Cathy are selfless volunteers for many other causes including the Boston Marathon. Cathy (class of 2012) and David (class of 2011) are proud graduates of Leadership MetroWest which has fueled their volunteer spirit. Their individual and combined contributions have touched the lives of thousands of Framingham's young people.



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Wish to salute:

***KATHY HAUCK
CATHY MILES
DAVID MILES***

*For their exceptional achievements
on behalf of the youth of Framingham.*



2019 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.



Hoops and Homework is an after-school and summer program that offers academic and enrichment services to children and youth in some of Framingham's poorest neighborhoods. An excellent example of community organizing in response to a clear need - the lack of an affordable and accessible after-school program for children living in the lowest income section of Framingham - Hoops and Homework has been extremely successful for students, their parents, and their teachers. Staff and volunteers assist youth with homework Monday through Friday during the school year. Tutoring support, with an emphasis on reading, is provided. Lending libraries with reading areas are always available. The computer area, which is used to promote interest and skills in using technology, as well as to strengthen academic and technology skills and confidence, is set up at each site and is monitored and supervised. Healthy snacks are provided each day along with lunches during the school vacation periods to provide needed nutrition.

The program was launched in 2012 by a group of concerned citizens, led by Framingham resident Herb Chasan, interested in making improvements to this underserved section of the city. This group persuaded Framingham Town Meeting to appropriate \$81,000 to initiate the after-school homework and recreation program at two locations: Framingham Housing Authority's site at Carlson and Pusan Rd, and the Cochituate Cooperative Homes site at Interfaith Terrace. Hoops and Homework Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit 501c3 charity in December 2014 in order to continue to provide after-school services. The funds that are donated are used to pay for staff, supplies, insurance and snacks at the two sites. Private donations and grants have made it possible to sustain the program. In June, 2017, the Massachusetts Office of Early Education and Care approved Hoops and Homework as a licensed childcare provider. They are the only neighborhood-based after-school program in Framingham. In November, 2017, Hoops and Homework earned eligibility for state tuition vouchers.



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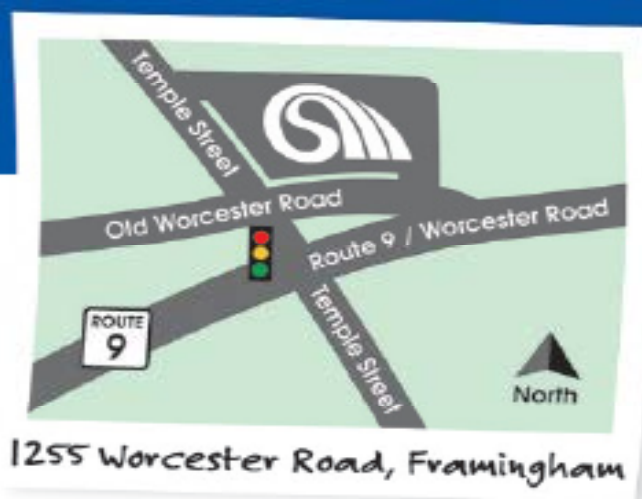


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you have become. Congratulations on this honor.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Biejan, Brian, Sakineh,

Azam, Rahman and Morteza

Class of 2019 Student Recognitions



Nicholas Amico

Nick has been a member of the award winning FHS Drama Company since the fall of 2015, winning two acting awards at the METG Festival and serving in the position of student technical director and master electrician for *Mamma Mia*. He has also been involved with Flyer News and anchored their Emmy Broadcast submission.



BK Amini

BK has been a member of the Varsity Boys Hockey team since his freshman year and has participated in hockey training camps for younger children who are learning the game. BK enjoys working at Lifetime and is an avid reader.



Amelia Burton

Amelia has been active in the FHS Writer's Club serving as their President and organizing their anthology Open Window (published 2018). She is also a member of the National Honor Society and Publicity Coordinator of the FHS GSA.



PJ Conzo

PJ has been Captain of the Varsity Boys Hockey team as well as a hockey coach for Framingham Youth Hockey. A member of the National Honor Society, PJ also serves as an ADC Tutor and a mentor at King Elementary School. He also participates in community service work for Family Promise.



Amanda Fawell

Amanda is a recipient of the Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Award, for her independent service project working with homeless children. She also is an active member of the FHS Drama Company (*Mary Poppins*, *Mamma Mia*) and has won state recognition. Additionally she is a nationally awarded vocalist and gymnastics coach for children.

Class of 2019 Student Recognitions



Esther Figueroa

Esther has excelled in the FHS Marching Band taking part as a clarinet player and a color guard member. She is also bi-lingual, fluently speaking and writing both English and Spanish. Additionally she has been able to balance her academics and school commitments with working.



Benjamin Fortin

Ben is a member of the FHS National Honor Society and has a 4.0 GPA. He has been a member for the past four years of the Varsity Ski Team and serves as Senior Captain. Ben was also named to the 2018 All-Framingham Team.



Sarah Granoff

Sarah is President of the FHS Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) and a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a French tutor for local middle school students and a volunteer at Temple Beth Shalom's Religious School.



Arlene Jimenez

Arlene is Co-President of the Student Immigrant Movement Club which advocates for the rights of immigrant students, raises awareness on issues such as DACA and voting rights and has supported hurricane victims in PR. Arlene has also been a tutor/teaching assistant to support ESL & Spanish speaking students.



Jessie Landes

Jessie is an officer and member of the FHS Drama Company (*Chicago, Animal Farm*). She also serves as an officer of the National Honor Society.

Class of 2019 Student Recognitions



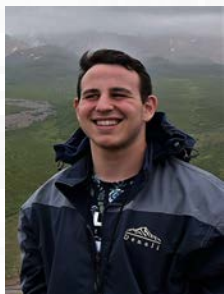
Libby Morningstar

Libby is a member of the FHS National Honor Society and served as Drive Chair for the Holiday Drive during her Junior and Senior years. She also has been a tutor for local middle school students as well as doing service for children in foster care with Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.



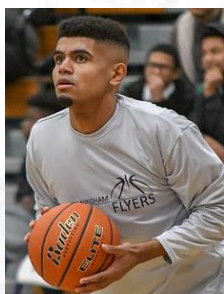
Connor Neshe

Connor is Captain of the FHS Boys Tennis Team and has been recruited to play Tennis for Springfield College. He is an ADC Tutor and also teaches tennis to younger kids.



Matt Noah

Matt is a Captain on the Varsity Wrestling Team and qualified for State & All-State meets this season. He has also been a member of the Flyer News team serving as Director this year. Additionally Matt is a member of the FHS National Honor Society and a mentor at King Elementary School.



Erick Oliveira

Erick has been a member of the Varsity Boys Basketball Team for two years and has been a team Captain. He is a Step Up to Excellence Mentee and also serves as a Mentor to students at King Elementary School.



Amy Phalen

Amy has been a three sport athlete during her high school career competing in field hockey, basketball and tennis. She was a team Captain for field hockey and tennis and was named as a Bay State All Star for field hockey. Additionally she will complete the FPS 2-way bilingual program this year and has served as a class officer for all four years at FHS.

Class of 2019 Student Recognitions



Andrea
Ramirez Franco

Andrea is a member of the FHS Step Up to Excellence program and the National Honor Society. Additionally she was a Captain on the Girls Swim Team and is in line to receive the Seal of Biliteracy on her diploma.



Jenna Riedl

Jenna received the Gold Award, the highest honor in the Girl Scout organization, for an initiative that fosters communication between high school students and senior citizens through storytelling. She has also written two dystopian novels and she participated in a service trip to Haiti where she helped to build a house for a local family.



Erin Rogerson

Erin has served as a Varsity Field Hockey Captain during her high school career as a three season athlete. Additionally she has been an officer of the FHS National Honor Society and a member of Key Club which have given her opportunities to be active in community service. Erin also received a National Hispanic Recognition Award.



Dominic Skinnion

Dom has served as the Class President and is a member of the FHS National Honor Society. He has also participated as a member of the Student Advisory Committee. Dom was a Coordinator for the 2018 Framingham PMC Kids Ride.



Michael Skinnion

Michael has been the Vice President of the Class of 2019 and is also a member of the FHS National Honor Society. Additionally he has also been a Captain for the Wrestling Team. Michael was also accepted to the University of Michigan.

Class of 2019 Student Recognitions



Stephanie Skura

Stephanie is a member of FHS National Honor Society and was their Community Service Officer. She also has received Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Award. Stephanie has also been a member of the Girls Softball Team and Captain.



Alex Smith

Alex has competed with the FHS Football Team and was named a Bay-State All Star and a Metrowest Daily News All Star. Additionally he was a member of the All-Tournament Team in Flyers Holiday Hoopla. Alex has also been a mentor at King Elementary School.



Jake Sofro

Jake has served as President of the FHS Key Club, an organization focused on community service. He also has been a Captain for the Boys Volleyball Team and also performed as a percussionist in the student organized F-Cubed 2019 concert. Jake has spent his summers working as a camp counselor.



Jeremy Zupan

Jeremy is the President of the FHS Environmental Awareness Club. He has also performed with the FHS Concert and Marching Bands as well as several ensembles on baritone saxophone and bass clarinet. He served as Section Leader in band along with the role of Historian for the FHS Instrumental Department.

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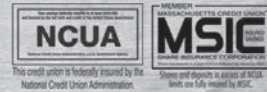
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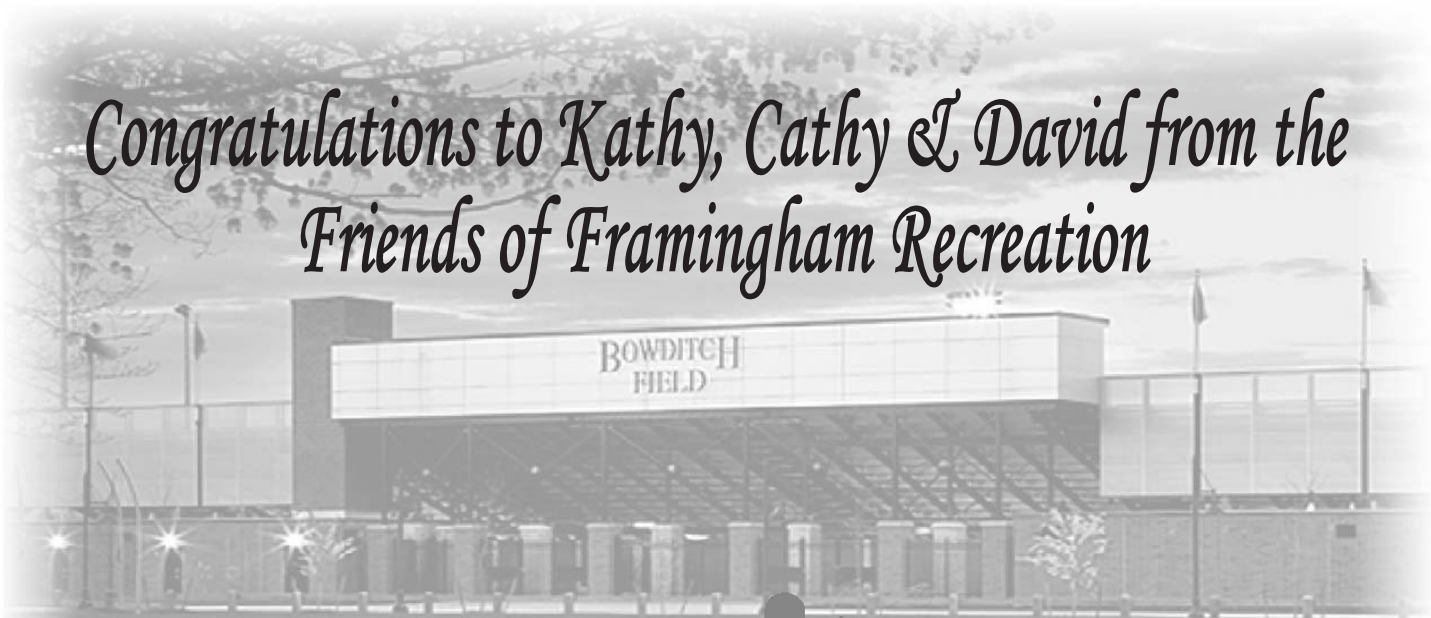


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Benjamin Fortin	Amy Phalen	Jake Sofro
Sarah Granoff	Andrea Ramirez Franco	Jeremy Zupan

2019 Salute to Framingham Award Presentation

Salute to Framingham Honorary Chair, Paul Spear

Kathy Hauck

Cathy & David Miles

Program

Jim O'Connor Community Service Award

Hoops and Homework

“We Are Grateful” Presentation

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Social Worker Team -
Barbieri

Roland Burke - Fuller

Kristi Daley - Potter Road

Lisa DiDonato - Stapleton

Maura Donovan - Dunning

Diane Durfee - McCarthy

Gina Fitzpatrick - Walsh

Paula Gibson - Brophy

Brad Haven - Cameron

Speech & Language Therapist team -
Hemenway

Jeff Holzer - Fuller

Amy Johnson - FHS

Cheryl Jones - FHS

Michelle Kinsella - All Elementary

Jennifer Langmeyer - Potter Road

Bernardo Llorente - Central Office

Linda Mackie - BLOCKS

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Arthur “Chip” Delprete



The clock is running out and Arthur “Chip” DelPete is taking his final shot. After an illustrious 36 year career, Chip is looking forward to spending more time with his family on his boat touring and fishing on Sebago Cove.

Chip was born and grew up in Framingham. He attended FPS and graduated from Framingham South High in 1977. He went on to earn his B.S from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and his Masters from Framingham State College. Chip has spent his entire career working in Special Education/Alternative Education and has made a huge difference in the lives of students who needed a different environment in which to find success.

Chip started working for FPS in 1983 as a Classroom Aide at Framingham North. He moved up the ranks quickly and became a Special Ed Assistant Teacher where he put his skills to work at Walsh Middle School and Framingham South High School. He left FPS and for 10 years taught Social Studies at Assabet Collaborative High School. Chip eventually returned to FPS in 1999 to work at Thayer Campus Alternative High School teaching science for 11 years. When Ann Lamb retired in 2011, Chip was the logical choice to take over and he became the Director of Thayer Campus. For the past 8 years Chip has led the school with pride and the philosophy that every student who walks through Thayer’s doors can and will succeed under his and his staff’s guidance.

Chip has also been a long time coach in FPS and Shrewsbury. He served for 28 years as the Framingham South Girls’ Varsity Basketball Coach and then upon its consolidation to one high school, the FHS Girls’ Varsity Basketball Coach, was Assistant Boys’ Soccer Coach under Dan Avery and Assistant Track and Field Coach with Ron Pereira. Chip also coached the Shrewsbury Girls Varsity Soccer team for many years. In the summer, Chip coordinated the Framingham Recreation Department’s Summer Basketball Program for 25 years. Chip has touched the lives of countless students and athletes in Framingham, Assabet and Shrewsbury. His patient demeanor and thoughtful approach in getting students to believe that they can succeed is magical.

Chip has been married to his high school sweetheart Judy (Gavel) for 35 years. They have three sons, Justin, Brandon and Tony. Chip and Judy also have one granddaughter, Brie Alexa who is a shining star in their lives. FPS will miss Chip and the experience and stability he brings to the Alternative High School.

Chip DelPrete, for your many years of dedication and service to the FPS and your 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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You Are Special

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

Andrea Baer - Brophy Elementary School



Mrs. Andrea Baer brings a smile to the faces of Brophy parents and children, as she greets them each morning wearing one of her flashy hats! Andrea is the energetic Brophy art teacher, as well as constant cheerleader of the Brophy community. Mrs. Baer can be found at every Brophy event from the Variety Show to the Multi-Cultural Fair, adding her colorful and special blend of enthusiasm.

Mrs. Baer has been a vital member of the Brophy community since 2001. She taught Kindergarten for several years until she had one of those “aha” moments and realized that she wanted to incorporate art into her life. As Andrea said, “The stars aligned!” and she was able to seamlessly pursue her new professional interest. Soon the Brophy art position opened and Andrea was able to fulfill her dream.

Andrea loves to highlight art styles from different cultures. She feels passionate that students understand that the process of art in class should not be lost in the product, and helps students to approach each project with Growth Mindset. Also, her goal is to make art obtainable by incorporating many materials that students have at home. Mrs. Baer’s recent project transformed the Brophy courtyard into an attractive, visually stimulating place to be, as the students created artwork and sculptures that connected literature, poetry and the academic curriculum.

One of Mrs. Baer’s favorite quotes is by Maya Angelou, “In diversity there is beauty and strength.” Andrea brings this thought to life in her work at Brophy School!

Andrea Baer, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Social Worker Team - Barbieri Elementary School Tracy Gabriel & Kelly Quinn



Barbieri’s social workers, Kelly Quinn and Tracy Gabriel are vital members of the team that helps our school meet the social emotional needs of our students and their families. With more than 70 students a piece on their caseloads, Kelly and Tracy are in constant motion; connecting families with outside providers, running lunch groups, checking in with students who need support, creating individual plans to support students’ social emotional needs, consulting with teachers and other staff members, running our holiday gift program, making sure students have winter coats and other needed clothing, and meeting with families to write developmental social reports for special education team meetings, just to name a few of their many and varied responsibilities.

Each of these dedicated women has a different approach, personality and strengths. Together, they make an incredible, dynamic team, totally committed to providing every possible support our students or families may need. They visit families at home and arrange taxi rides for those who have transportation barriers to school involvement. They run our Barbieri CAREs fund which provides financial support to enable students to participate in vacation and summer enrichment programs and camps. They work closely with our school nurse and Daniel’s Table to provide complete, prepared frozen meals for families in need. They collect donations of supermarket gift cards to help families through difficult times. Sometimes, they have to interact with the Department of Children and Families around issues of abuse and neglect. Their job can certainly be stressful, but they do it with a remarkable level of love and commitment.

Tracy Gabriel and Kelly Quinn, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Roland Burke - Fuller Middle School



It is my distinct pleasure to nominate Mr. Roland Burke for the “You Are Special” award on behalf of the Fuller Middle School staff. In the three years that I have been Principal of the school I have developed the highest level of respect and appreciation for Roland as a result of his commitment, dedication and care for the school, the staff and the children of the Fuller.

Roland’s commitment to the school extends far beyond his job obligations as the day custodian at Fuller. He spends countless hours meticulously attending to small details to ensure that our old building is clean and safe for all and he works tirelessly to ensure that all teachers and staff have the materials they need to be successful every day. Additionally, he finds time during the day to check on the well-being of staff and children and to talk about his beloved Patriots. Roland is well known and loved by all members of the staff who consider it a privilege to have him as a colleague.

Roland Burke, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Kristi Daley - Potter Road Elementary School



With her effervescent personality and a smile on her face, Kristi is welcome sight for her first graders each day. Her kindness and compassion help ensure that all of her students are achieving at high levels, but she never forgets about educating the “whole child.” Treating the children like her own, Mrs. Daley does “whatever it takes” to make every child feel special. Beyond test scores and achievement, she never forgets that children learn through curiosity and mistakes.

Kristi graduated from Penn State in 2004 before receiving her Masters from Fitchburg State in 2011. She joined Potter Road in 2006 as a half day Kindergarten teacher before moving on to first grade--where she has taught since 2007.

Kristi is more than a teacher. She’s a teacher leader--always leading the way at Potter Road with new initiatives. Be it MTSS, math workshop or early literacy work, Kristi is constantly out in front figuring out how to do the very best for her students.

A proud Framingham native, she was in the first group of children to go through the BLOCKS Preschool. Kristi graduated from Framingham High School in 2001. It was there she met her high school sweetheart and now husband, Mark. They have two boys, Ryan, a first grader at Potter and Jackson, who will start at Potter next year.

When she’s not teaching, you can find Kristi doing yoga, cooking, relaxing by the pool, vacationing on the Cape or Florida. For all of these reasons:

Kristi Daley, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Lisa DiDonato - Stapleton Elementary School



Lisa DiDonato is an invaluable member of the Stapleton community. “Miss DiDi” is always in demand, by both students and staff. Her calm, loving nature is admired by many. She deals with some of the toughest situations with ease and professionalism. Lisa is selfless and intuitive to the needs of our most challenged students. She is a wealth of information and has an innate ability to de-escalate students. She is connected to each and every student by truly understanding them as an individual and uses that knowledge to build lasting relationships. She utilizes her experience as a Safety Care trainer to remove barriers for students so they can exceed expectations. Ms. DiDonato has a heart of gold and is a hidden gem of Mary E. Stapleton elementary school!

Lisa DiDonato, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Maura Donovan - Dunning Elementary School



Maura is a dedicated, passionate, and extremely hard-working educator who always strives for excellence in all that she does. She is an outstanding teacher and she has a wealth of expertise and experience from her many years serving in many different capacities within the district. She is highly compassionate, and she consistently goes above and beyond to make sure she is meeting the diverse needs of her students and their families. Maura often provides before school academic skills support for her students, she makes arrangements to best support her families in need, and she attends before and after school events.

Maura also continually goes out of her way to support her colleagues as well. She is dedicated to serving on the Dunning STEAM Team and other professional committees, and is eager to share her experience with her colleagues. She is a selfless team player who collaborates well with others, and she always provides a quality education to best support all students.

Maura's passion and dedication to the work that she does can be seen every day by the progress her students make. She truly is an asset to her students, their families, and her colleagues at Dunning.

Maura Donovan, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Diane Durfee - McCarthy Elementary School



Diane Durfee is a dedicated and talented special education teacher who has been at McCarthy Elementary School since 2011. Her work has focused on children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, and she seeks to support students both academically and socially. She works collaboratively with staff and families. She was an integral part of the McCarthy team that helped develop the Collective Turnaround Plan. She has been a building rep for several years, and always advocates for what is best for students. She is a valued member of the Instructional Leadership Team, and has helped facilitate faculty meeting and PD sessions. Diane is a integral part of the McCarthy community, and we are so fortunate to have her.

Diane Durfee, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Gina Fitzpatrick - Walsh Middle School



Gina Fitzpatrick has been a Secretary at Walsh for the past 18 years, taking on pivotal roles supporting the Guidance and Special Education Departments. Her titles do not do justice to the role she plays at Walsh.

Gina is one of the primary operators of the control tower in the Walsh Middle School office. She literally runs Walsh on a daily basis. Gina starts each day by greeting students and families, while simultaneously tackling the multiple issues that come her way.

Gina wears multiple hats at Walsh. In addition to answering the phones, scheduling meetings, creating new student schedules, and problem solving issues for staff, students and their families alike, Gina is a counselor, a mentor, an advisor, a second mother, a teacher, and most importantly, a valued friend to many in the Walsh community.

Gina has mentored several of our new staff members and has served as the office educator to an endless number of students. Using her mother's intuition, Gina is often the first one to notice something is bothering a student and always wants to do everything she can to help. Gina personifies the Walsh Core Values of ROAR (Respect, Ownership, Acceptance, and Responsibility) and encourages our students to follow our ROAR values on a daily basis.

Put simply, Gina is fantastic and is someone who Walsh could not function without.

Gina Fitzpatrick, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Paula Gibson - Brophy Elementary School



We would like to introduce Paula Gibson as an outstanding educator who began her years in Framingham at Barbieri Elementary School. She joined Brophy as both a third and fourth grade teacher. The expertise that she brought, and continues to bring, has been such a gift for our parents, her colleagues, and most importantly, her students.

Paula brings exemplar skills and values to the teaching profession. She is the devoted teacher that every parent hopes for, dedicating herself to the students and tirelessly working to ensure that each and every one of them is given the opportunity to be successful. Paula works particularly well with students who are experiencing social or emotional adjustment difficulties, providing a safe, predictable haven where these students can learn to trust.

On a more personal note, Paula is a warm and caring individual. Additionally, another quality that makes her a special teacher is her ability to bring humor and fun into her daily teaching. Paula's students can expect to laugh every day, which only makes them love her and school even more.

Her philosophy of education, her energy and devotion, and her qualities as a team player all combine to create a uniquely talented individual. Paula regularly collaborates with her colleagues, making adjustments in both practice and student progress. She is wise enough to realize that one can never know enough about the education of children; always striving to improve herself as a professional. Paula's dedication to relentlessly pursuing educational success clearly makes her an inspiring example for all those around her.

Paula Gibson, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Brad Haven - Cameron Middle School



Thoughtful and persistent are two words that come to mind when we think of Brad Haven. Brad began working for the Framingham Public Schools in 1999 and since 2002 he has been an integral part of Cameron’s Support Staff. Brad also serves as a district level facilitator for school psychologists. He is kind, conscientious and always willing to help out. Professionally, as our school psychologist, Brad does a terrific job with evaluations. He is detailed and thorough with every student report he completes and works hard to ensure that parents leave meetings with a clear understanding of their child’s strengths and challenges and how this translates into the educational setting.

Brad is well respected by his colleagues and gets along great with everyone. He is always ready with a listening ear, whether it is about a school or student issue, family issue (either student or staff related) or just someone to shoot the breeze with during lunch, and he is always ready to discuss the latest song he is learning on his guitar. Brad’s clinical expertise and wisdom is greatly appreciated when we are working to support our most challenging students.

Through the years, he has always been willing to take part in school activities: chaperoning dances, participating in the student/staff basketball games, Halloween Haven, The Gauntlet and he spear-headed our successful RFL program. Brad has a wonderful sense of humor and a positive attitude, he will be greatly missed.

Brad Haven, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Speech & Language Therapist Team - Hemenway Elementary School
Caitlin Mannino & Debra Seeto



Caitlin Mannino has been a speech and language therapist at Hemenway School since 2007... making this her twelfth year working with our students! Caitlin is an amazing professional whose expertise is invaluable in providing students with the interventions and supports they need to grow academically and social-emotionally. Caitlin chose to practice in the school setting because she believes that she can have the greatest impact by working with children “where they live,” providing real time interventions and supports.

Debra Seeto has been a Speech Language Therapist in the Framingham Public School knowledgeable speech and language therapist who provides students with exemplary therapy and instruction. She approaches all students in a caring, compassionate manner that provides students with the supports necessary to progress both academically and socially. Debbie is an amazing educator who is integral to the success of our students!

Debbie and Caitlin work tirelessly...whether they are collaborating with teaching teams, parents or administration, chairing TEAM meetings, servicing students in therapy sessions or participating in and/or providing professional development, both Debbie and Caitlin display the utmost professionalism and dedication to their students, families and their profession. Debbie and Caitlin are well respected, much loved members of our Hemenway Community!

Caitlin Mannino and Debbie Seeto, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Jeff Holzer - Fuller Middle School



“Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity.”

Cesar Chavez

Jeff Holzer, a Sixth Grade Special Education teacher, joined the staff at Fuller in September of 2014, and since his arrival, he has made a great impact on the lives of the students, staff, and families within the school community. When you meet Jeff, you cannot miss the traits of a genuine educator who truly brings out the best in our students. His compassion, kindness, and concern for all - students, school staff, parents - is one of his hallmarks. Always proceeding with a calm and patient manner, it is easy to identify his commitment to making sure students are engaged and eager to learn. Thanks to Jeff’s extreme passion about teaching and meticulous attention to personalized learning, his students look forward to being a part of class everyday. His exemplary dedication to learning, as even taking lengths to remain available even in after school hours, makes him the epitome of not only an extraordinary educator, but a wholesome individual.

Jeff Holzer, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Amy Johnson - Framingham High School



Amy Johnson started her career in Framingham as a behavior specialist before prior to her role as social worker extraordinaire in the Phoenix Program. She is an exceptional person who has spent almost twenty years working with at-risk adolescents. It is a rarity in this line of work to find someone who is so clearly respected and sought out by the students and faculty she serves. Her expertise in student support services resonates within the Phoenix program and the school community. Students cannot help but trust Amy, and her guidance , because she is their fiercest advocate. It is no secret that the population Amy serves faces challenges that no children should ever have to, but Amy’s consistent dedication and passion shows students their potential for a better future.

Amy Johnson, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Cheryl Jones - Framingham High School



Cheryl Jones has been an outstanding colleague and friend since beginning her career at Framingham High School in 1998. Cheryl's kindness and willingness to help others is on constant display as she works to problem solve for students, parents, and teachers. After working for several years as a French teacher, she stepped up as World Language Department Chair in 2018 where she was instrumental in bringing an American Sign Language course to Framingham High School. Cheryl always works hard, but exudes friendliness and approachability. To top it all off, for Cheryl it's a family affair. Her dad, Bob Flaherty, was the former principal of Framingham South, and then the first principal of the combined (North and South) Framingham High School.

Cheryl Jones, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Michelle Kinsella - All Elementary Schools



Michelle Kinsella LOVES her job, and her students know it. Her vibrant personality and huge smile grace the classrooms across our city. The approximately 750 fifth grade students at eight elementary schools in Framingham count on Michelle Kinsella to deliver a weekly entertaining and educational lesson on health and wellness. Michelle’s most anticipated unit of the year, for both students and parents, is PUBERTY! One parent shared, “Everyone knows that her puberty presentation preview night is the best parents’ night out — simultaneously informative and heartfelt and hilarious.” Through the years, Michelle has taught over 15,000 students about how their bodies grow and change, and she is known as the “Puberty Princess.” Michelle approaches the topic with a light-hearted tone, which puts the students at ease. Part of what makes her classes so fun are her props, including: a crocheted uterus, a 3 foot long cigarette, drunk goggles, a three foot tall anatomical body, who her students nicknamed Bob, and a vat of fat to name a few.

Additionally, Michelle has worked with the Massachusetts DESE and the LGBTQ community to make her health lessons more inclusive. Many students and parents appreciate Michelle’s work in this area. One parent shared, “Her efforts are making the subject she’s teaching—already something that makes even “normal” kids feel awkward—more open and accessible to all students, even those like my child, who may not necessarily fit into a neat categorization ... They can laugh at Ms. Kinsella’s props and antics and learn along with the rest of the class. And because of Ms. Kinsella, parents like me don’t have to keep our kids out of school on puberty days to protect them.”

Outside of school, Michelle practices what she preaches and leads a healthy lifestyle. She has run 16 marathons, and this April she will run her sixth Boston Marathon. With every marathon she runs, she raises money for the Semper Fi Fund, which provides financial support to wounded members of the U.S. Armed Forces. To date her team “Just Because” has raised over \$271,000 for the fund. Michelle is extremely proud of her two children, Jack and Ben, who get health lessons 24-7 in their home.

Michelle Kinsella, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Jennifer Langmeyer - Potter Elementary School



Since 2005, Jennifer Langmeyer has been much more than just a fourth grade classroom teacher at Potter Road Elementary. On any given day, she can be found tilling the soil and planting crops in the PRS community garden. She “planted the very first seeds” in the community garden almost nine years ago and hasn’t stopped since. Working with staff and students, she’s seen to it that the crops in the garden benefit a local food shelter or Daniel’s Table.

Mrs. Langmeyer is constantly giving back. She created the annual Potter Road read-a-thon that generates money to benefit Project Bread. Since 2005, she’s helped lead “Strength in Numbers,” a Potter Road partnership with Mathworks that helps struggling students in mathematics prepare for the MCAS.

If teaching didn’t work out, Mrs. Langmeyer certainly could’ve been a professional dancer. She teaches Framingham’s only elementary school ballroom dancing class and has been doing so since 2007! In her spare time, she enjoys taking her own dance classes each week. With a Masters of Education in Literacy and Language from Framingham State College, students leave Mrs. Langmeyer’s class much stronger readers and writers. With a smile on her face and consistently high expectations, Mrs. Langmeyer ensures that every child in her classroom reaches his/her potential and beyond.

When she’s not teaching, the Framingham resident is busy with her husband, Kevin and three children, Gabbie, Jake and Nathan! Mrs. Langmeyer can be found camping or skiing.

Jenn Langmeyer, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Bernardo Llorente - Central Office



Central Office staff members are proud to nominate Bernardo Llorente for the “You are Special Award.”

Bernardo joined our staff in August of 2017 as the Manager of Translation and Interpreting Services. He serves as a conduit from the District to our families and community by ensuring that essential District messaging is accessible by providing translation and interpreting services for our families. Bernardo is a dedicated individual who somehow - and it often seems miraculous - gets whatever is asked done, whenever it is requested — no matter how quick the turnaround. He is gracious, kind, genuine, and always greets you with his infectious smile.

Bernardo Llorente, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Linda Mackie - BLOCKS Preschool



Linda Mackie has been a member of the B.L.O.C.K.S. Preschool family since the 2005 school year. Linda completed her Early Childhood Education training at Newton Junior College and Mass Bay Community College.

Professionally, Linda began her journey in 1995 as a Library Aide at Potter Road and continuing as a Special Education Aide until 1999. Juniper Hill was her next stop as a Kindergarten Aide from 1999-2002 returning to Potter Road for the next few years as a Resource Room Aide. Finally, B.L.O.C.K.S. was lucky enough to welcome her home as a Special Education Assistant Teacher where Linda was able to share her experience, resources and the knowledge of the young child to the classroom. Linda can be described by her colleagues as professional, helpful, nurturing, friendly and a team player. Linda has the gift of compassion when children and the community are involved.

Linda is an active advocate for those in need. She is always in tune to the needs of the students and families, the classroom, her coworkers, and the community at large. Whether it is contributing to causes where she has direct impact - #whynotdevin, sponsoring a student's educational needs and mentoring that student for years, Linda never forgets what to do and how to do it to make a difference. Her nurturing and positive manner is always welcome by any child, family or colleague. The relationships she has nurtured continue to thrive and will not be forgotten. Linda is a beautiful person inside and out and we feel very fortunate to have her positive and generous spirit in our school, our community and in our lives.

Linda Mackie, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Kelly Mello - King Elementary School



Kelly Mello is an invaluable member of the King School community and the Framingham Public School System has been lucky to have her in the District for the past eight years. Ms. Mello consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic, often going above and beyond her job description. She is always flexible, positive, and willing to take on anything that is asked of her. Teachers and administrators are grateful for the way in which she is able to adapt to any situation with ease. Ms. Mello shows exceptional dedication in her work and is highly respected by students and staff alike. She demonstrates a caring and professional demeanor at all times and successfully builds strong relationships with all students in the school community.

In addition to her duties at school, Ms. Mello also runs a before school knitting club for King School students. This offers her yet another opportunity to build special connections with the student body. Ms. Mello serves as a positive role model in children's lives and we are fortunate to have her at King Elementary School.

Kelly Mello, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Kathy O’Brien - Stapleton Elementary School



Kathy O’Brien is the decoder ring for all students. Her keen sense of students and their needs is remarkable! Ms. O’Brien is a quiet member of the team whose influence is paramount to student success. She is able to navigate challenging students to identify the root cause of the issue and allow them to access curriculum in ways that others have not considered. She is a true champion for children as she is often found advocating for their needs as learners and individuals. She goes above and beyond to ensure student success by modeling best practices, following through on agreed upon interventions and working one on one with students.

Ms. O’Brien is a collaborative, positive and integral part of our support staff. Her passion for students is tangible and we are so fortunate to have her as part of the Stapleton family!

Kathy O’Brien, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Renee Perry - BLOCKS Preschool



Renee Perry has been a member of the B.L.O.C.K.S. Preschool family since 1997. Renee completed her degree as an Early Childhood teacher from the University of Massachusetts and her Graduate Degree from Wheelock College.

Professionally, Renee began her journey at B.L.O.C.K.S. Preschool as a classroom aide in a Special Education Classroom. She worked in the Ashland school district for a year before returning in 1999 to B.L.O.C.K.S. as a teacher and an aide. Finally in 2000-2001 school year, Renee dedicated herself as a teacher to working with our preschool children on the Autism Spectrum.

Renee finds a way to connect, challenge and reach all of her students individually. She seeks to find the way to insure that her students be a part of everything that is offered. She has a magical way of planning, adapting, and creating activities that allow children to be successful.

In her quiet and unassuming manner, Renee plays an integral part of the school climate, always helping and volunteering behind the scenes by planning and executing events, supporting spirit days and school wide initiatives. She is active in community events and foundations that are near and dear to her heart and is always the first to volunteer and do whatever is needed when it comes to helping others. Renee is all about being kind to one another (animals included) and her actions makes the world a better place!

Renee Perry, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Michael Poole - Cameron Middle School



“I’m happy to help”. This is Mike Poole’s response to any question asked and he always says it with a smile on his face. Mike works with our most challenging population and he holds the students to high behavioral and academic expectations. He truly believes all students can be successful and he works hard to help his students find that success. His students know he will not give up on them and will often turn to him for support and guidance with academic or social issues. Mike is always willing to lend a hand in the hallways, classroom, cafeteria, or bus dismissal. He connects well with students and staff; he is calm and caring and is an integral part of the Cameron community.

Mike possesses skills that can not be taught, he can sense when students are upset, contemplating doing something wrong or when they may be in desperate need of encouragement. Mike is respected by all students because he sets clear expectations and provides support to help them meet those expectations. Mike has been able to influence and motivate the most challenging students and is often the most popular staff sought out by former students who return to the school to visit.

As a colleague, Mike is encouraging, always positive, and focused on finding a solution to any problem that comes his way. Mike demonstrates great compassion and commitment for all Cameron students, whether he is in classes with them or not.

Mike Poole, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Dan Santos - McCarthy Elementary School



Dan Santos has worked for Framingham Public Schools since 2001. He started his career in Framingham as an academic referral supervisor at the high school, where he also coached the JV boys basketball team, and was the assistant coach for varsity. Since 2003 he has worked at McCarthy Elementary School. He has been a member of the district STEAM team and a technology guru for the school. Dan is a valued member of the 5th grade team. He has helped coordinate the staff video for the 5th grade talent show for many years, and his efforts were even recognized by MC Hammer who re-tweeted the 2015 video featuring “U Can’t Touch This”. Dan is currently a member of the instructional leadership team. We are very fortunate to have his talents and expertise at McCarthy.

Dan Santos, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Sheryl Stacey - Framingham High School



Sheryl Stacey a lifelong Framingham resident, has been an integral part of the FHS community since 2005. In her 14 years of service to the children of Framingham, Sheryl has worked as a special education teacher, general education math teacher, Saturday School coordinator, class advisor and student government advisor. Sheryl is a newly appointed Department Head for Special Education and her commitment to this leadership role is palpable. In each of these roles, Sheryl has always put the well-being of the students first! She consistently devotes her time to FHS, going above and beyond the call of duty to be sure that her responsibilities are being met and more importantly, the students and families of Framingham are getting what they need. Her “town” roots and dedication to this community are what make her a cut above the rest!

Sheryl Stacey, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Tracey Suprena - Walsh Middle School



Tracey Suprena has been the Office Manager at Walsh for the past 19 years. Tracey is an organizational wizard. In a building with 750 students and 125 staff members, Tracey is in charge of tracking everything, for everyone. She single handedly manages tasks such as PTO events, field trip logistics, budgeting, record keeping, organizing, ordering and multiple fundraisers throughout the year. Events such as the Walsh 3 on 3, the end of the year student field trips, and the new faculty orientation would not be possible without Tracey's assistance. If anyone has a question at Walsh, they usually just ask Tracey and she takes care of it!

During her time at Walsh, she has worked with five principals and countless other staff. Tracey has earned the trust and respect of her colleagues throughout the school. With her warm and welcoming personality Tracey continues to develop a positive rapport and trust with students and staff alike. She is an invaluable asset to our team.

Tracey is dedicated, hardworking, reliable, thoughtful and someone that we all go to whenever the need arises. Tracey is often a friendly face, an ear to listen, and a shoulder to lean on for staff who may be struggling in or out of school. Walsh would not be the same without Tracey's dedication to helping our students.

Tracey Suprena, You Are Special!

You Are Special

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IB Primary Years Program Team - Woodrow Wilson Elementary School
Heather Flugrad & Michael Gary



Woodrow Wilson Elementary School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) school authorized to offer the Primary Years Programme (PYP) to students in K-5. One of the most special features of the IB is that it gathers together a worldwide community of educators who share a common belief that education can help to build a better world. An IB education fosters international-mindedness by helping students reflect on their own perspective, culture and identities, and then on those of others. By learning to appreciate different beliefs, values and experiences, and to think and collaborate across cultures and disciplines, IB learners gain the understanding necessary to make progress toward a more peaceful and sustainable world.

Heather Flugrad and Michael Gary serve as the IB-PYP Co-Coordinator. Together they form a dedicated and dynamic team responsible for the planning and implementation of the IB-PYP at Wilson.

Heather also serves as a 4th grade teacher. She has been at Wilson since 2008 and has served in the roles of classroom teacher and Special Education teacher. Heather brings extensive IB training and experience with implementing the IB-PYP to her role. She is passionate about international education, inquiry as a stance for teaching and learning, and she always strives to stay curious about the world around her.

Michael Gary is new to Wilson this year and also serves in the role of English Language Development (ELD) Coach. Michael brings a wealth of experience in multicultural and multilingual education. He has served in the roles of Spanish teacher, Director of Language Acquisition, and Director of Multicultural Education. Michael is a tireless advocate for equity in education through language, literacy, and critical pedagogy.

Heather Flugrad and Michael Gary, You Are Special!

One - Liners

Congratulations P.J. Conzo Very proud of you! Love, Nana

We are proud of you Benjamin for all you accomplishments. Love Dad, Mom & Allison

Congratulations Jake! We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, & Carly

Congratulations Erin! We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Michelle & Rachel

Congrats, Stephanie! We are so proud of you! XOXO Mom & Dad

Congratulations Connor! Love, Mom & Dad

Nicholas, you make us so proud! Love, Mom, Dad, Megan, Isabella, & Kona

Congratulations Michael & Dominic! Love, Mom, Dad, Alexandra & Nicole

Congratulations Alex! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Jim & Andrew

Dear Amanda, thanks for making us so proud! We Love You! Mom & Dad

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