



# Excellence

AWARDS

RECOGNIZING MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE

Reception and Recognition Ceremony

October 11, 2023 | Fairfax High School



## *Special Thanks To...*

Fairfax High School  
Department of Human Resources  
Department of Information Technology  
Office of Communications  
Office of Safety and Security  
Windows Catering



## *Note...*

Share your Excellence Awards Celebration Photos  
**#FCPSExcellence2023**

For additional information about the Excellence  
Awards, visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) and search  
"Excellence Awards"

Nominations for next year's  
Excellence Awards will open in spring 2024.



*6 p.m. Reception*

*7 p.m. Recognition Ceremony*

## *Welcome*

**Dr. Sherry Wilson**  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Human Resources

## *Remarks*

**Dr. Michelle C. Reid**  
Division Superintendent

## *Awards Presentations*

**Dr. Michelle C. Reid**  
Division Superintendent

School Board Members

Leadership Team Members



## AWARD CATEGORIES

### *Growth*

Contributes to the development and/or improvement of programs, services, or curriculum; fosters staff growth, effectiveness, or professional development. Addresses existing systemic equity challenges to ensure access.

### *Impact on Others*

Develops successful partnerships and outreach to parents, businesses or neighborhoods; provides community services or service learning projects; displays outstanding responsiveness, customer service, or customer satisfaction. Demonstrates cultural responsiveness in building relationships and leverages impact to address equity.

### *Innovation*

Contributes to efficiency or effectiveness through cost savings, creativity, or problem solving; engages in reflection to craft culturally responsive solutions that eliminate barriers; develops new ideas that show promise for a broad impact to FCPS.

### *Student Achievement*

Contributes to student success by closing the achievement gap through the use of culturally responsive practices, measuring progress using assessments, implementing interventions, or student engagement.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Dr. Michelle C. Reid**  
Division Superintendent

**Dr. Sloan Presidio**  
Chief Academic Officer

**Dr. Nardos King**  
Chief Equity Officer

**Lisa Youngblood Hall**  
Chief Experience and  
Engagement Officer

**Janice Szymanski**  
Chief of Facilities Services  
and Capital Programs

**Leigh Burden**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Gautam Sethi**  
Chief Information  
Technology Officer

**Chuck Fanshaw**  
Interim Chief  
Operating Officer

**Dr. Geovanny Ponce**  
Chief of Schools

**Marty Smith**  
Chief of Staff

**John Foster**  
Division Counsel

**Esther Ko**  
Auditor General

**Helen Lloyd**  
Executive Director,  
Office of Communications

**Dr. Sherry Wilson**  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Human Resources

**Noel Klimenko**  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Instructional Services

**Mark Greenfelder**  
Assistant Superintendent,  
School Improvement  
and Supports

**Marcy Kneale**  
Interim Assistant  
Superintendent, Strategy,  
Planning and Learning

**Dr. Terri Edmunds-Heard**  
Interim Assistant  
Superintendent,  
Special Services

**Douglas Tyson**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Region 1

**Megan Vroman**  
Interim Assistant  
Superintendent  
Region 2

**Grace Taylor**  
Interim Assistant  
Superintendent  
Region 3

**Penny Gros**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Region 4

**Rebecca Baenig**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Region 5

**Dr. Michelle Boyd**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Region 6

**Elaine Tholen**  
Chair  
Dranesville District

**Karl Frisch**  
Vice-Chair  
Providence District

**Karen Keys-Gamarra**  
Member-at-Large

**Abrar Omeish**  
Member-at-Large

**Rachna Sizemore Heizer**  
Member-at-Large

**Megan McLaughlin**  
Braddock District

**Tamara Derenak Kaufax**  
Franconia District

**Melanie K. Meren**  
Hunter Mill District

**Dr. Ricardy Anderson**  
Mason District

**Karen Corbett Sanders**  
Mount Vernon District

**Laura Jane Cohen**  
Springfield District

**Stella Pekarsky**  
Sully District

**Rida Karim**  
Student Representative

*Growth*

**Kelly Herring**  
School Based Technology Specialist  
Coates Elementary School

**Kirsten Maloney**  
Coordinator IV, Advanced Academics  
Instructional Services

**Jessica Nelson**  
Title I Resource Teacher  
Instructional Services

**Amy Parmentier**  
Director of Student Services  
Chantilly High School

**Carlos F. Perez**  
Financial Analyst I  
Information Technology

**Christina Prishack**  
Alternative School Teacher  
School Improvement and Supports

**Mary-Lynn Robosky**  
Manager, Curriculum Integration and Support  
Instructional Services

**Julie Tiss**  
Career and Transition Teacher  
Instructional Services

**Brad Weiner**  
Educational Specialist,  
Adapted Physical Education  
Special Services



### *Impact on Others*

**Sabrina Clarke**

Food Services Kitchen Manager  
Sandburg Middle School

**Kristin Dougherty**

Educational Specialist, Out-of-School Support  
School Improvement and Supports

**Engy Fanos**

Administrative Assistant III  
Chief Equity Office

**Elizabeth Flaherty**

Student Information Assistant  
Willow Springs Elementary School

**Rebecca Gentry**

Resource Teacher  
Instructional Services

**Brandi Kapusta**

Office Assistant  
Brookfield Elementary School

**Chrissy Kelley**

Systems of Support Advisor  
South Lakes High School

**Elizabeth Mohaupt**

Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist  
Special Services

**Student Equity Ambassador Leaders (SEALS)  
Coordinators**

Raven A. Compton and Rob Kerr

**West Springfield High School Spartan Tech Team**

Betsy Fawsett, Julie Halse, Miriam S. Lynch and  
Jerry Mason

### *Student Achievement*

**Frost Intervention Specialist Team**

Crystal Hurley and Hannah Warnick



## *Innovation*

### **Annandale Terrace TV News Sponsors**

Jamiah Harrison, Ashley Ireland, and Maria Pezzuti

### **Chantilly Pyramid Spotlight on Learning: Portrait of a Graduate Planning Team**

Anne Baker, Moonhee Doan, Meg Dombro,  
Kevin Feighery, Leslie Leisey, Mike Lis, Emily Phelan,  
Lisa Prillaman, Charlotte Quigley, Beth Robertson,  
Margaret Sisler, Kariann Stanton, and Emily Texdahl

### **On-Time Graduation Dashboard Team**

Sania Ahmad, Lauren Crispino, Stephanie J. Gray,  
Erik Healey, Charles Hom, Ryan Howell, Denise Lee,  
Joan Lee, Brendan Martin, Sara Masluk,  
Trent Middleton, Heather A. Thomas,  
Kyle Varholak Jimenez and Harry Wolin

### **Portrait of a Graduate Presentations of Learning Innovations Team**

Christie Day, Courtney Klein, Nishi Langhorne,  
Jeff Lonnett, Abbey Miller and Mary-Lynn Robosky

### **Jenna Reeder**

Educational Specialist, Staff Development and Training  
Strategy, Planning, and Learning

### **George Saad**

Project Liaison, Transportation Operations  
Chief Operating Office

### **Tim Spicer**

Health and Physical Education Teacher  
Katherine Johnson Middle School

### **Jean Welsh**

Project Manager, Information Technology  
Information Technology

## *Innovation*

### **Joe Houston**

Coordinator III,  
Human Resources FASTeam  
Human Resources

### **Ken Mai**

Risk Analyst II  
Financial Services



## *Student Achievement*

**Susanne Cook**

Speech Language Pathologist  
Special Services

**Kevin Greata**

Assistant Principal  
Fairfax High School

**Charles Hom**

Educational Specialist, Professional Development  
School Improvement and Supports

**Alisa J. Pappas**

Title I Resource Teacher  
Instructional Services

**Quinton Tucker, Jr.**

Learning Disabilities Teacher  
Terraset Elementary School

**Rebecca Van Vranken**

ESOL Teacher  
McLean High School

## *Growth*

**Brookfield Literacy Leaders**

Stephanie Carr, Anna Lyn Copeland and  
Donna Johansen Cross

**Data Team, Office of School Support**

Luke Tonia, Katrina Tran, Marissa Troiano-Yang,  
Peter D. Wolf, and Heather Ziab

**Madison High School MAD Wings Team**

Heather Allen, Beth Blankenship, Loveisa Clark,  
Miguel Fernandez, Maria Frantzen, Maya Gueron,  
Anita Hartley, Virginia Keel, Janice W. Metz,  
Penelope Panzer, Michael Rath, Derrick Rauenzahn,  
and Marit Rowland

## *Impact on Others*

**Family Resource Center Team**

Amal Elsayed, Mary Beth Harrison-Cunningham,  
and Lisa R. Milman

**Quander Road Security Team**

Ray Pincham, Marco R. Washington,  
and Jeremy Wiles

