

Reception and Recognition Ceremony

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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Reception 6 p.m. | Awards Ceremony 7 p.m. | Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Opening

Jaqui Drobnis, *Sophomore*, Emily Kalata, *Junior*, Cathie Thomas, *Sophomore*, and Kaylee Wisner, *Junior*
West Springfield High School Vocalists

Welcome

Sherry Wilson, Ed. D., *Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources*

Remarks and Recognition of Educate Fairfax

Michelle C. Reid, Ed.D., *Division Superintendent*

Employee Award Introductions

Sherry Wilson, Ed. D.

Employee Award Presentations

Michelle C. Reid, Ed. D., Fairfax County School Board and Leadership Team Members

Outstanding Elementary New Teacher

Outstanding Secondary New Teacher

Outstanding New Principal

Outstanding School-Based Operational Employee

Outstanding Nonschool-Based Operational Employee

Outstanding School-Based Professional Employee

Outstanding Nonschool-Based Professional Employee

Interlude Performance

Jaqui Drobnis, *Sophomore*, Emily Kalata, *Junior*, Cathie Thomas, *Sophomore*, and Kaylee Wisner, *Junior*
West Springfield High School Vocalists

Outstanding School-Based Leader

Outstanding Nonschool-Based Leader

Outstanding Elementary Teacher

Outstanding Secondary Teacher

Outstanding Principal

Closing Remarks

Sherry Wilson, Ed. D.



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Outstanding New Teacher

The Outstanding New Teacher Award recognizes elementary and secondary teachers who are within their first three years of teaching and demonstrate outstanding performance and superior instructional skills. Any FCPS employee or community member may nominate new teachers for this award.

Elementary New Teacher Finalists



Elogien I. Ali, Sixth Grade Teacher

Saratoga Elementary School, Region 3

From the first day of school, Elogien begins a relationship with each student. As a community, they come up with expectations together, so each student is held accountable to these expectations the entire year. Elogien has high expectations for each of her students, giving them the tools and skills needed to succeed in sixth grade and transition into middle school. She offers students autonomy through student-led conferences and goal setting. Elogien provides an inclusive environment that welcomes and celebrates each student. She makes it a goal that everyone sees themselves in her classroom. Elogien has a passion for family engagement and is a founder of the Family Ambassadors Program at Saratoga that is working to create a Family Resource Center.



Julia Eneboe, Learning Disabilities Teacher

Olde Creek Elementary School, Region 5

Some of Julia's most cherished moments are watching her students reach their goals. She gets excited to share progress with families and fosters those relationships throughout the year. One family shared, "My son had the privilege of having Ms. Eneboe early in his school career as she instilled a love for learning... and helped him to develop the building blocks of self-esteem and positivity." Julia goes above and beyond for her students by developing the tools they need to grow. She collaborates with all grade-level teams to ensure her instruction targets her students' specific needs. Each day, she has a positive mindset and strong work ethic that stems from her passion for working with students with disabilities.



Ashley Elizabeth Schweizer, Multiple Disabilities Teacher

North Springfield Elementary School, Region 2

Ashley bases her teaching philosophy on the ideals of inclusion and acceptance for all students. As a special education teacher, Ashley fosters a welcoming environment by extending compassion and kindness to all. She strives for success for her students and demonstrates this desire to support them through her nurturing spirit. Ashley works alongside her colleagues to create lesson plans and hands-on instructional assignments that cater to the needs of all students. Within the school community, Ashley has a radiating presence and has shown her inclination to make an impact on students by involving herself in many school activities. As a first-year educator, Ashley emits confidence into every classroom, encouraging and inspiring students to make their learning impactful.



Mary Grace Vinal, *Multiple Disabilities Teacher*

Laurel Ridge Elementary School, Region 4

Mary Grace teaches a multi-grade Enhanced Autism Classroom. Mary Grace goes above and beyond to support the needs of her students and advocate for them. As a second-year teacher, she has given a voice to students with disabilities who are often unheard. Her favorite part of the job is collaborating with families, private providers, and FCPS team members to meet the unique communication, behavioral, and academic needs of her students. Mary Grace has chosen to be a special education teacher because she believes deeply in the potential of her students. She does not see limits in students because of their disabilities and is deeply invested in their success.

Secondary New Teacher Finalists



Lucy Anne Blesi, *English Teacher*

South County High School, Region 4

Lucy has worked hard to get to know all her students throughout her first year of teaching. She begins each class by asking her students thought-provoking questions. These questions have allowed her students to share about themselves both academically and personally. Lucy has worked towards creating a positive, safe, and welcoming environment to ensure that her students know how truly valued they are. Lucy has gone above and beyond supporting her students in and outside of the classroom, actively collaborating and building relationships with her co-workers and being a lacrosse coach at the school. When students are asked to describe Ms. Blesi, they say that she genuinely cares about them and their growth both in and outside of the classroom.



Melvin Burch-Bynum, *JROTC Marine Senior Instructor*

Mount Vernon High School, Region 3

As the senior marine instructor for the Mount Vernon High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC program, Major Burch-Bynum is a servant leader, mentor, confidant, motivator, and a "school dad" for some students. Melvin knows each of his students personally, and he helps them to find the self-confidence and courage to believe in their abilities and brilliance despite their challenges. He also leads six teams, often arriving to school two hours before the first bell and staying at least two hours after the last bell. On weekends, he attends competitions, volunteers, or conducts team-building exercises with his students. Melvin believes our youth are the nation's best hope for the future, and he works hard to shape that future by shaping them.



Allie C. McCool, *Learning Disabilities Teacher*

Falls Church High School, Region 2

This year was Allie's first year in secondary education, and she jumped two feet in to teach Geosystems. Allie collaborated with her co-teacher and built strong relationships with her students. Allie connects with every student and helps build confidence in science that they may not have had in the past. As a special education teacher, Allie has gone above and beyond to support her students and parents. She is an advocate for students with disabilities and goes above and beyond to make sure those students are respected, valued, and included in all things Falls Church High School. In addition to her love of teaching science, Allie has stayed active in the Falls Church community.



Douglas B. Schneider, *History and Social Studies Teacher*

Oakton High School, Region 1

Excited to return to public service in a vocation, Doug made the transition to teaching as a career switcher after serving as an officer in the United States Coast Guard and working in the maritime sector. For Doug, mentoring and engaging with young people is the ultimate leadership opportunity that requires setting a positive and consistent example, building strong relationships, and being empathic and responsive to student needs. Doug guides students to create a supportive, engaging, and spirited classroom culture in which students feel safe to share their perspectives, make mistakes, and learn. He loves to spark student curiosity as he helps students investigate the social, economic, and political impacts of historical developments and make connections with their own experiences.



YuJeong Julia Shin, *Mathematics Teacher*

Frost Middle School, Region 5

In all her classes, Julia focuses on demonstrating and practicing the school motto, "Work hard, be nice, and widen your circle." As a mathematician and a learner, Julia knows the challenges her students will encounter upon entering the classroom. She connects with her students to develop strong relationships while dedicating herself to fostering a welcoming classroom community where everyone feels safe to ponder, question, explore, make mistakes, learn, and grow. In addition, Julia constantly recognizes and celebrates her students' achievements and successes, encouraging students to take pride in their learning experiences and reach their highest potential. She also coaches Mathcounts with her colleague at Frost, connecting with students who strive to become better collaborators and problem solvers.



School Recipients

Annandale High School

Allyson Pak - Mathematics Teacher

Annandale Terrace Elementary School

Jamiah Harrison - Music Teacher

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

Alana M. Jemison - Second Grade Teacher

Bailey's Upper Elementary School

Gabriela Muriente - Third Grade Teacher

Beech Tree Elementary School

Abigail Parsons - Multiple Disabilities Teacher *

Bonnie Brae Elementary School

Patrick Osborne - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Braddock Elementary School

Nicole Bellucci - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Bucknell Elementary School

Gabrielle Stevenson - Kindergarten Teacher

Bull Run Elementary School

Ben Vest - Sixth Grade Teacher

Burke School

Zoe Volz - Music Therapy Teacher *

Bush Hill Elementary School

Hannah Franks - Third Grade Teacher

Camelot Elementary School

Ashley Carrico - Sixth Grade Teacher

Canterbury Woods Elementary School

Mabry Lewis - Sixth Grade Teacher

Cardinal Forest Elementary School

Kellie Steiger - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Centre Ridge Elementary School

Cassidy Dennis - Fourth Grade Teacher

Centreville Elementary School

Monica Davids - Kindergarten Teacher *

Centreville High School

Amanda Pituch - Spanish Language Teacher *

Chantilly High School

Tanner DeCrapio - Physics Teacher *

Chesterbrook Elementary School

Kendall Bryant - ESOL Teacher

Churchill Road Elementary School

Catherine Skehan - Fifth Grade Teacher

Clearview Elementary School

Carolyn Hagn - Sixth Grade Teacher

Clermont Elementary School

Hannah Lee - First Grade Teacher

Columbia Elementary School

Tessa Martin - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Cub Run Elementary School

Ilham Azim - First Grade Teacher

Dogwood Elementary School

Cecilia Yanes Trejo - First Grade Teacher

Dranesville Elementary School

Natali Hernandez Otero - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Edison High School

Marla Akau - Veterinary Science Teacher

Fairfax High School

Lionardo Quezada Guevara - History & Social Studies Teacher *

Fairfax Villa Elementary School

Morgan Crain - Intellectual Disabilities Teacher

Fairhill Elementary School

Sarah Tekle - Third Grade Teacher

Falls Church High School

Allie McCool - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Flint Hill Elementary School

Nicki Jawadian - Fourth Grade Teacher *

Floris Elementary School

Amanda Mullen - Second Grade Teacher *

Forest Edge Elementary School

Katherine Verdaguer - Kindergarten Teacher

Forestdale Elementary School

Kima Austrie - Sixth Grade Teacher

Fort Belvoir Primary School

Abigail Curry - Second Grade Teacher

Fort Belvoir Upper Elementary School

Mariem Bemmerzouk - Third Grade Teacher

Fort Hunt Elementary School

Lautaro Otero - Physical Education Teacher

Franconia Elementary School

Ashley Chicarella - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Franklin Middle School

Arian Walker Roberts - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Franklin Sherman Elementary School

Marie Fletcher - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Frost Middle School

YuJeong Julia Shin - Mathematics Teacher *

Glasgow Middle School

Kathryn Cargill - ESOL Teacher

Graham Road Elementary School

Julie Kercher - Third Grade Teacher

Greenbriar East Elementary School

Phuong Nguyen - Fourth Grade Teacher

Groveton Elementary School

Tasha Locke - Fourth Grade Teacher

Halley Elementary School

Maddy Jacobs - Fifth Grade Teacher *

Haycock Elementary School

Amber Dominick - First Grade Teacher

**Denotes pyramid winner*

Herndon Elementary School

Matthew Harris - Second Grade Teacher *

Herndon High School

Jim O'Keefe - JROTC Navy Senior Instructor

Herndon Middle School

Jordyn Pistilli - History & Social Studies Teacher *

Holmes Middle School

Samiran Ibrahim - English Teacher

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences

Ethan Beck - Third Grade Teacher *

Irving Middle School

Lucy Leishman - English Teacher

Island Creek Elementary School

Erin Edwards - Kindergarten Teacher

Justice High School

Jocelyn Ayala - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Katherine Johnson Middle School

Andy Phung - Biology Teacher

Keene Mill Elementary School

Rebecca Voyack - Fifth Grade Teacher *

Kent Gardens Elementary School

Sarah Kladler - Art Teacher

Key Center School

Gregory Hoobchaak - Adapted Physical Education Teacher

Key Middle School

Taylor Morhiser - ESOL Teacher *

Kilmer Middle School

Danielle Sweet - English Teacher

Kings Glen Elementary School

Raymond Mason - Music Teacher

Lake Braddock Secondary School

Catherine Phelps - History & Social Studies Teacher *

Lane Elementary School

Ashley Brusick - Second Grade Teacher

Laurel Ridge Elementary School

Mary Grace Vinal - Multiple Disabilities Teacher *

Lemon Road Elementary School

Morgan Deal - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Liberty Middle School

Emily Krupp - Art Teacher

Little Run Elementary School

Lea Hodges - Kindergarten Teacher

Longfellow Middle School

Marin Parker - History & Social Studies Teacher

Lorton Station Elementary School

Joseph Silva-Curry - Multiple Disabilities Teacher *

Luther Jackson Middle School

Catherine Marcus - History & Social Studies Teacher

Lynbrook Elementary School

Kelly Turner - Fourth Grade Teacher

Madison High School

Joshua Shipman - Geosystems Teacher *

Mantua Elementary School

Olivia Kang - Kindergarten Teacher

Marshall High School

Laura Champe Mitchell - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Marshall Road Elementary School

Paige Rucks - Kindergarten Teacher

McLean High School

Raquel Friedman Arnillas - Multiple Disabilities Teacher *

Mosaic Elementary School

Betsy Piermatteo - Third Grade Teacher

Mount Vernon High School

Melvin Burch-Bynum - JROTC Marine Sr Instructor *

Navy Elementary School

Katherine Trimble - First Grade Teacher

North Springfield Elementary School

Ashley Schweizer - Multiple Disabilities Teacher *

Oak Hill Elementary School

Samantha Lowe - Fifth Grade Teacher

Oak View Elementary School

Katherine Roth - Second Grade Teacher

Oakton Elementary School

Shayla Fornal - Third Grade Teacher *

Oakton High School

Douglas Schneider - History & Social Studies Teacher *

Olde Creek Elementary School

Julia Eneboe - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Orange Hunt Elementary School

Cassidy Cantrell - Second Grade Teacher

Parklawn Elementary School

Kaitlyn Falco - Kindergarten Teacher

Pine Spring Elementary School

Mia Wallace - ESOL Teacher *

Poe Middle School

Nalleli Soto - Spanish Language Teacher *

Poplar Tree Elementary School

Jordan Perlish - Third Grade Teacher *

Providence Elementary School

Jessica Lamke - Fourth Grade Teacher

Ravensworth Elementary School

Olivia Metheny - Third Grade Teacher

Robinson Secondary School

Noelle Zorzi - English Teacher *

Rolling Valley Elementary School

Melinda Ward - Strings Teacher

Sandburg Middle School

Lauren Parsons - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Sangster Elementary School

Kendall Nicely - Gifted Education Center Teacher

Saratoga Elementary School

Elogien Ali - Sixth Grade Teacher *

Shreveview Elementary School

Cristin George - Second Grade Teacher

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School

Anila Butt - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

South County High School

Lucy Blesi - English Teacher *

South Lakes High School

Rogelio Vasquez-Martinez - Severe Disabilities Teacher

Spring Hill Elementary School

Katie Patel - First Grade Teacher *

Springfield Estates Elementary School

Micaela Malachowski - Fourth Grade Teacher

Stone Middle School

Ashley Candeletti - Biology Teacher *

Stratford Landing Elementary School

Skylar Popiel - Fifth Grade Teacher

Sunrise Valley Elementary School

Anna Zogby - Fifth Grade Teacher

Terra Centre Elementary School

Brooke Allan - Kindergarten Teacher

Terrasets Elementary School

S. Matthew Krysztopik - Music Teacher

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Dalton Savage - History & Social Studies Teacher

Thoreau Middle School

Michelle Adams - English Teacher

Timber Lane Elementary School

Elizabeth McClaugherty - Third Grade Teacher

Twain Middle School

Colin Murphy - History & Social Studies Teacher *

Union Mill Elementary School

Maree Klonaris - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Waples Mill Elementary School

Christina Birtles - Third Grade Teacher

Waynewood Elementary School

Alexa White - Kindergarten Teacher *

West Potomac High School

Amelia Barnett - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

West Springfield Elementary School

Maggie Murphy - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

West Springfield High School

Vivien Coleman - Mathematics Teacher *

Westfield High School

J'Na Johnson - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Westgate Elementary School

Ashley Hughlett - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Westlawn Elementary School

Kirsten Henderson - First Grade Teacher

Weyanoke Elementary School

Samantha Blandino - Third Grade Teacher

White Oaks Elementary School

Melanie Firestone - Fifth Grade Teacher

Willow Springs Elementary School

Philip Reid - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Woodson High School

Alex Clark - History & Social Studies Teacher



Outstanding New Principal

The Outstanding New Principal Award recognizes distinguished educators and extraordinary leaders who are within their first three years as principal. The recipient is an innovative and exceptional manager whose vision inspires and guides staff, students, and the community to help lead the school to excellence. Any FCPS employee or community member may nominate a principal for the Outstanding New Principal Award.

New Principal Finalists



KJ An, Principal

Eagle View Elementary School, Region 5

KJ is committed to building a caring and supportive culture. Starting the school year with the theme of LOVE (Laughter, Openness, Validation, Encouragement), she models these values through her daily interactions with students, staff, and families. She makes genuine connections and leads by example to ensure all stakeholders have a strong sense of belonging at Eagle View. She creates an environment where people feel comfortable taking risks and trying new things. This year, she brought the school community together through clear and consistent communication and various school events such as quarterly P2 (Positivity Project) celebrations, Eagle View's first Veterans Day celebration, Music and Arts Gallery Night, and other events hosted in collaboration with the PTA and other pyramid schools.



Ted Cooper, Principal

Fairhill Elementary School, Region 2

Ted has transformed Fairhill Elementary School by bringing a sense of collaboration within the school walls and into the greater community. You can hear Ted reminding teachers, students, and the community how lucky they are to have each other. Since joining the school, the leadership team has remained team-oriented and laser-focused on three core values: relationships, rigorous academics, and community involvement. From expanding Responsive Classroom and dramatically increasing data-driven instruction to increasing engagement with the community in new and creative ways, the vision is clear. Fairhill Elementary developed new data tracking tools that helped increase student achievement across all metrics. Also, the school partnered with community organizations to improve grounds and preserve the planet.



Samantha Goldstein, Principal

Fairview Elementary School, Region 4

Samantha stepped foot into Fairview on July 1, 2022, and from that very first moment, it has been abundantly clear that fostering strong and caring relationships and creating and maintaining a welcoming school culture are at the forefront of her work. She has a fierce commitment to children, parents, and staff. Samantha leads by example, says what she means, and means what she says. She isn't afraid to have difficult conversations while offering support and guidance. She helps people recognize their strengths and allows for reflection and personal growth. In addition, she maintains an open-door policy where staff, students, and parents feel heard, affirmed, and valued. Samantha has high expectations and helps everyone who has the opportunity of working with her.



Rashida J. Green, Principal

Bucknell Elementary School, Region 3

Author Brene Brown says, "When we have the courage to walk into our story and own it, we get to write the ending." This defines Rashida's journey on the Route 1 corridor from being a student to becoming the principal of Bucknell Elementary School. Rashida is an extremely passionate leader who empowers educators and students to pursue their dreams. She shares a vision with her staff to ensure that students in the Title 1 setting have access to meaningful opportunities that support their progress academically, socially, and emotionally. She values relationships and connections, which is evident every day as she makes strategic and purposeful decisions. Rashida's positive demeanor and contagious enthusiasm create an environment where all staff, students, and families feel safe, welcomed, valued, and affirmed.



Monika Guerrero Vereb, Principal

Herndon Middle School, Region 1

Monika began her leadership journey with FCPS at Herndon Middle School, marking her return to the community that fostered her love of learning as a child. In her first 90 days, Monika prioritized stakeholder meetings and home visits to establish trust by listening and actively engaging in two-way conversations to better understand the community's needs. As a result, staff members have shared positive feelings of acknowledgment and created opportunities to contribute to decision-making processes. This investment in strengthening relationships builds a shared culture for learning and amplifies the rich history and tradition of the Herndon pyramid. Building upon this foundation, she looks forward to continuing the important work to boost rigor and increase access to meaningful learning experiences.

School Recipients

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

Satonya Dews

Bonnie Brae Elementary School

Morgan Birge

Bucknell Elementary School

Rashida Green

Clearview Elementary School

Stephanie Almquist

Dranesville Elementary School

Jamie Gadley

Eagle View Elementary School

KJ An

Fairhill Elementary School

Ted Cooper

Fairview Elementary School

Samantha Goldstein

Flint Hill Elementary School

Eben Montequila

Floris Elementary School

Holly Walker

Forestdale Elementary School

Jennifer Cunneen

Greenbriar West Elementary School

Andrew Blount

Haycock Elementary School

Elizabeth Beaty

Herndon Middle School

Monika Vereb

Hunt Valley Elementary School

Keieownna Hightower

Island Creek Elementary School

Jen Fallert

Laurel Ridge Elementary School

Megan Counts

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School

Gina O'Neal

Sangster Elementary School

Allison Jankovich

Saratoga Elementary School

Erica Loesch



Outstanding Operational Employee

The Outstanding Operational Employee Award recognizes operational employees who have made unique and exceptional contributions to FCPS. Recipients, both school-based and nonschool-based, demonstrate commitment and foster cooperative relationships with colleagues and in the community. Any FCPS employee or community member may nominate an operational employee that is a Schedule A, Schedule H, or Classroom Instructional Support Scale Employee and has held their position for at least one full year, for the Outstanding Operational Employee Award.

School-Based Operational Employee Finalists



Lindsey Miller, Administrative Assistant II

Whitman Middle School, Region 3

At Whitman Middle School, the “master of it all” is Lindsey Miller. As the administrative assistant to Dr. Herring, Lindsey ensures that Whitman operates smoothly. She is known as the “go to” person within the building. All staff members feel comfortable seeking her out and benefit from her advice and guidance. With boundless energy, she tackles substitutes and classroom coverages for the day with an algorithm like no other. You can find her in the hallway during class transitions, where students usually greet her with a high five or a hug. Lindsey cares deeply for others and always has a positive attitude. Lindsey’s strong interpersonal skills, sense of humor, and connections with others make her an irreplaceable member of the Whitman family.



Alexa Pugnetti, Administrative Assistant I

Woodson High School, Region 5

Woodson High School has its own “Ask Alexa,” which does even more than the popular worldwide device. Alexa is a thorough, resourceful, and helpful employee, who meticulously keeps the Activities Office running smoothly. Her knowledge of who to contact when issues arise goes beyond a contact book of phone numbers or email addresses. She is continually building rapport and trust with everyone she encounters. When she isn’t sitting at her desk in the Activities Office, you can find her covering classes for teachers, mopping up spills on the floor, being the first responder to radio calls, and even planning graduation. “Hey Alexa, did you know you’re the glue that holds athletics, activities, and the school together?”



Leonard Roberts, Custodian II

Bull Run Elementary School, Region 4

The title of custodian does not embody all that Leonard is to the Bull Run Elementary community. “Mr. Leonard,” as he is affectionately known, embodies a positive, nurturing, and caring demeanor along with an infectious smile and energy. He often greets students upon arrival in the cafeteria and asks them about their interests while they get breakfast. He has also taken on the role of mentor with one of the kindergarteners, and first-grade students have lunch with him daily. The relationships he has made directly contribute to the students’ success throughout the day. His calm, caring, and kind nature with every person he connects with creates an environment where all feel welcomed and supported.



Maureen Small, Instructional Assistant

Woodburn Elementary School, Region 2

Maureen calls herself the “World’s Happiest IA!” As a special education instruction assistant, Maureen can be found either in Woodburn Elementary’s Lower Resource Room or in the general education classrooms of her students, working with them on reading, writing, math, and other curricular areas. She finds joy in supporting children with their academic and emotional needs and strives to instill a strong sense of resilience, perseverance, motivation, and thirst for knowledge. Maureen is also the team leader for the other instructional assistants at Woodburn. She enjoys planning monthly breakfasts for the instructional assistants to show her appreciation for all they do and reinforce their connection as a team.



Mary Helen Tucker, *Instructional Assistant*

Wolftrap Elementary School, Region 1

Mary Helen is driven by a purpose in life: to let every child know that they are loved by teaching them to love themselves and others. This commitment was born from volunteer work in her community and church, and she now embodies it daily at Wolftrap Elementary. Mary Helen takes the time to get to know her students, showing genuine care and concern for each of them. She consistently demonstrates empathy and true kindness. Her positive attitude is contagious to all creating a safe, secure place for learning where students strive to do their best and are willing to take risks, stretch and grow their hearts and minds. Mary Helen is the living example of loving children just as they are.

School Recipients

Aldrin Elementary School

James Chrisman - Office Assistant

Annandale High School

Elizabeth Soteriou - Student Information Assistant

Annandale Terrace Elementary School

Cindy Rogers - Administrative Assistant

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

Marvin Portillo - Kindergarten Instructional Assistant *

Beech Tree Elementary School

Maha Khojali - Public Health Training Assistant

Bonnie Brae Elementary School

Rekha Mhasawade - Instructional Assistant *

Braddock Elementary School

Rima Majzoub - Student Information Assistant

Bren Mar Park Elementary School

Mona Chweikani - Instructional Assistant

Brookfield Elementary School

Ron LeClerc - Office Assistant

Bucknell Elementary School

Reina Castillo - Building Supervisor

Bull Run Elementary School

Leonard Roberts - Custodian II *

Burke School

Jean Boyle - Instructional Assistant

Bush Hill Elementary School

Mahwish Jabeen - Public Health Training Assistant

Camelot Elementary School

Ayse Akgul - Instructional Assistant

Cameron Elementary School

Crystal Coleman - Instructional Assistant

Canterbury Woods Elementary School

Martha Berlowitz - Instructional Assistant

Cardinal Forest Elementary School

Amneh Hindiye - Instructional Assistant

Centre Ridge Elementary School

Melissa Fields - Administrative Assistant II

Centreville Elementary School

Angie Venetsanos - Administrative Assistant II

Centreville High School

Jorge Escalante - Assistant Building Supervisor

Chantilly High School

Barb Flis - Administrative Assistant I

Cherry Run Elementary School

Regina A. Galie - Instructional Assistant

Chesterbrook Elementary School

Holley Remer - Office Assistant

Churchill Road Elementary School

Priscilla Chika - Instructional Assistant

Clearview Elementary School

Rosemary S. Buley - Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

Clermont Elementary School

Lisa Gibson - Administrative Assistant II *

Colin Powell Elementary School

Giovanni Galleno - Instructional Assistant

Columbia Elementary School

Michele Del Signore - Instructional Assistant

Cooper Middle School

Aubrey Hopkins Midgley - Administrative Assistant II

Crestwood Elementary School

Shumaila Nadeem - Pre-K Instructional Assistant

Crossfield Elementary School

Stephanie Kohout - Administrative Assistant II

Cub Run Elementary School

Jorge Velasquez Alvarez - Building Supervisor *

Cunningham Park Elementary School

Hellen Cortez - Family Liaison

Daniels Run Elementary School

Ashya Otero - Student Information Assistant I

Deer Park Elementary School

Griselda Amaya - Custodian II

Dranesville Elementary School

Melissa Randolph - Instructional Assistant

Eagle View Elementary School

Barbara Palencia - Kindergarten Assistant *

Edison High School

Sharon Grimes - Administrative Assistant I

**Denotes pyramid winner*

Fairfax County Adult High School

Laura Cespedes Mora - Administrative Assistant III

Fairfax High School

Loan Huynh - Custodian II

Fairfax Villa Elementary School

Rodrigo Jackson - Instructional Assistant

Fairhill Elementary School

Maria Henriquez - Building Supervisor I

Fairview Elementary School

Sarah Fuller - Student Information Assistant

Falls Church High School

Jacob Durish - Office Assistant

Flint Hill Elementary School

Romy Duenas - Building Supervisor

Floris Elementary School

Mona Abdelmajd - Public Health Training Assistant

Forest Edge Elementary School

Jose Leiva - Building Supervisor *

Forestdale Elementary School

Debra Hoffmann - Office Assistant

Fort Belvoir Primary School

Jennifer Wells - Kindergarten Assistant

Fort Belvoir Upper Elementary School

James Carter - Custodian

Fort Hunt Elementary School

Rosa R. Dobarco - Student Information Assistant

Franconia Elementary School

Christina Bell - Office Assistant

Franklin Middle School

Moises Santos Cruz - Custodian II

Frost Middle School

Robin Pickholtz Wilson - Office Assistant

Glasgow Middle School

Odir Morales - Building Supervisor

Graham Road Elementary School

Troy Newlon - Student Information Assistant

Greenbriar East Elementary School

Tina Jones - Building Supervisor

Groveton Elementary School

Karla Valles - Instructional Assistant

Halley Elementary School

Praveena Khoobchandani - Instructional Assistant

Haycock Elementary School

Caitlin Keller - Instructional Assistant

Hayfield Elementary School

Christine Glockzin - Instructional Assistant

Hayfield Secondary School

Carolyn Ellison - Administrative Assistant I

Herndon High School

Yuston Arana Zapata - Building Supervisor

Herndon Middle School

Fanny Salazar-Laske - Family Liaison *

Hollin Meadows Elementary School

Rehana Afzal - Instructional Assistant

Holmes Middle School

Gabrielle Coaquira - Office Assistant

Hughes Middle School

Ruth Rada - Public Health Training Assistant

Irving Middle School

Gayle Ogletree - Instructional Assistant

Island Creek Elementary School

Ikram Lemmonds - Food Service Manager

Justice High School

Caroline Joya - Administrative Assistant I

Katherine Johnson Middle School

Gigi Mendoza - Instructional Assistant

Keene Mill Elementary School

Theresa Miron - Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

Kent Gardens Elementary School

Tracy Dean - Student Information Assistant *

Key Center School

Jennifer Cassady - Public Health Training Assistant

Key Middle School

Abesh Ghile - Instructional Assistant

Kilmer Middle School

Giau Ngo - Building Supervisor

Kings Park Elementary School

Julie Buckley - ABA Instructional Assistant

Lake Braddock Secondary School

Victoria Sands - Office Assistant

Lane Elementary School

April Scherer - Instructional Assistant

Langley High School

Julie Zimmerman - Family Liaison *

Laurel Hill Elementary School

Emma Eichenberger - Instructional Assistant

Lees Corner Elementary School

Matt Miller - Administrative Assistant II

Lemon Road Elementary School

Francisco Nolasco - Building Supervisor

Liberty Middle School

Nanyamka McClean - Administrative Assistant II

Little Run Elementary School

Alexis Macedo Hernandez - Office Assistant

Longfellow Middle School

Juanita Baptiste - Family Liaison

Lorton Station Elementary School

Tania Muskett - Family Liaison *

Luther Jackson Middle School

Ursula Carter - Instructional Assistant

Mantua Elementary School

Maria Romero - Custodian II

Marshall High School

Frances Wilson - Family Liaison *

Marshall Road Elementary School

Aisha Iqbal - Instructional Assistant

McLean High School

Janea Weber - Administrative Assistant

Montrose Alternative Learning Center

Abigail L. Bleymaier - Instructional Assistant

Mosaic Elementary School

Nafashir Aban - Custodian II

Mount Vernon High School

Akua Boamah - Assistant Building Supervisor

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School

Yesica Cruz - Custodian I

Newington Forest Elementary School

Tawanna Kinsey - Administrative Assistant II *

North Springfield Elementary School

Nelly Laredo - Kindergarten Assistant

Oak Hill Elementary School

Holly Deschene - Instructional Assistant

Oak View Elementary School

Jennifer Rindfleisch - ABA Instructional Assistant

Oakton Elementary School

Mijin Lee - Food Services Kitchen Manager *

Oakton High School

David Slabaugh - Operating Engineer

Olde Creek Elementary School

Sandy McCulloch - Office Assistant

Parklawn Elementary School

Thuan Do - Custodian I

Pine Spring Elementary School

Barbara Hiltz - Administrative Assistant II

Poe Middle School

Wanda Mann - Instructional Assistant

Poplar Tree Elementary School

Kathy Palermo - Office Assistant *

Providence Elementary School

Piedad Dwyer - Family Liaison

Pulley Career Center

Freddi Markson - Public Health Training Assistant

Ravensworth Elementary School

Betty Morgan - Administrative Assistant II *

Riverside Elementary School

Donna Eyler - Kindergarten Assistant

Robinson Secondary School

Shaheen Ahmed - Instructional Assistant, Middle School;
Angela Kiley - Instructional Assistant, High School

Rocky Run Middle School

Carol Cutler - Office Assistant

Rolling Valley Elementary School

Connie Melvin - Kindergarten Assistant

Rose Hill Elementary School

Katherine Pennington - Family Liaison

Sandburg Middle School

Ana Mack - Administrative Assistant *

Sangster Elementary School

Peter Boakye - Custodian II

Saratoga Elementary School

Jayme Calix Fuentes - Public Health Training Assistant *

Shreveview Elementary School

Heba Kamel - Custodian I

Silverbrook Elementary School

Renita Priestley - Student Information Assistant I

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School

Ivanova Plazas - Family Liaison

South County High School

Brandon Cameron - Security Assistant

South County Middle School

Maureen Carlstrom - Administrative Assistant

South Lakes High School

Lisa Jackson - Instructional Assistant

Stratford Landing Elementary School

Kris Rakes - Student Information Assistant

Sunrise Valley Elementary School

Dawn Corey - Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

Terra Centre Elementary School

Sandra Ammar - Office Assistant

Terraset Elementary School

Brianna Roy - Instructional Assistant

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Quang Du - Custodian I *

Thoreau Middle School

Karla Macoto - Student Services Assistant

Timber Lane Elementary School

Sabiha Sheroze - Public Health Attendant

Twain Middle School

Juanita Rogers - Office Assistant

Union Mill Elementary School

Mary Bowden - Kindergarten Assistant

Vienna Elementary School

Laura Steffey - Public Health Training Assistant

Wakefield Forest Elementary School

Cindy Guerdat - Instructional Assistant

Waples Mill Elementary School

Ana Sufitchi - Instructional Assistant

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Waynewood Elementary School

Maria Rivera - Instructional Assistant

West Potomac High School

Chau Kin Poon - Custodian II

West Springfield Elementary School

Debbie Phillips - Administrative Assistant II *

West Springfield High School

Deborah Manuel - Finance Technician

Westfield High School

Cathy Pisarcik - Office Assistant

Westgate Elementary School

Clara Pardo - Family Liaison

Westlawn Elementary School

Yasmin Naldo - Office Assistant

Weyanoke Elementary School

Dorothy Walsh - Office Assistant *

White Oaks Elementary School

Gina Silva - Kindergarten Assistant

Whitman Middle School

Lindsey Miller - Administrative Assistant II *

Wolftrap Elementary School

Mary Helen Tucker - Instructional Assistant *

Woodburn Elementary School

Maureen Small - Instructional Assistant *

Woodley Hills Elementary School

Heidi Bomberger-Johnson - Kindergarten Assistant

Woodson High School

Alexa Pugnetti - Administrative Assistant I *

Nonschool-Based Operational Employee Finalists

**Robert Butterfield, *Security Planning and Assessment Specialist***

Gatehouse Administration Center, Facilities

Bob is a public servant at heart. For over 25 years at FCPS, Bob has always focused on the safety and security of students and staff, knowing that a safe environment is needed to reach their full potential. Relying on his training and experience in both military and civilian law enforcement and his rise from uniform school security to the senior security planning and assessment specialist, Bob was instrumental in crafting a premier workforce of seven highly motivated, well-rounded subject matter experts in the security planning and assessment section of Office of Safety and Security (OSS). Bob is well respected by his peers, always goes to great lengths to solve problems, and cultivates a caring culture.

**Philippe R. Cloutier, *Digital Operations Technician***

Sprague Technology Center, Information Technology

Philippe shows leadership and passion for excellence and is committed to providing exceptional customer service during any FCPS event. No task or production is too small for Philippe to gather resources for his team or FCPS clients to see an event through to completion. Philippe also excels in a school's broadcast studio as a trusted resource for technological advice and production knowledge. When his predecessor handed over responsibility to Philippe, he was eager to jump into a new role and guide schools to restart their broadcast programs after the pandemic ended. Philippe is continuing his role as a resource to school broadcast studios in his new role as FCPS's Streaming Media Specialist.

**Terri Lynn Damon, *Administrative Assistant III***

Willow Oaks Administrative Center, Instructional Services

Terri is dedicated to making a difference for others in the world. She embraces her work and understands that students and their families are at the heart of it all. She communicates with school leaders on how to access United Language Group services so families can engage in meaningful and comprehensible conversations with school staff. Terri demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment by mentoring new administrative assistants, developing protocols for managing funding requests across multiple offices and sites, and consistently supporting others. She sees herself as a genuine connector and realizes her work's importance in establishing a positive atmosphere. Terri brings incredible enthusiasm and compassion and is a committed champion of multilingual learners and their families.



Dianne M. Hardbower, *Administrative Assistant III*

Energy Zone Food Services Center, Financial Services

Dianne approaches her job with the guiding principle of doing her job to the best of her ability daily. She accomplishes this by instituting efficient processes, establishing strong relationships, and promoting a respect-driven work environment while delivering quality customer service. Dianne begins and ends each day thinking about how to provide the best possible assistance to those around her. She anticipates the needs of her managers and coworkers and engages with school staff, seeking out resources to help them better do their jobs. At this point in Dianne's long and varied career with FCPS, she is embracing this opportunity to facilitate the vital task of providing nutritional meals to our diverse population of deserving students and staff.



Tara Petrovic, *Executive Administrative Assistant, Region 4*

Gatehouse Administration Center, Chiefs Offices

Tara is the heartbeat of the Region 4 Office. She ensures that everyone who reaches out to the Region feels welcomed, heard, and supported with her genuine empathy, compassion, and service. She has impeccable judgment and always uses her instinct to do the right thing for everyone. She is a leader, role model, and champion for schools and students by fostering cooperative relationships with colleagues and the community. As a former military spouse and currently a proud FCPS parent, Tara brings her experiences and identity into conversations to help shape additional dimensions and approaches to professional practices. Her honesty, work ethic, and kind spirit are respected and appreciated by everyone. She is a true ambassador for FCPS!



Kapinga Joelle Tshimuanga, *Administrative Assistant I*

Willow Oaks Administrative Center, Special Services

"She has a contagious smile!" is often said about Joelle, the administrative assistant for Social Work Services. She not only supports the office's day-to-day operations, but also plays a critical role in supporting over 200 social workers and attendance personnel. No matter how many referrals for vouchers she receives daily from Title 1 school social workers, she never stops smiling. When processing requests to support students in need, Joelle visualizes the happiness in their eyes. She knows how much these vouchers impact students' physical needs and well-being by building their confidence to be present and learn among their peers, allowing them the power to open their infinite possibilities and prosper during their journey in FCPS. She sees them smile back.



Nicole C. Wheeler, *Bus Driver Supervisor*

Lorton Center, Transportation

As a resource supervisor for FCPS Transportation, Nicole provides exceptional service and support to her coworkers and teammates. Nicole does not consider her job "work" and considers her coworkers as family. She is responsible for providing drivers and attendants with equipment that FCPS special education students require while being transported to and from school. Her goal is the safety of the students as well as her drivers and attendants. Nicole loves to ride with different bus and van teams, getting to know the drivers, attendants, and students. She strives to make the transportation experience interactive, inviting, and fun. Her kind demeanor creates a loving environment making everyone feel important and heard.



Outstanding Professional Employee

The Outstanding Professional Employee Award recognizes operational and non-instructional school-based employees who serve in a curriculum support or student support capacity who have made unique and exceptional contributions to FCPS. Recipients, one school-based and one nonschool-based, demonstrate commitment and foster cooperative relationships with colleagues and in the community. Any FCPS employee or community member may nominate an operational employee that is a Schedule B or non-instructional school-based employee that has held their position for at least one full year for the Outstanding Professional Employee Award.

School-Based Professional Employee Finalists



Kelsey Christian, *Crisis Resource Teacher*

Olde Creek Elementary School, Region 5

As the crisis resource teacher in a comprehensive service site program, Kelsey strives to make school a safe and nurturing environment for all students. She works tirelessly every day to learn the unique needs of her students and provide them with the tools necessary to feel successful in school. From soccer games on the field to reading books on the beanbag chairs to lending a helping hand during a fraction's unit, Kelsey supports the staff and students with the proactive and reactive strategies needed for each school day. She collaborates with the classroom staff, administration, clinical supports, families, and the student to ensure every child feels they have a place at school!



Tara A. Dutton, *Literacy Leader*

Forestville Elementary School, Region 1

Tara's kind, calm, rational, and helpful demeanor aids her drive to help others. As a lifelong learner, Tara has a wealth of knowledge in many areas that extend beyond her role as a reading specialist. Due to this vast knowledge, Tara offers insight for all teachers and teachers seek her out for advice and support. She consistently rises to the role of leader even though she never seeks it. Her support towards students and teachers comes from her experience in elementary schools (Physical Education, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 6th grade), as well as being a National Board-Certified teacher. In addition, she provides an empathetic approach to parents, teachers, and students.



Sarah Español, *Speech Language Pathologist*

Marshall High School, Region 2

While collaborating with her colleagues and school administrators, Sarah's goal is to improve outcomes for all students during their time in high school and to prepare them for their transition to life after school. Throughout her career working in schools, Sarah has seen how difficult it is for students with disabilities and their families to feel a sense of belonging to the school community. It has been powerful for Sarah to see the connections that authentic inclusion opportunities bring to students with and without disabilities during her work as a Best Buddies advisor and Special Olympics Unified Team coach. Sarah is honored to work with her school team - students, teachers, and families- to facilitate these programs at Marshall High School.



Katelyn M. Hagen, *Intervention Specialist*

South County Middle School, Region 4

"Students first, always." This core belief drives Katelyn's commitment to the South County community. Partnering with colleagues and families, she is passionate about supporting students' academic success and meeting behavioral and social-emotional needs. Katelyn has built a robust Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework by facilitating data analysis, structuring academic interventions, reinforcing PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), and leading programs like Check-In/Check-Out and High Five Partners. In addition, Katelyn collaborates with teams to remove barriers and increase access to tools and resources that maximize student learning. A colleague shared, "Katelyn connects with stakeholders, rallies support, and implements new ideas. Her ability to bring individuals and their talents together to support students is invaluable."



Elizabeth Romeo, School Social Worker

Lorton Station Elementary School, Region 3

On paper, Elizabeth is a school social worker, but to the community at Lorton Station Elementary, she is so much more. Elizabeth centers her work around equity and the dignity of students and families, whether in a local screening meeting, a sociocultural interview, small groups for social-emotional learning, or simply meeting one-on-one for consultation. In her five years at Lorton Station, she has become trusted and respected by the community, and she is counted on for her guidance and leadership. Elizabeth's authenticity shines through as she provides support and resources needed for student success, particularly as the community recovers from the impact of the pandemic, allowing her to form strong relationships with staff, students, and parents alike.

School Recipients

Annandale High School

Jeniva Miller - Instructional Coach

Annandale Terrace Elementary School

Jennifer Warren - School Counselor

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

Misty Edwards - Technology Support Specialist

Braddock Elementary School

Renee Brown - Reading Resource Teacher

Bren Mar Park Elementary School

Michelle Kramer - School Counselor

Bucknell Elementary School

Abby Demers - Instructional Coach *

Bull Run Elementary School

Laura Reed - School Based Technology Specialist

Burke School

Kelly Willis - School Based Technology Specialist

Bush Hill Elementary School

Bree Ouardi - Speech Language Pathologist

Camelot Elementary School

Kate Hanson - Speech Language Pathologist

Canterbury Woods Elementary School

Amelia Abd - Reading Teacher

Cardinal Forest Elementary School

Jennifer Nothstine - Special Education Department Chair

Centre Ridge Elementary School

Joanne Hartle - Social Worker

Centreville Elementary School

Kerry Loftus de Diaz - Special Education Department Chair

Centreville High School

Kara Stamper - College and Career Specialist *

Chantilly High School

Emily Phelan - School Based Technology Specialist

Chesterbrook Elementary School

Heather Lomelin - School Counselor

Churchill Road Elementary School

Nick Kilpatrick - School Based Technology Specialist

Clearview Elementary School

Shayna Sargent - School Social Worker

Colin Powell Elementary School

Nichole Lansdowne - School Based Technology Specialist

Cooper Middle School

Laura Wiley - School Counselor

Courtney Derr - Instructional Coach

Crossfield Elementary School

Kelli Soskey - Reading Teacher

Cub Run Elementary School

Carol Ann Timpson - Special Education Department Chair

Cunningham Park Elementary School

Keri Mina - School Based Technology Specialist

Daniels Run Elementary School

Lawrence Veasley - School Based Technology Specialist

Deer Park Elementary School

Casey Comer - School Counselor

Dranesville Elementary School

Jaclyn Young - School Based Technology Specialist

Edison High School

Tony Le - Technology Support Specialist

Fairfax County Adult High School

Yolanda Spears - School Counselor

Fairfax High School

Maureen Kim - College & Career Specialist

Fairfax Villa Elementary School

Therese Payne - Technology Support Specialist

Fairhill Elementary School

Kirsten Chen - Special Education Department Chair

Falls Church High School

Joel Harrop - Technology Support Specialist *

Floris Elementary School

Karen Scoggins - Speech Language Pathologist

Forest Edge Elementary School

Stephanie Guffain - Instructional Coach

**Denotes pyramid winner*

Forestdale Elementary School

Jamie Edwards - School Based Technology Specialist

Forestville Elementary School

Tara Dutton - Reading Specialist *

Fort Belvoir Primary School

Lauren Damico - School Based Technology Specialist

Fort Hunt Elementary School

Cory Yeager - School Based Technology Specialist

Franconia Elementary School

Leslie Calhoun Fry - School Counselor

Franklin Middle School

Joni Fraundorfer - School Counselor *

Frost Middle School

John Greenwood - Technology Support Specialist

Garfield Elementary School

Brandon Tomnay - School Based Technology Specialist

Glasgow Middle School

Danielle Griffin - Instructional Coach

Graham Road Elementary School

Julie Tillman - Instructional Coach

Greenbriar East Elementary School

Lori Purvis - Technology Support Specialist

Greenbriar West Elementary School

Megan McAndrew - School Counselor

Groveton Elementary School

Renee Berman - Reading Specialist

Halley Elementary School

Jennifer Buchko - School Based Technology Specialist

Haycock Elementary School

Katherine Zacur - Special Education Department Chair

Hayfield Elementary School

Necole Brown - School Counselor

Hayfield Secondary School

Emily Gregory - Assessment Coach

Herndon Elementary School

Emily Keffer - Title I Resource Teacher *

Herndon High School

Shannon Kamenick - School Counselor

Herndon Middle School

Aimee Conrad - Special Education Department Chair

Holmes Middle School

Mel Mollick - School Based Technology Specialist *

Hughes Middle School

Laura Vagts - Special Education Department Chair

Hunt Valley Elementary School

Evan Lemmerman - School Based Technology Specialist

Irving Middle School

Holly Mossburg - School Based Technology Specialist

Justice High School

Pam Fridley - Instructional Coach

Katherine Johnson Middle School

Kelsea Owens - School Based Technology Specialist *

Keene Mill Elementary School

Leigh Ashurst - School Counselor *

Key Center School

Beth Curtis - School Based Technology Specialist

Key Middle School

Kristen Reighard - School Counselor

Kilmer Middle School

Erin Kestler - School Counselor

Kings Park Elementary School

Corri Shusterman - School Counselor

Lake Anne Elementary School

Rebecca Hirschman - Instructional Coach *

Lake Braddock Secondary School

Sarah Olson - School Based Technology Specialist *

Lane Elementary School

Katelyn Randolph - Reading Specialist

Langley High School

Natalie Malone - School Counselor

Laurel Hill Elementary School

Rachel Morris - Reading Specialist

Liberty Middle School

Madison Fleming - School Counselor

Longfellow Middle School

Elaina Bafaro - Resource Teacher

Lorton Station Elementary School

Elizabeth Romeo - School Social Worker *

Louise Archer Elementary School

Beth Jackson - School Social Worker

Luther Jackson Middle School

Suzanne Zulauf - Instructional Coach

Matt Hoffert - After-School Specialist

Lynbrook Elementary School

Debbie Perez-Zurita - School Psychologist *

Madison High School

Derrick Rauenzahn - School Based Technology Specialist *

Mantua Elementary School

Austin Swift - School Social Worker

Marshall High School

Sarah Espanol - Speech Language Pathologist *

Marshall Road Elementary School

Meghan Gillespie - School Counselor

McLean High School

Ashley Lowry - School Based Technology Specialist *

McNair Elementary School

Mary-Elizabeth Hagaman - Special Education Department Chair

Mount Eagle Elementary School

Shannon Dickenson - Title I Resource Teacher

Mount Vernon High School

Danielle Torres - Special Education Department Chair *

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School

Kristen Robinson - MTSS Intervention Specialist

Oak Hill Elementary School

Stacey Allman - Speech Language Pathologist

Oak View Elementary School

Kristen Brechwald - Instructional Coach

Oakton High School

Elizabeth Chase-Kang - School Counselor *

Olde Creek Elementary School

Kelsey Christian - Crisis Resource Teacher *

Parklawn Elementary School

Jamie Fobert - School Counselor *

Pine Spring Elementary School

Leah DeLew - School Psychologist

Quander Road School High School

Kevin M. Payne - School Based Technology Specialist

Ravensworth Elementary School

Wendy Casual - MTSS Coordinator

Riverside Elementary School

Kayla Lee - Instructional Coach

Robinson Secondary School

Taylor Nelson - School Counselor *

Rocky Run Middle School

Shannon Campbell - After-School Specialist

Rolling Valley Elementary School

Mary Lou Bare - Technology Support Specialist

Sandburg Middle School

Carrington Beasley - School Based Technology Specialist

Sangster Elementary School

Jean-Marie Boyle - Special Education Department Chair

Saratoga Elementary School

Beth Polansky - Advanced Academic Program Coach

Shrevewood Elementary School

Kristen Neumeister - Speech Language Pathologist

Silverbrook Elementary School

Amanda Branch - School Counselor

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School

Erinn Burakow - Speech Language Pathologist

South County High School

Michelle Gunderman - School Counselor

South County Middle School

Katelyn Hagen - Intervention Coordinator *

South Lakes High School

Amy Beth Kramer - School Based Technology Specialist

Stone Middle School

Alison Costanza - School Based Technology Specialist *

Stratford Landing Elementary School

Rose Stephens - Instructional Coach

Sunrise Valley Elementary School

Matt Stewart - School Based Technology Specialist

Terraset Elementary School

Suzanne White - Math Resource Teacher

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Kerry Hamblin - School Counselor *

Thoreau Middle School

Kerrie Turner - School Counselor

Twain Middle School

Maria Danosos - School Counselor *

Union Mill Elementary School

Jenna Schmidt - School Counselor

Wakefield Forest Elementary School

Chelsea Boateng - School Counselor

Waples Mill Elementary School

Bianca Sanchez - School Based Technology Specialist

West Potomac High School

Lauren Creighton - School Counselor

West Springfield Elementary School

Connie Carney - Reading Specialist

West Springfield High School

Rosie Donaldson - Assistant Director, Student Activities

Westfield High School

Bill Sidener - School Counselor

Westgate Elementary School

Andie Ogden - Mathematics Resource Teacher

Westlawn Elementary School

Anna Yim - Reading Specialist

Whitman Middle School

Freda Woods - Dean of Students

Wolftrap Elementary School

Alysa Daigle - School Psychologist

Woodburn Elementary School

Sara Kugler - Literacy Coach

Woodson High School

Ryan Dickerson - School Psychologist

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Nonschool-Based Professional Employee Finalists



Sania Ahmad, Student Information Analyst

Wilton Woods Center, Information Technology

As a member of the newly formed Analytics Team in the Department of Information Technology (DIT), Sania works to create data visualization products to help leaders across the division have easy access to data and make strategic decisions. From being a 2011 South County High School graduate to working in a school in 2018 to her current position in DIT, Sania has a deep and long-standing connection to FCPS. She is passionate about ensuring cutting-edge technology is used for data-driven decision-making to ensure the best for students and staff. Outside of data, she strives to uphold the caring culture of FCPS, forging strong relationships with her colleagues within IT and stakeholders across the division.



Bethany A. Demers, Educational Specialist, Mental Wellness

Willow Oaks Administrative Center, Special Services

Bethany strives to spread awareness and reduce stigma related to mental health. Through collaboration with staff, families, and students across the division, she has supported the implementation of multiple initiatives that improve student wellness, such as suicide prevention programming, teletherapy services for high school students, and Handle With Care. Bethany believes that if we support students in building relationships, this will serve as a protective factor that fosters mentally healthy students who are engaged and successful. It's okay not to be okay, but when our students have a relationship with at least one trusted adult, they can talk to someone who can support them in accessing help.



Kendra Dyer, Manager, ESOL Program Assessment

Dunn Loring Center, Instructional Services

Kendra takes pride in improving services for students, families, and schools. She has a heart for students and families. Through her leadership at the Student Registration Welcome Centers, she welcomes new FCPS families from every part of the world and connects them with the resources they need to make their experience a positive one. Kendra values each family's assets to FCPS and provides students a safe space to share their background knowledge and experience to set them up for success in school. To do this, Kendra collaboratively developed the English Learner Program History (ELPH) application to provide schools with timely, accurate, and reliable testing data that informs instruction for English learners from the first day in school.



Claudia Haggerty, Financial Analyst II

Gatehouse Administration Center, Financial Services

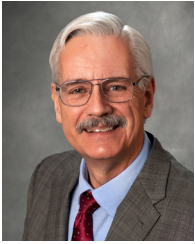
As a member of the Financial Support Team, Claudia trains and supports school finance officers across Fairfax County Public Schools. Claudia is very professional and knowledgeable. Her attention to detail and ability to break down processes and procedures make learning and assimilation easier. Claudia has many strengths and is always looking for ways to enhance training, document instructions, and improve processes. Within her team, Claudia is known as the "Document Queen." She is always happy to assist her teammates and customers with documentation so that it is easy to understand. In the last year, Claudia led the rather large project to rewrite the FCPS School Finance Handbook, an essential resource for all finance officers.



Jim Jenkins, Senior Functional Applications Specialist

Lorton Center, Transportation

If you ask Jim what he does, he will undoubtedly answer, "I help Transportation Services keep students safe from boarding the school bus in the morning until they arrive home again." Jim is the point of contact for the electronic systems on school buses that provide communications, video monitoring, and real-time tracking. These include the GPS tracking system, the onboard camera DVR systems, the two-way radio system, and, soon to be, bus stop arm camera system. In total, Jim supports over 7,000 electronic devices installed in over 1,600 buses traveling around the county, "Things break, we know that, but our goal is to be vigilant, identify the issues, and have everything working by the end of the day."



Kenneth T. Wilson, *Safety Specialist*

Gatehouse Administration Center, Facilities

Ken, a former technical theatre professional, joined FCPS to develop a theatre safety program, fire safety, and tornado preparedness. Ken's satisfaction comes when he helps students design safe special effects such as fire or rain or assists an administrator with tornado shelter or fire evacuation planning. There is always a look of relief from the group when Ken works on a project. Ken could have retired 15 years ago, but he didn't want to give up the joy of working with school staff and students and many other support colleagues. "My current collaborations with Design and Construction will not be built for years, but those details will be appreciated in the future."



Outstanding Leader

Two Outstanding Leader Awards are given, one for a school-based leader and one for a nonschool-based leader. Recipients demonstrate outstanding leadership and strengthen and improve the learning environment through their work. Any FCPS employee or community member may nominate an employee who is a Schedule C employee that has held the position for at least one full year for the Outstanding Leader Award.

School-Based Leader Finalists



Serena Andrea Giron, *Director of Student Services*

Holmes Middle School, Region 2

One way to describe Serena is through Maya Angelou's famous quote, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." She has the tenacity to bring out the best in others and influence team collaboration while giving others a voice and space to lead. Serena stretches the staff's thinking, grounds them in being student-centered, and considers their perspective. She continuously promotes deep and critical thinking with staff to increase their sense of efficacy. Also, she is intentional about building relationships with staff, students, and families to support and maintain a positive school culture.



Karen J. Hertel, *Assistant Principal*

Bryant High School, Non-Region

Karen's leadership philosophy is deeply anchored in trust, transparency, humility, and accountability, forming an unwavering foundation for instructional excellence. She actively collaborates with the community and business partners and procures vital resources for Bryant High School students and their families. Under her guidance, the resource room was transformed, empowering student service leaders to prepare essential "to-go" bags and kits for families in need. Her approach to leadership is centered around the school's core beliefs, which include family, excellence, and relationships. As a passionate, collaborative, and communicative leader, Karen cultivates an enriching learning environment where staff and students thrive. She perceives each interaction with students as a chance to fortify relationships, deliberate on aspirations, and develop skills crucial for post-secondary success.



Kate Kirkland, *Assistant Principal*

Mount Eagle Elementary School, Region 3

"Stay curious just a little longer. It will lead you to a better place." This is the guiding principle of how Kate Kirkland approaches every interaction. Kate sees an opportunity to develop a partnership built on mutual respect and equality, whether with a student, parent, or staff member. She models what it means to collaborate and build something stronger to serve all students. Kate's superpower is her ability to create processes to hold all accountable for excellence. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) she co-constructed with school staff. One teacher said, "It has been a hard couple of years, and Kate has had unfailing empathy, patience, and optimism."



John McCaughan, *Assistant Principal*

Katherine Johnson Middle School, Region 5

John sees a miracle and purpose in all children. His mission is to help students grow positive relationships with others as they navigate the challenges and experiences of daily school life. By building those connections with one student, parent, and teacher at a time, John finds an opportunity for learning within each interaction. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), restorative justice, and partnerships with parents highlight the collaborative tools John uses to impact relationships. For example, his "spiraling strategy" efforts led the math department to post some of the highest achievement results in the division for Katherine Johnson's exceptional education students. John also has a joyful heart in guiding students to be their best version.

**Lisa M. O'Donovan, Assistant Principal**

Wolftap Elementary School, Region 1

Lisa believes in the power of building strong relationships with those she serves. An integral part of building those relationships is modeling positivity, being visible in the school building and the community, being transparent in all communication, and learning alongside others. She cultivates a caring community by meeting students in the hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, and at dismissal. In addition, Lisa dedicates the time and opportunity needed to help grade-level teams plan for student success while making them feel valued as leaders and decision-makers. She can often be seen singing with the chorus, joining a violin class, or throwing the football at recess. Lisa's attention to relationship building shows a commitment to a caring culture at her school and across the division.

**Ann Wong, Associate Principal**

Robinson Secondary School, Region 4

True to the quote on her office wall, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," Ann leads by example and models best practices. Ann is responsible for establishing a school leadership plan to support instructional practices that impact student growth. In doing so, she guides the work of the Instructional Council, Collaborative Team leaders, and schoolwide professional development to elevate excellence for all. Ann is dedicated to creating an inclusive, caring culture and fosters strong relationships with students, staff, and the Robinson community. One of her teachers noted, "Ann has proved to be a supportive, positive, and motivational leader. She deeply cares about education and does what is best for teachers and students at Robinson."

School Recipients

Annandale High School

Sarah Eqab - Assistant Principal

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

Mirnaly Vega - Assistant Principal

Bonnie Brae Elementary School

Elaine Woo - Assistant Principal

Braddock Elementary School

Holly Dowling - Assistant Principal

Bryant High School

Karen Hertel - Assistant Principal *

Bull Run Elementary School

Susanne Shahidi - Assistant Principal

Burke School

Thomas Sweet - Assistant Principal

Canterbury Woods Elementary School

Melinda Milliron - Assistant Principal

Cardinal Forest Elementary School

Keith Hirsch - Assistant Principal *

Centreville Elementary School

Rachel Forte - Assistant Principal

Centreville High School

Mike Parker - Assistant Principal *

Chantilly High School

Corey Bowerman - Director of Student Activities

Chesterbrook Elementary School

Farris Thomas - Assistant Principal *

Churchill Road Elementary School

Jennifer Niccolls - Assistant Principal

Clearview Elementary School

Joshua Redford - Assistant Principal

Clermont Elementary School

Trevia Younger - Assistant Principal

Crossfield Elementary School

Barbara Fant - Assistant Principal

Daniels Run Elementary School

Michael Parker - Assistant Principal

Dranesville Elementary School

Allison Hoak - Assistant Principal

Fairfax High School

Troy Ketch - Assistant Principal

Fairfax Villa Elementary School

Shelia Sobeski - Assistant Principal *

Fairhill Elementary School

Courtney Korb - Assistant Principal

Fairview Elementary School

Meghan Ehrman - Assistant Principal

Falls Church High School

Missy Brady - Assistant Principal *

Flint Hill Elementary School

Ross Baker - Assistant Principal

Floris Elementary School

Robert Gibbs - Assistant Principal

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Forest Edge Elementary School

Ashley Fisher - Assistant Principal

Forestdale Elementary School

LaDonna Tate - Assistant Principal

Fort Belvoir Primary School

Mary Flint - Assistant Principal

Fort Hunt Elementary School

Katie Pluntke - Assistant Principal *

Franklin Sherman Elementary School

Scott Ralston - Assistant Principal

Frost Middle School

Phil Hudson - Assistant Principal

Glasgow Middle School

Steven D'Adamo - Assistant Principal

Greenbriar East Elementary School

Amy Showker - Assistant Principal *

Greenbriar West Elementary School

Jordan Cook - Assistant Principal

Halley Elementary School

Lucy Zamora - Assistant Principal *

Haycock Elementary School

Heather Boyd - Assistant Principal

Herndon Elementary School

Elizabeth Baxter - Assistant Principal

Herndon High School

Christina Oh - Assistant Principal *

Herndon Middle School

Fran Furr - Assistant Principal *

Holmes Middle School

Serena Giron - Director of Student Services

Hutchison Elementary School

Jackie Wilson - Assistant Principal

Irving Middle School

Marguerite Gollinger - Director of Student Services

Justice High School

Evan Carter - Assistant Principal

Katherine Johnson Middle School

John McCaughan - Assistant Principal *

Kilmer Middle School

Christopher Musgnug - Assistant Principal

Kings Glen Elementary School

Cindy Agner - Assistant Principal

Lake Anne Elementary School

Brittany Rogers - Assistant Principal *

Lake Braddock Secondary School

Lindsey Kearns - Associate Principal

Langley High School

Braden Peterson - Director of Student Services

Laurel Hill Elementary School

Addison Smith - Assistant Principal

Lemon Road Elementary School

Angela Ulsh - Assistant Principal *

Little Run Elementary School

Colleen Vaughan - Assistant Principal

Longfellow Middle School

Amy Smith - Assistant Principal

Lorton Station Elementary School

Dawn Champion - Assistant Principal *

Louise Archer Elementary School

Jennifer Condra - Assistant Principal

Mantua Elementary School

Richard Deixler - Assistant Principal

Marshall High School

Joe Swarm - Director of Student Activities

McLean High School

Greg Miller - Director of Student Activities

Mosaic Elementary School

Jenny Smith - Assistant Principal *

Mount Eagle Elementary School

Kate Kirkland - Assistant Principal *

Mount Vernon High School

Karin Boyd - Assistant Principal

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School

Kathryn Ngo - Assistant Principal

Oak View Elementary School

Raegan Hanson - Assistant Principal

Oakton High School

James Oberndorf - Assistant Principal

Olde Creek Elementary School

Alison Butler - Assistant Principal

Parklawn Elementary School

Alison Meadows - Assistant Principal *

Pine Spring Elementary School

Jennifer Ganci - Assistant Principal

Poe Middle School

Nate Beard - Assistant Principal

Robinson Secondary School

Ann Wong - Assistant Principal *

Sandburg Middle School

Sarina Moses - Assistant Principal

Sangster Elementary School

Karen Kleiber - Assistant Principal *

Saratoga Elementary School

Abigail Lower - Assistant Principal *

Shrevewood Elementary School

Katie Vandawalker - Assistant Principal

South County High School

Claudia Pirouzan-Jones - Assistant Principal

South County Middle School

Jon Halterman-Mitchell - Assistant Principal

South Lakes High School

Erin Sikes-Thurston - Assistant Principal

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Cynthia Hawkins - Assistant Principal *

Twain Middle School

Stephen Fitzgerald - Director of Student Services

Union Mill Elementary School

Jennifer Skerker - Assistant Principal

Waples Mill Elementary School

Joan Olinger - Assistant Principal

West Potomac High School

Ivan Johnson - Assistant Principal

West Springfield High School

Leah Conte - Director of Student Activities

Westfield High School

Terri Towle - Director of Student Activities

Willow Springs Elementary School

Lesley Hassen - Assistant Principal

Wolftrap Elementary School

Lisa O'Donovan - Assistant Principal *

Woodburn Elementary School

Elizabeth Watson - Assistant Principal

Woodson High School

Josh Peters - Director of Student Services

**Denotes pyramid winner*

Nonschool-Based Leader Finalists

**Michael S. Bloom, Director III, Special Education Instruction**

Willow Oaks Administrative Center, Special Services

Mike is a transformational leader celebrating his 33rd year of committed service to individuals with exceptionalities, their families, and the educators who support them. Leading with positivity, empathy, and humility, Mike believes in the power of togetherness and the idea that relationships form a strong foundation in which challenges become opportunities when people commit to a common vision. As an Office of Special Education Instruction administrator for fourteen years, Mike has an exceptional record of program development and organizational improvement and was the chief architect and developer of FCPS Behavior Intervention Services. Motivated by his desire to see all students succeed and thrive, Mike and his team continue to envision and deliver high-quality instructional and behavioral programming in FCPS.

**Amy E. Hunter, Coordinator III, Mathematics K-12**

Willow Oaks Administrative Center, Instructional Services

When Amy joined FCPS as the coordinator for K-12 mathematics, her passion for collaborating across offices and schools to define a vision of excellence in mathematics was evident. Amy genuinely believes that all students are capable mathematicians and that all teachers have the potential for excellence. Amy works to build, connect, and orchestrate resources and people to ensure the success of all students in FCPS. She is a professional developer at heart and never misses an opportunity to coach or support her colleagues as they pursue their professional passions and goals for the FCPS mathematics program. Amy intentionally leverages individuals' strengths for specific projects and holds team members and herself to high standards.

**Traci T. Kubo-Carrera, Coordinator III, Transportation**

Stonecroft Transportation Center, Transportation Services

"Caring culture" is evident in Area 3 as Traci leads her team by example, managing a staff of 375 employees and supporting 46 schools. When the fleet coordinator position became vacant, Traci assumed that position as well as her own as Area 3 Coordinator. Because she develops and fosters a strong sense of teamwork and actively develops the leadership skills of others, the team united to meet challenges. Traci has been intricately involved in the school bus fleet conversion to electric, completing grant applications for funding and reviewing and analyzing electric bus models. Traci's ability to think creatively, research solutions, and assist in whatever capacity is needed make her an invaluable resource to FCPS and the Office of Transportation Services.



James R. McLain, Coordinator III, Security Planning and Assessment

Gatehouse Administration Center, Facilities Services

Jim has served in Fairfax County for almost 43 years – joining FCPS 22 years ago after retiring from the police department. He is a positive, always-smiling leader who is passionate about providing safety and security for all students and staff. School divisions from across the country have sought his guidance to implement their own safety protocols. Jim's accomplishments include developing training for lockdowns and school security officers for the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, crisis plans and manuals, and modernizing the school security fleet and uniforms. Always willing to help, he says that he derives his energy and proactive demeanor from his staff and believes every leader is only as good as their people.



Lisa Reid, Coordinator III, Performance Management

Gatehouse Administration Center, Human Resources

Lisa has been with Fairfax County Public Schools' Department of Human Resources since 2003, coming to the school division with nearly 10 years of human resources experience in the private sector. Lisa has worked in multiple capacities and disciplines and brings with her a wealth of HR expertise and institutional knowledge. Currently, Lisa leads a team of HR employees specializing in all realms of performance management. As a coordinator, Lisa leads by example and believes in building relationships and collaborations built on trust and integrity. With adaptability and commitment, Lisa and her team work tirelessly to help the school division resolve many conduct, discipline, and performance challenges.



Matthew J. Watson, Network Architect

Wilton Woods Center, Information Technology

Matt believes in the FCPS and Information Technology mission and brings meaningful contributions to the teaching and learning experience. He joined FCPS in 2000 as a school-based technology support specialist and gained an appreciation for the challenges and rewards of classroom teachers. He carried that focus through various leadership positions as he advanced, led the IT Service Desk, and now serves as an architect. Consistently able to visualize a path to improve FCPS, he has brought efficiencies through environmental automation, building and design. One system he takes pride in is designing and directing is the build of the Teacher Assisted Student Password Reset Tool, which provides classroom teachers the ability to directly reset student passwords, thereby protecting student/teacher instructional time.



Alice Wigington, Executive Director, Budget Services

Gatehouse Administration Center, Financial Services

Alice provides exceptional service through her tremendous leadership, noteworthy dedication, and unparalleled commitment to FCPS and the community. As the budget director, she provides the framework for all financial decisions by providing clear, accurate, timely, and relevant financial information and analysis to assist the School Board, Leadership Team, and other stakeholders in sound financial decision-making. She is compassionate and effective in her work, always supports the division's goals and priorities, and exhibits a genuine willingness to explain all aspects of the budget process. In addition, she fosters cooperative relationships with colleagues, is results-oriented, goes above and beyond to ensure a collaborative process that includes all stakeholders, and contributes positively to FCPS in all that she leads and supports.



Outstanding Teacher

The Outstanding Teacher Award recognizes elementary and secondary teachers who demonstrate dedication, commitment, and the ability to propel students to high levels of success. The recipients meet the individual needs of students, foster talent, instill a desire to learn, and nurture cooperative relationships among colleagues and in the community. Any FCPS employee or community member may nominate teachers with at least three full years of experience for this prestigious award.

Elementary Teacher Finalists



Kristen Ceglie, *Fourth Grade Teacher*

Coates Elementary School, Region 5

Kristen is a passionate and dedicated teacher who believes in putting students at the center of their learning. She works to create authentic learning experiences that engage, inspire, and challenge her students to reach their full potential. Kristen builds relationships with her students to create a safe and supportive learning environment where they feel comfortable taking risks, asking questions, and exploring new ideas together through a variety of modalities. She is a leader who jumps at the chance to bring new innovative ideas to her students and colleagues. In addition to her work in the classroom, Kristen is an active member of her school community. She volunteers her time through social committees and academic and social and emotional learning (SEL) clubs.



Kristine Hsia, *ESOL Teacher*

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School, Region 2

As a dedicated teacher of multilingual learners, Kristine guides students effectively through the complexities of learning a new language. She has a gift for articulating intricate ideas with clarity and interweaving engaging learning outcomes with critical language concepts. Deeply committed to disrupting linguistic discrimination and cultural biases in education, she believes classrooms should be a place where students do not have to lose any element of their identity to achieve success. Kristine also cares about her students' futures. Along with a teammate, she hosted Sleepy Hollow's first Student Leadership Academy and took a group of 20 students, many of whom would be the first in their families to potentially attend college, to George Mason University to learn about education opportunities beyond FCPS.



Maritza Lugo Franqui, *Fifth Grade Immersion Teacher*

Groveton Elementary School, Region 3

Maritza Lugo is a dedicated teacher committed to her students and their success. With her resolute focus on building a caring and inclusive classroom community, she provides access to high-quality instruction for her Spanish immersion students. Maritza continuously collaborates with her teammates to share resources and develop lessons that engage and motivate students to learn science and math. She also works to connect with students and families by volunteering her time to help with Spanish translations in parent conferences and by teaching after-school programs in the community. She is very proud to work with such a diverse community and is honored to represent Latino women scientists in education.



Maureen E. Mehrer, *ESOL Teacher*

Hutchison Elementary School, Region 1

Before entering Maureen's class, you must ask yourself, ¿Cuál es tu encanto? What is your gift? Maureen's philosophy is that all students have equally important strengths even with different educational experiences. Her classroom celebrates and helps Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE) see themselves as resilient and capable learners. Students work to acquire literacy in Spanish and bridge that knowledge to English. Her greatest joy is seeing the students realize that they have become readers and writers and see themselves as capable students. Parents may observe while students use their translanguage skills to present their learning, demonstrating their growth and knowledge. You may also see colleagues collaborating to refine practices for reaching and teaching ALL our students, nuestros estudiantes.

**Laura Senturia, *Fourth Grade Teacher***

Colin Powell Elementary School, Region 4

Laura brings positive energy, caring nature, and a strong sense of compassion to school each day. She creates a safe space where students are encouraged to celebrate their strengths, embrace one another, learn from their mistakes, and reach their highest potential. Laura leads by example by empowering students to see themselves as global citizens, emphasizing respect, kindness, and hard work. This work goes beyond her classroom walls to the entire student body at Powell Elementary through her leadership on the Student Council Association (SCA). She builds and creates an uplifting community around her, making an intentional and ongoing effort to construct an environment where everyone – students, teachers, and staff – knows they are valued, cared for, and important.

Secondary Teacher Finalists

**Brooke-Marie LaPorta, *Biology Teacher***

Bryant High School, Non-Region

Brooke's classroom philosophy is to empower the students not just to learn the material but to understand it and apply it to their daily lives. Brooke believes that nature helps spark excitement for learning science and connects us all as a common denominator in this world which helps build connections to each other. Another colleague stated, "She is the chair of our Science Department, chemical safety officer for the school, garden coordinator, and mentor. In those roles, she is an outstanding example of a leader who balances and applies her time, energy, and expertise so all thrive." Students leave her classroom with a smile, talking about the ideas being discussed, and then return the next day with a thirst for learning more!

**Daniel J. Miller, *English Teacher***

Fairfax High School, Region 5

Daniel is a teacher who is always on the move. He moves around his classroom to check with all students and around the building to support teaching and learning in all departments. Daniel also moves himself to meet new challenges and support the development of his colleagues through professional development sessions and mentoring, which helps prepare teachers to meet the needs of all students. Energy emanates from his classroom. With Daniel, students and staff feel heard, seen, and safe. Teaching three levels of English as well as Advanced Placement Capstone, in addition to serving as the Collaborative Teams coordinator for Fairfax High, Daniel ingratiates himself into all threads of the fabric of the school.

**Shani R. Moser, *Spanish Language Teacher***

Madison High School, Region 1

Shani pours her heart and soul into her classes with high energy and enthusiasm. She crafts engaging and thought-provoking Spanish language and culture lessons that make her students take time to think deeply and connect emotionally with the material, often using personal stories to illustrate her point. She forms strong relationships with students and families with openness, honesty, and humor that help them to trust her, and they come to her for help and advice that reach far beyond the classroom. From teaching how to roll Rs to leading Socratic-style discussions, Shani engages her students by pushing them beyond their comfort zones in a safe environment to foster the love of learning!

**Cristina Procaccino, *Latin Language Teacher***

Edison High School, Region 3

Cristina's Latin classroom defies the adage that Latin is a dead language. She shares her love of learning with her students and creates a welcoming, inclusive, and joyous classroom atmosphere. Students explore their individual interests as they "time-travel" to the ancient world and excel in Latin contests and competitions. Cristina creates a strong sense of community for her students by establishing traditions and building relationships with families, colleagues, feeder schools, universities, professional organizations, and students and teachers worldwide. She also works as a leader within her professional communities to promote and present on collaboration, multilingualism, linguistics, and engagement in language classrooms.



Annie Ray, Orchestra Director

Annandale High School, Region 2

A passionate advocate for universal access to quality music education, Annie regularly develops innovative opportunities to make music accessible to students of all demographics. For example, she created the Crescendo Orchestra program to bring the joy of orchestra to students with severe developmental or intellectual disabilities. Her work also extends beyond the classroom to include the whole school community. Her creation of the FCPS Parent Orchestra annually helps over 150 parents learn to play their child's instrument, allowing them to support and connect with their student. A colleague said, "Annie meets every student where they are and shows them where they are capable of going - through hands-on, engaging instruction."



Gayle Thayer, German Language Teacher

Liberty Middle School, Region 4

Passionate about language and teaching, Frau Thayer has taken pride in helping students recognize and celebrate their growth in language and life for over 30 years. Gayle gives students a sense of belonging while ensuring high standards in both curriculum and expectations. One student said, "I feel safe in her classroom, and she makes learning fun." Her energy and enthusiasm keep students engaged and lead to student success. She creates a supportive environment by presenting rigorous yet meaningful, innovative lessons. Gayle incorporates Portrait of a Graduate skills into her lessons, so her students go into the world prepared, and she enjoys hearing success stories from former students that they are indeed using skills that she taught.

School Recipients

Aldrin Elementary School

Amy Salcedo - Kindergarten Teacher

Annandale High School

Annie Ray - Orchestra Director *

Annandale Terrace Elementary School

Jameka Mensah - First Grade Teacher

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

Noel A. Naylor - ESOL Teacher

Bailey's Upper Elementary School

Monica Rabil - Third Grade Teacher

Beech Tree Elementary School

Heather Walnock - First Grade Teacher

Bonnie Brae Elementary School

Cheryl Clark - First Grade Teacher

Braddock Elementary School

Emily Staudmyer - Third Grade Teacher *

Bren Mar Park Elementary School

Christine Watson - Librarian

Brookfield Elementary School

Diana Cribby - Fourth Grade Teacher

Bryant High School

Brooke LaPorta - Biology Teacher *

Bucknell Elementary School

James Hargrove - Physical Education Teacher

Bull Run Elementary School

Erin Altman - ESOL Teacher

Burke School

Jessica Moberly - Emotional Disabilities Teacher *

Bush Hill Elementary School

Lalin Courtney - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Camelot Elementary School

Cara Pelini - Special Education Department Chair

Cameron Elementary School

Julia Campbell - Third Grade Teacher *

Canterbury Woods Elementary School

Jaime Carroll - First Grade Teacher

Cardinal Forest Elementary School

Renee Centineo - ESOL Teacher

Carson Middle School

Kelli L. McCoy-Williams - Resource Teacher

Centre Ridge Elementary School

Rebecca Henry - Kindergarten Teacher

Centreville Elementary School

Diana Lins - First Grade Teacher

Centreville High School

Jennie Hwangpo - English Teacher

Chantilly High School

Kevin Boss - Health & Physical Education Teacher

Cherry Run Elementary School

Kristen Melchiori - Second Grade Teacher

Chesterbrook Elementary School

Taylor Hutchins - Second Grade Teacher

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Churchill Road Elementary School

Maryann Hwang - Spanish FLES Teacher

Clearview Elementary School

Holly Hill - Advanced Academics Program Fourth Grade Teacher

Clermont Elementary School

Erin Simons - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Coates Elementary School

Kristen Ceglie - Fourth Grade Teacher *

Colin Powell Elementary School

Laura Senturia - Fourth Grade Teacher *

Columbia Elementary School

Laura Steib - Fifth Grade Advanced Academics Program Teacher

Cooper Middle School

Paula Prosper - Mathematics Teacher *

Crestwood Elementary School

Kathy L. Krajcovic - Second Grade Teacher

Crossfield Elementary School

Alison Hogan - Fifth Grade Teacher

Cub Run Elementary School

Val Sesso - Advanced Academics Resource Teacher

Cunningham Park Elementary School

Kathy Coles - Sixth Grade Teacher

Daniels Run Elementary School

Zoya Lucas - ESOL Teacher

Deer Park Elementary School

Judy Wang - Preschool Teacher

Dogwood Elementary School

Janie Brooks - PreK Teacher

Dranesville Elementary School

Kristine Petersen - Fourth Grade Teacher

Eagle View Elementary School

Ginger Albertson - Music Teacher

Edison High School

Cristina Procaccino - Latin Language Teacher *

Fairfax High School

Daniel Miller - English Teacher *

Fairfax Villa Elementary School

Heather Atkinson - ESOL Teacher

Fairhill Elementary School

Kyran Brooks - Third Grade Teacher

Fairview Elementary School

Brittany Powers - Kindergarten Teacher

Falls Church High School

Cori Parks - American Sign Language Teacher

Flint Hill Elementary School

Micol Levi-Senigaglia - ESOL Teacher

Floris Elementary School

Ken Larson - Fifth Grade Teacher

Forest Edge Elementary School

Katie Smallwood - Fifth Grade Teacher

Forestdale Elementary School

Trelane Clark - Second Grade Teacher

Forestville Elementary School

Emily Pearson - Third Grade Teacher

Fort Belvoir Primary School

Betty Kishter - Second Grade Teacher

Fort Belvoir Upper Elementary School

Synthia Fairley - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Fort Hunt Elementary School

Leslie Curtin-Holt - Third Grade Teacher

Franconia Elementary School

James Bensinger - Sixth Grade Teacher

Franklin Middle School

Lauren Sturgill - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Franklin Sherman Elementary School

Caroline Cox - Second Grade Teacher

Frost Middle School

Anne Marie Patterson - Orchestra Teacher *

Garfield Elementary School

Holly Kosatka - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Glasgow Middle School

Anne Quigley - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Graham Road Elementary School

Wan Ji Lee - Art Teacher

Greenbriar East Elementary School

Rachel Cohen - Sixth Grade Teacher

Greenbriar West Elementary School

Jennifer Mann - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Groveton Elementary School

Maritza Lugo - Fifth Grade Teacher *

Halley Elementary School

Najma Khan - Fourth Grade Teacher

Haycock Elementary School

Patty Kearns - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Hayfield Elementary School

Janey Markon - Fifth Grade teacher

Hayfield Secondary School

Megan Mutscheller - Business & Information Technology Teacher *

Herndon Elementary School

Conner Rhodes-Hadian - Sixth Grade Teacher

Herndon High School

Kevin Quinlan - Geosystems Teacher *

Herndon Middle School

Brian Hollingsworth - Science Teacher

Hollin Meadows Elementary School

Alexandria Resch - Third/Fourth Grade Teacher

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Holmes Middle School

James Yoon - Health & Physical Education Teacher

Hughes Middle School

Atilio Headley - Spanish Language Teacher

Hunt Valley Elementary School

Jenni Pak - Kindergarten Teacher

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences

Jill Moore - Fourth Grade Teacher

Hutchison Elementary School

Maureen Mehrer - ESOL Teacher *

Interagency Alternative Schools

Jude Welling Barrows - Alternative School Teacher

Irving Middle School

Jacqueline Rhodes - Mathematics Teacher

Island Creek Elementary School

Lindsey Barber - Physical Education Teacher

Justice High School

Edgar Jaimes Hernandez - Spanish Language Teacher

Katherine Johnson Middle School

Anna Sengstack - Orchestra Director

Keene Mill Elementary School

Rhonda Doll - First Grade Teacher

Kent Gardens Elementary School

Lisa Waters - Fourth Grade Teacher *

Key Center School

Sean Ganley - Adapted Physical Education Teacher

Key Middle School

Chelsea Aquino - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Kilmer Center

Drea Vechery - Multiple Disabilities Teacher *

Kilmer Middle School

Carrie Marcey - Mathematics Teacher

Kings Glen Elementary School

Michelle Keenan - Strings Teacher

Kings Park Elementary School

Jamie Mucciolo - Third Grade Teacher

Lake Braddock Secondary School

Theresa Charles - High School Math Teacher

Lane Elementary School

Laura Schadle - Kindergarten Teacher

Langley High School

Caroline Player - Choir Director

Laurel Hill Elementary School

Devetta Boyce - Fourth Grade Teacher

Laurel Ridge Elementary School

Laura Spage - Fourth Grade Teacher *

Lees Corner Elementary School

Christina Penton - Second Grade Teacher

Lemon Road Elementary School

Kendall Heren - Special Education Lead Teacher *

Lewis High School

Mercedes Matson - Biology Teacher *

Liberty Middle School

Gayle Thayer - German Language Teacher *

Little Run Elementary School

Adrienne Dupont - Preschool Autism Teacher *

Longfellow Middle School

Erin Caswell - Multiple Disabilities Teacher *

Lorton Station Elementary School

Christine Fewell - Physical Education Teacher *

Louise Archer Elementary School

Amy Stohs - Second Grade Teacher

Luther Jackson Middle School

Melih Ertekin - General Science Teacher *

Lynbrook Elementary School

Janelle Gigliotti - Learning Disabilities Teacher

Madison High School

Shani Moser - Spanish Language Teacher *

Mantua Elementary School

Jamie DeRosa - Fourth Grade Teacher

Marshall High School

Kristine Elsener - Mathematics Teacher

Marshall Road Elementary School

Nicole Henderson - Second Grade teacher

McLean High School

Deidra Denson - Band Director

McNair Elementary School

Catherine Mobley - Kindergarten Teacher

McNair Upper Elementary School

Amy Freer - Fifth Grade Gifted Education Center Teacher

Mosaic Elementary School

Janet Hopkins - Kindergarten Teacher

Mount Eagle Elementary School

Skyler Arrington - Fourth Grade Teacher

Mount Vernon High School

Russell Roache - Mathematics Teacher *

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School

Jennifer Schless - Kindergarten Teacher

Navy Elementary School

Connie Lee - Gifted Education Center Teacher

Newington Forest Elementary School

Andi Drummond - Sixth Grade Teacher *

North Springfield Elementary School

Karen Brown - Preschool Teacher

Oak Hill Elementary School

Sara Horn - Third Grade Teacher



Oak View Elementary School

Allison Beach - Kindergarten Teacher

Oakton Elementary School

Abbey Strzemienski - Kindergarten Teacher

Oakton High School

Gabrielle Gombos - English Teacher *

Olde Creek Elementary School

Christina Cronin - First Grade Teacher

Orange Hunt Elementary School

Beth Smith - First Grade Teacher

Parklawn Elementary School

Jen Reynolds - Preschool Autism Teacher

Pine Spring Elementary School

Caren Eclarinal - Art Teacher

Poe Middle School

Megan Skirving - Health & Physical Education Teacher

Poplar Tree Elementary School

Jacqueline Knuckles - Gifted Education Center Teacher *

Providence Elementary School

Christine He - Sixth Grade Teacher *

Ravensworth Elementary School

Brooke Hornberger - First Grade Teacher

Riverside Elementary School

Christopher Timberlake - Gifted Education Center Teacher

Robinson Secondary School

Meaghan Fry - Learning Disabilities Teacher, High School
Jesse Riley - Learning Disabilities Teacher, Middle School *

Rocky Run Middle School

Jason Linck - History & Social Studies Teacher *

Rolling Valley Elementary School

Shakira Thomas - Second Grade Teacher

Sandburg Middle School

Olivia Ceppi - Eighth Grade General Science Teacher

Sangster Elementary School

Elizabeth Speight - First Grade Teacher

Saratoga Elementary School

Heather Simpson - Fourth Grade Teacher *

Shrevewood Elementary School

Kirsten Milhorn - First Grade Teacher

Silverbrook Elementary School

Lori Newman - Kindergarten Teacher

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School

Kristine Hsia - ESOL Teacher *

South County High School

Susan Baker - French Language Teacher

South County Middle School

Cindy Downing - History & Social Studies Teacher *

South Lakes High School

Tiffany Welborn - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Spring Hill Elementary School

Jenny Strandlund - Lead Mentor Resource Teacher *

Springfield Estates Elementary School

Terri Lee - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

*Denotes pyramid winner

Stone Middle School

Tracy Magwire - Band Teacher

Stratford Landing Elementary School

Dave Magee - Physical Education Teacher

Sunrise Valley Elementary School

Christine Case - Third Grade Gifted Education Center Teacher *

Terra Centre Elementary School

Maggie Lowe - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Terraset Elementary School

Frances Delzell - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Kristen Kucko - Robotics Technology Teacher *

Thoreau Middle School

Julie Hackenberg - General Science Teacher

Timber Lane Elementary School

Clara Villalobos Cortes - ESOL Teacher

Twain Middle School

Kimberly Yeo - Health & Physical Education Teacher

Union Mill Elementary School

Mary Holdsman - First Grade Teacher

Vienna Elementary School

Michelle Flanigan - Fourth Grade Teacher

Virginia Run Elementary School

Ayse Nalcaoglu - ESOL Teacher

Wakefield Forest Elementary School

Erin Buhl - First Grade Teacher

Waples Mill Elementary School

Sarah Jacobs - Second Grade Teacher *

Waynewood Elementary School

Sarah Lafayette - Fourth Grade Teacher

West Potomac High School

Shari Terry - Physics Teacher *

West Springfield Elementary School

Emma Python - Sixth Grade Teacher *

West Springfield High School

Monica Haynes - Emotional Disabilities Teacher *

Westfield High School

Carson Huling - Learning Disabilities Teacher *

Westgate Elementary School

Michelle Scherbenske - Librarian

Westlawn Elementary School

Julia Tolbert - Kindergarten Teacher

Weyanoke Elementary School

Ellen Horgan - Multiple Disabilities Teacher

White Oaks Elementary School

Jenny Brotemarkle - Fourth Grade Teacher *

Holly Darling - Librarian

Whitman Middle School

Marcela Ardaya Barron - Intellectual Disabilities Teacher

Willow Springs Elementary School

Tanya Vila - First Grade Teacher

Wolftrap Elementary School

Cara Rubin - Third Grade Teacher *

Woodburn Elementary School

Victoria Meshanko - Third Grade Teacher *

Woodley Hills Elementary School

Kathryn Deville - Kindergarten Teacher *

Woodson High School

Kevin Crenshaw - Multiple Disabilities Teacher



Outstanding Principal

The Outstanding Principal Award recognizes an extraordinary principal who demonstrates superior leadership qualities and creates an exceptional educational environment. The recipient of this award is an innovative and highly effective administrator. They are a committed, knowledgeable educator whose vision inspires and guides staff, students, and the community to help lead their school to excellence. Any FCPS employee or community member may nominate principals with at least three full years of experience for this prestigious award.

Finalists



Sarah C. Aiello, Principal

Hutchison Elementary School, Region 1

Sarah is a natural and respected leader whose door is always open. She is an advocate for all and has built strong relationships with staff, students, and families. Sarah has created partnerships with several community organizations that play key roles in the Hutchison Elementary School community. She is solution-focused and determines her school's needs with data and feedback from all parties. Sarah has built a culture of data-driven instruction where the needs of students are the priority. This has resulted in academic and social-emotional gains for all students. Her energy and enthusiasm help set the tone at Hutchinson Elementary and are contagious among staff, students, and community members.



April Cage, Principal

Garfield Elementary School, Region 3

April is a champion for all students and takes pride in advocating for the needs of her school. Transitioning to Garfield a few months into the pandemic, she quickly became a voice of strength and support for the community. She collaborated with staff to assess their needs and developed a plan to strengthen collaborative learning teams. This established a high level of trust while increasing teacher efficacy and growing teacher leaders. By investing in the staff, teacher retention is almost 100%, directly impacting student/teacher relationships and student performance. Teachers believe they can do the work, and families trust them to do so. Because her passion is about serving others, she will always be on the right side of this work.



Sharyn Prindle, Principal

Wakefield Forest Elementary School, Region 5

Families and staff at Wakefield Forest are well-aware that building relationships and fostering a culture of belonging is of critical importance to Sharyn. Having led within the Wakefield Forest community since 2007, Sharyn has built lasting connections and is responsive to the diverse needs of students, staff, and current and former families. Since becoming the school's principal in 2016, she has prioritized social-emotional learning and mindfulness and fostered curiosity through STEAM education, 5th and 6th-grade electives, and Innovation Hour (a weekly opportunity for student exploration). She is the ultimate problem solver, using data and feedback to drive decisions. Her biggest joy comes from seeing the successes of her students.



Ellen T. Reilly, Principal

McLean High School, Region 2

"Committed: loyal and willing to give your time and energy to something you believe in." This definition is the epitome of Ellen's leadership at McLean High School. She is a constant voice and advocate for the students and staff of McLean. She upholds the highest principles of professionalism and has established a school culture that puts students first. One McLean student stated, "Few people in this world care as deeply about their students as Dr. Reilly does. Aside from supporting MHS sports and the arts, Dr. Reilly never fails to seek solutions to improve MacLean's academic and social environment." Ask anyone in the community, and they will share that Ellen's leadership has cultivated an environment of trust, collaboration, creativity, and innovation.



Pamela M. Simpkins, Principal
Silverbrook Elementary School, Region 4

"Every Child, Every Day" is the theme at Silverbrook Elementary School, where Pamela serves as principal. She begins each day greeting students at the door with a smile, hug, fist bump, or high five. She is a relentless advocate for children and partners with teachers to ensure high-quality instruction occurs daily. She is a visionary who seizes every moment to serve students, staff, and families. As a pandemic principal, Pamela quickly established virtual relationships. She has been instrumental in establishing outdoor classrooms, Best Buddies, and Watch DOGS, and making connections within the community. Pamela's work ethic creates a Silverbrook family of lifelong learners where all Seahawks soar to their highest potential!

School Recipients

Aldrin Elementary School

Shane Wolfe

Braddock Elementary School

Keesha Jackson-Muir

Cherry Run Elementary School

Mark Bibbee

Chesterbrook Elementary School

Stacy Kirkpatrick

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