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Salute to Framingham

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March 18th, 2010
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Salute Honorees

1993

*Pam Jezukawicz
Connie Sullivan
George Wheeler*

1996

*Francis Galvani
Joseph Perini III
William Summers*

1999

*Steve Ryder
Ann Stacie
Dr. Eugene Thayer*

2002

*Ann Lamb
Chris Petrini
Elaine Robert*

2005

*Patrick Dunne
Joan Rastani
Bob Jachowicz*

2008

*Roni Cronin
Lowell Mazie
Pat Walker*

1994

*Kennedy Clark
Dr. Jean Avery
Jack O'Rourke*

1997

*Si Babineau
Barry Bograd
Sherwin Greenblatt*

2000

*Rob Healey
John Poles
Phil Read*

2003

*Joan Kelley
Betty Mattarazzo
Sally Smith*

2006

*Margo Deane
Pam Hulme
Jim Carney*

1995

*Ron Burton
Tom Click
Tony Colonna*

1998

*Robert Champion
Barbara Gray
Charles Long*

2001

*Mark Goldman
John Hart
Kathy Herrman*

2004

*Robert Brown
Jim Carey
Pat Zucchi*

2007

*Joe Casperowitz
Mike Phipps
Jim O'Connor*

2009

*Rev. Dr. J Anthony Lloyd
Mr. Lou Merloni
Mr. Joseph Shields*

The Salute to Framingham

18th Annual

Welcome to the Salute to Framingham, one of Framingham's most anticipated annual events! Every year, we celebrate three individuals for their outstanding commitment and service to the youth of Framingham. This year's honorees join a select group of people who have made a real difference in the lives of our children.

Over the past 18 years, the Salute program has been expanded to also show appreciation to teachers, school support personnel and volunteers who make each day "special" in the Framingham Public Schools. We also recognize graduating FHS students who have shown leadership in a variety of ways.

Since 2004, The Jim O'Connor Service Award has been awarded to individuals, organizations or families who have worked as a team to serve the youth of Framingham. Recipients exhibit the same passion, vision, commitment and leadership that Jim O'Conner, the Salute's founder, exemplified throughout his career as Framingham High School's Athletic Director.

Tonight, we will continue the multi-media presentations including pre-recorded remarks from our honorees, a slide show of programs and activities that have benefited from the Salute's fund-raising and highlights of each recognized student's accomplishments. The much-anticipated "You Are Special" awards will continue in their popular form, and we will have a few live surprises!

The Salute to Framingham is the largest single fund-raiser for Framingham High School. All proceeds from tonight will be used to support activities, the arts and athletics which benefit FHS students.

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



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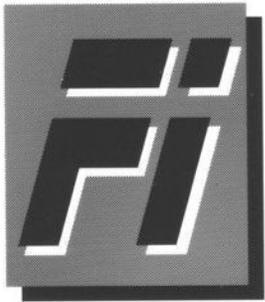
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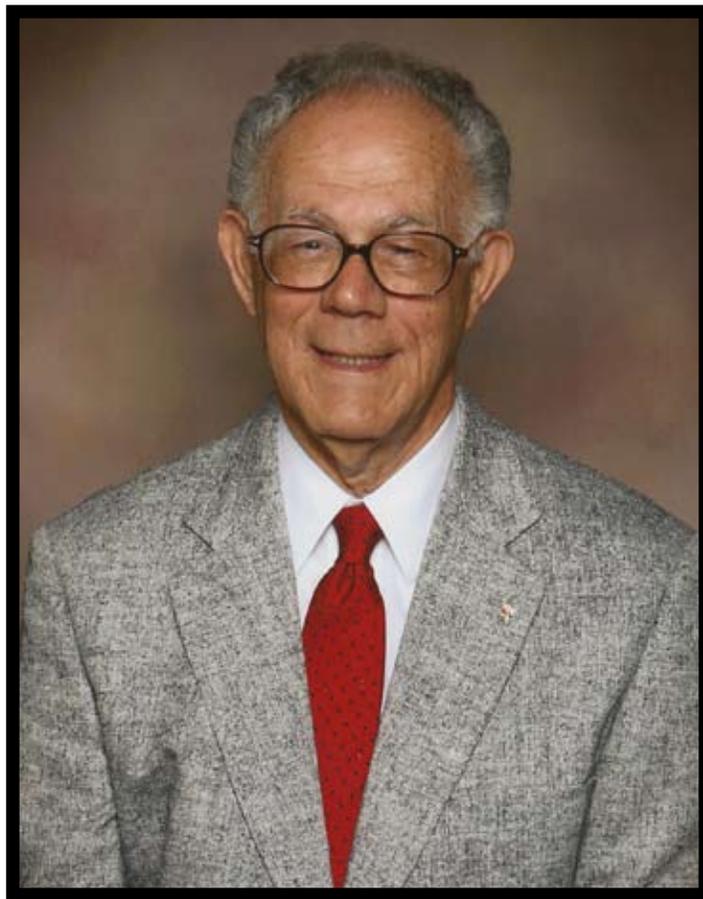
In the spring of 2002, the Framingham Public Schools were facing substantial financial challenges. A group of Framingham High School parents organized the Framingham High School Foundation (FHSF) to ensure continuation of extracurricular activities, the arts and athletics regardless of imposed budgetary restrictions. Since its inception, the FHSF has successfully accomplished this mission through a variety of efforts, including building stronger alliances with the Metrowest community, reaching out to FHS alumni, and applying for grants. Since 2003, FHSF has organized the Salute to Framingham Dinner. The Salute is the largest single annual fund-raiser for Framingham High School. As always, all proceeds from the event are used to benefit activities, the arts, and athletics which benefit FHS students.

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Richard Chesmore

Rich Chesmore was in the grocery store one day when a youngster pointed in his direction and said, "Look, there is the 'Ready, Set, Go!' man." It was a snapshot of the decades-long difference that Rich has made through his volunteerism with Wednesday night summer track meets, where he is usually at the starting line as the "Go Man", saying "Ready, Set, Go!" while ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. "You do it for the kids," Rich says. Running has been a big part of his life for years, as he ran the Boston Marathon for decades and now has an official water spot on the course. A lifelong resident of Framingham, Rich graduated from Framingham South and has retired after a 35-year career with the department of defense. He and his wife Christine have been married for 40 years, and their daughter Richelle came through the Framingham public school system. Rich and Christine are the proud grandparents of Andrew and Kirsten, both whom attend Framingham schools.



Arthur DelPrete

In his 39-year career as part of the Framingham school system, Arthur DelPrete says he enjoyed every day. He knew he wanted to be a teacher as early as the seventh grade. "I always wanted to be in education. To be able to do it in my hometown was even better," he says. Yet he was more than a teacher, ultimately working his way up the ladder to become Director of Educational Operations. During his tenure in that director's role, he oversaw the merger of Framingham South and Framingham North in 1991, which was a monumental task that reorganized the school system. "I see a direct connection to the merger and the Salute to Framingham, one beget the other," he says. "It's great to see the unity that has developed." Arthur and his wife Lorraine, who live in Florida, have six children – Chip, Beth, Paula, Donna, John and David – all of whom are graduates of the Framingham public schools.



George Hulme

George Hulme graduated from Framingham South in 1973 and his three children, Nathaniel, Colin and Alexandra, all thrived in the town's school system. George and his wife Pam naturally have strong feelings about the value of a Framingham education. "I think public education is very important, and it's very important to support kids in tough economic times," he says. A senior vice president of Fitts Insurance, where he's worked alongside his cousins for 32 years, George has helped raise significant funds for the Framingham High Foundation through participation in the Chubb Charity Challenge, an annual national golf tournament. He's also a champion of the local YMCA, serving on its board of directors and leading the capital campaign for the 2008 renovation and expansion of the Old Connecticut Path facility. Of being chosen as a Salute to Framingham honoree, George says, "It's great to be honored, and it's something I share with my cousins and the agency."

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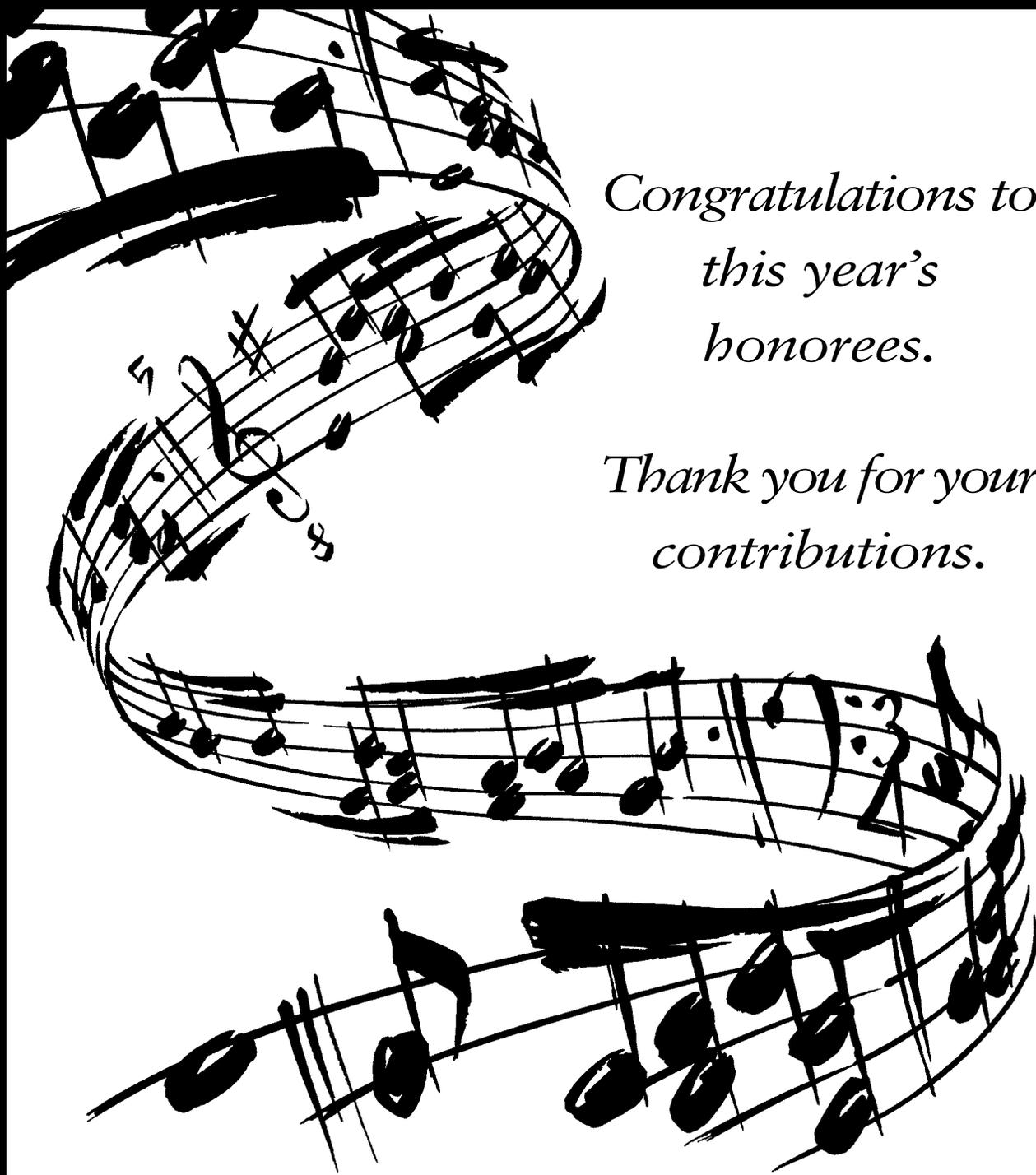


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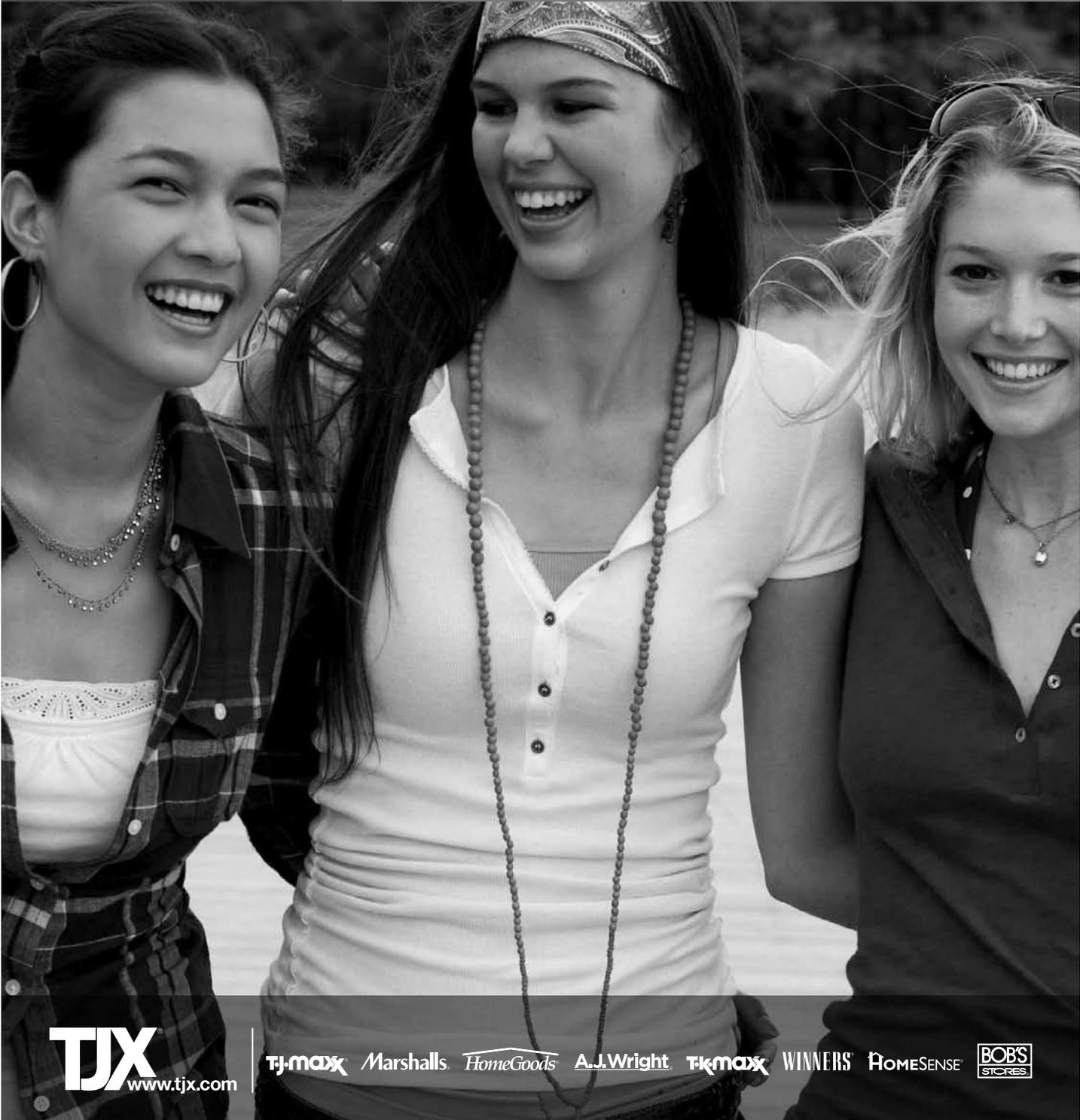
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Nomination Information

What once started as a vision over eighteen years ago has grown into one of Framingham's most cherished annual events. Each year the Salute to Framingham Dinner Committee will honor three individuals who have done much for Framingham's youth.

We encourage everyone from Framingham to consider nominating an individual, from any sector of the community, who has made a difference in the lives of the youth of our town.

The basic criteria for this nomination are that the individual has given selflessly to the youth of Framingham. All nominations received will be kept on file and reviewed in January of each year.

To be considered as a recipient for the 2011 Salute to Framingham, written and online nominations must be submitted by December 5, 2010. The committee will be meeting the following week to select the recipients.

Letters of nomination may be mailed to Salute to Framingham, Box 2367, Framingham, MA 01703.

Program

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cocktail Reception & Strolling Supper

The dinner buffet will be open at 6:15 and stay open until 8:15 with desserts and coffee being served 8:15 thru 9:00. Feel free to go to the buffet at any time.

7:00 PM

Presentations Begin

National Anthem

Ringmasters for the Evening: Barry Bograd & Mike Reiss

Welcome by Superintendent of Framingham Public Schools

Dr. Stephen Hiersche

7:15 PM

Class of 2010 Student Recognition

Michael J. Welch, FHS Principal

and

Mark R. Albright, FHS Sr. Class Vice Principal

*Moira Barry
Cody Carlson
Kelley Cohen
Amanda Cormier
Amy Davis
Vinicius De Souza
Ian Driscoll
Michaela Fischer
Katarina Floridia*

*Patrick Greeley
Tanner Guarino
Leah Herscovici
Paige Hornor
Vera Kusi
Steven Lessard
Olivia Moriarty
Nils Olsen
Hannah Pearl*

*Andrew Pinheiro
Nicole Podoloff
Deluxey Puvanasingam
Jeremy Rees
Laura Rodriguez
Maria Rusche
Gustavo Santos
Johnathan Savino
Nicholas Walcott*

Program

7:30 PM

2010 Salute to Framingham Award Presentations

Salute to Framingham, Co-Chairs Mark R. Albright and Gary Doherty

Richard Chesmore

Arthur DelPrete

George Hulme

8:00 PM

**You Are Special* Faculty and Staff Recognitions*

Dr. Stephen Hiersche

Maureen Archambault -Potter

Lisa Cogliandro -Fuller

Jeff Convery -FHS

Jennifer Eisenberg -Cameron

Julie Gorman -Walsh

Kristen Kelley -FHS

Brigitte Leu -Dunning

Cindy Rushing -FHS

Rhonda Rutkowski -McCarthy

Michele Schechter -Fuller

Genny Steakley -Stapleton

8:35 PM

Raffle Drawings

Closing Comments

Michael J. Welch, FHS Principal

You Are Special

MAUREEN ARCHAMBAULT - has provided a high level of quality health care to the children and staff at Potter Road Elementary School for the past 11 years. Prior coming to Potter Road School, she managed a hospital emergency room. Maureen has a B.S. in nursing, a Masters in Education, and a Professional Educator's license from the DESE. She is also Nationally Board Certified as a school nurse. Maureen was awarded the Sigma Theta Tau International Region 7, MSNO School Nurse of the Year in 2004. Maureen is a highly skilled professional who is reliable and responsible with an extremely high work ethic. "She leaves no stone unturned."

Maureen ensures that each child is healthy and ready to learn each day. She works with families and doctors to find the best health care options available for our students. Maureen knows all of the 486 students by name and any illness or disease that they may incur. She makes sure that follow up happens for all children. Maureen has saved countless lives in many different ways... from diabetics with low blood sugars, to the student who faints during health class, to a young cardiac victim whose heart began to go haywire, and even the child who just needs some reassurance that she is there for him or her.

We all know the importance of teachers having healthy children in front of them ready to learn. Maureen makes this a reality each day at Potter Road School. The Potter Road Community is fortunate to have such a dedicated professional. Maureen Archambault "You Are Special!"

LISA COGLIANDRO - is a true representation of an eighth grade Math teacher committed to her students 100% of the time. Ms. Cogliandro's aim in the classroom is excellence and she will not accept anything less than a student's best effort. She truly is the teacher who "makes hard things easy"...and enjoyable. Her tireless approach proves that high expectations yield high results. She has been a Team Leader, led many professional development activities, has improved curriculum, has been in the variety shows, and has been involved in every level of the school life.

Admirably, she carries on these daily undertakings with very little public recognition. Our staff and the administrative team certainly have noticed this level of commitment and share in celebrating her through this exemplary award. Personally, I am grateful for the opportunity to have a colleague who approaches each day with a sense of pride and humble devotion and is focused on what is best for our students. Ms. Cogliandro is indeed a cherished and respected member of the Fuller community. Lisa Cogliandro "You are Special!"



You Are Special

JEFF CONVEY - Since coming to FHS 11 years ago, Jeff Convey has become an invaluable member of the school community. His myriad roles seem dizzying. First and foremost, his enthusiastic and creative teaching style led him to implement the single-most popular elective in the school: American Pop Culture. This class repeatedly has more students sign-up than can be accommodated because it is fun and enlightening. He has also been instrumental in creating the Peer Leadership program at FHS. This program operates in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League to recruit upper class students to train and implement anti-bullying workshops with underclassmen. As founder and director of the program, Mr. Convey is responsible for recruiting, interviewing and training students for their roles as facilitators in classes. This program has created a perceptible improvement in the climate of the school.

As a class advisor he is instrumental in organizing fund-raising activities that more often than not become fun activities. For example, he organized a harbor cruise for his 500-member ninth grade class, something that had never been done before. In addition, Jeff also manages the Saturday School program, organizes the faculty and ensures that students get work done when assigned. When the school year is over, we faculty members can then see Jeff don his apron and flip some burgers at our end of the year party. Jeff Convey "You Are Special!"

JENNIFER EISENBERG - is not just the literacy specialist at Cameron Middle School. She works tirelessly with all staff members to improve student literacy across all grades and in all content areas. She is a remarkable educator and a caring and generous individual. She is the go-to person when people need advice, or when we are giving an assessment, reviewing data or planning a parent portfolio day. She is a friend to everyone and "no" is not part of her vocabulary. She understands the needs of the middle school student and works diligently to assist all children to reach their potential. Her extraordinary abilities provide professional development for teachers, which include co-teaching units on reading and literacy, implementing the teaching and assessment of key vocabulary words, doing small group instruction, running reading contests, holding literacy meetings in the early morning hours, overseeing a seventh grade data team and overall going above and beyond her job description!

She has initiated a reading contest where students are excited about reading and reporting on outside novels. Those who read the most are treated to a field trip to a local college. They are introduced to college life, classrooms, professors, students, and sports that help them set future goals. Her love of reading and writing as well as her ability to share this love with others has been contagious among students and staff alike. Jen has the natural ability to teach and she does it to perfection every day. Jennifer Eisenberg "You Are Special!"

You Are Special

JULIE GORMAN - has dedicated the past thirty-four years to educating the students in Framingham and thirty of the years at Walsh Middle School. As she completes her thirty-fifth year in June 2010 with plans to retire, we will have to say goodbye to a truly dynamic and wonderful teacher.

Julie's expertise is extremely broad. She has taught at many different levels; remedial reading, reader's workshop for students in SAGE, literacy for struggling readers, and sixth through eighth grade language arts. She served as the English Language Arts department head for many years and is currently a Literacy Specialist. Julie is also a trained mentor for the Framingham District and has been an amazing support to new teachers who are seeking ways to improve their teaching skills. She facilitates grade level curriculum meetings for grades six through eight and also runs our annual Peter Gray essay contest for eighth grade students. She has contributed to the department of education in scoring as well as developing topics for MCAS tests. These are only some examples of what Julie has accomplished in her teaching career.

Words cannot describe the impact Julie has made on the thousands of students she has helped and guided throughout her career. She makes learning fun, and all of her students would attest to that as she takes a genuine and personal interest in the "whole" student. Some of the fond nicknames from her students are, "Miss" and "Gramma G". She takes a special interest with our most at-risk students and encourages them to do their best and to believe in themselves. As one colleague stated, "Julie is just as energized, excited, and interested in teaching and educating students and staff as when she walked through the doors thirty-five years ago."

We have all learned from Julie and she has made all of us around her a better person and teacher. Julie, we will miss you and "You Are Special!"

KRISTEN KELLEY - begins each morning greeting a group of 30 students who aren't sure they want to be in school at all. These kids are part of a highly specialized program that works with students in serious academic peril. Ms. Kelley's tenure at Framingham High School began 10 years ago when she was hired fresh out of Assumption College to teach Spanish in the World Languages Department. Five years later she filled a need to work with more troubled kids by joining the Resiliency for Life program as the Coordinator for the 9th and 11th grade sections.

Along the way, Ms. Kelley earned honorable mention as Framingham High School "Teacher of the Year" award in 2003 and 2004. More recently, Ms. Kelley successfully completed her master's degree in education. Ms. Kelley has earned the reputation as being a talented and challenging teacher, a teacher who, above all else, is called to advocate for the kid who needs a second chance to do better. Without her deep commitment to their academic success, many of the students Ms. Kelley works with would not have graduated from Framingham High School, and for this we can all be deeply grateful. Kristen Kelly "You Are Special!"

You Are Special

BRIGITTE LEU - is a French Native Language Tutor at Charlotte Dunning School. Mrs. Leu, has been employed at Dunning for the past 5 years and provides outstanding support for our French-speaking students who are learning English as their second language. In addition, she speaks a number of other languages, as well! Mrs. Leu consistently and enthusiastically approaches each day with a smile, high level of motivation, and an intense desire for all of her students to be successful.

She has gone above and beyond her instructional responsibilities by forming amazing connections with our French-speaking families, providing them with the necessary language and cultural support that has been extremely helpful as they navigate the waters of living in a new country. Brigitte's support to our families and students from Haiti during the recent tragedy has been nothing less than extraordinary. She assisted the students with emotional stability and support while they awaited word regarding family and friends, and because the students have formed such a special relationship with Mrs. Leu, they all felt comfortable and connected to share thoughts, feelings and emotions as they worked through a very trying time together.

Additionally, Mrs. Leu has been seen in the building way beyond her regularly scheduled hours, even into the evening at one point this year, to assist a family who was struggling through a difficult time. She rose to the occasion in this particular circumstance, as she does in all circumstances, and truly is a role model for us all! The Dunning staff is lucky to have such a special member of our team! Brigitte Leu "You Are Special!"

CINDY RUSHING - is a long time permanent substitute teacher at Framingham High School. Cindy's previous experience in the television news industry gave her great training for the many roles she takes on with teachers and students at FHS. Cindy wears MANY hats within the school and is ALWAYS willing to step up and help with any task for any reason. She is well known and well liked by students and faculty. In her interactions with students she can direct, admonish, encourage and advise, whether it's about research projects, career paths, or life choices. Kids appreciate her interest and genuine concern for their future. She can turn around kids with negative attitudes by refusing to ignore or walk away from what she observes and by helping kids open their minds and make positive changes. Her persistence is repaid in the satisfaction she derives from seeing instances of personal growth in kids who come to know her and seek her advice.

Cindy is sensitive, intuitive, and insightful. Cindy has worked in every department and virtually every area at FHS and she knows our school in a very unique way. From the pre-school and physical education to Chemistry and Advanced Placement English, Cindy has done it all. She has worked in the Wellness Center and after school in the library, and will frequently work well before and well beyond the bounds of the school day.

In her quiet, gracious way, Cindy makes her strength and commitment known in everything she does. She is a sharp-witted troubleshooter as well as a compassionate teacher and colleague, and we appreciate everything she does. Cindy Rushing "You Are Special!"

You Are Special

RHONDA RUTKOWSKI - is a dedicated member of the very special staff at the McCarthy school. She is a former cheerleader and graduate of Framingham North High School. For the past 12 years she has taught as a Special Educator at McCarthy. In that role she has developed a very positive and rich learning environment for her 5th graders. At the same time, she has taken part in a number of after school activities such as ballroom dancing, "HAM", and "Girls on the Move." Rhonda cannot be easily deterred in spite of a cancer diagnosis. Throughout her numerous appointments, treatments, chemotherapy, and finally radiation, she continued to provide positive support to her students. She is an outstanding educator with a huge heart. We are all so proud of her and extremely happy that she has a clean bill of health. Rhonda Rutkowski, "You Are Special!"

MICHELLE SCHECTER - has been an active member of the Fuller Middle School family. In her current role of sixth grade teacher, she is always seen helping students before during and after school. Mrs. Schecter's special qualities extend into all areas of the middle school program. She has been a part of our award winning theatre program, is the co-director of our afterschool program, has participated in our variety show, has assisted students in our school store, but most importantly, Mrs. Schecter cares about kids. She will devote much of her time behind the scenes insuring that students are successful and usually without much personal recognition. A Fuller treasure, Mrs. Schecter, "You are Special!"

GENNY STEAKLEY - has nurtured the growth of many learners throughout her years at the Mary E. Stapleton School, with a well-balanced approach to their education. She sets high expectations for each learner and utilizes each child's strengths as a vehicle to promote their achievement. Genny uses a variety of approaches, including singing, dancing, and acting to get a lesson across. Creativity is woven into lesson plans in a way to support and encourage the growth of the learners before her. Genny pulls every trick out of her bag to support her students' learning, across the curriculum. This curriculum includes the human elements, as she establishes a supportive community of learners who show respect for one another and for the school community, as well. The children in her charge are taught to take responsibility for their class work, for themselves, and for their own actions. Mrs. Steakley nurtures her students to be curious learners and encourages them to become life-long learners. The Stapleton Community is lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic professional. Genny Steakley "You Are Special!"



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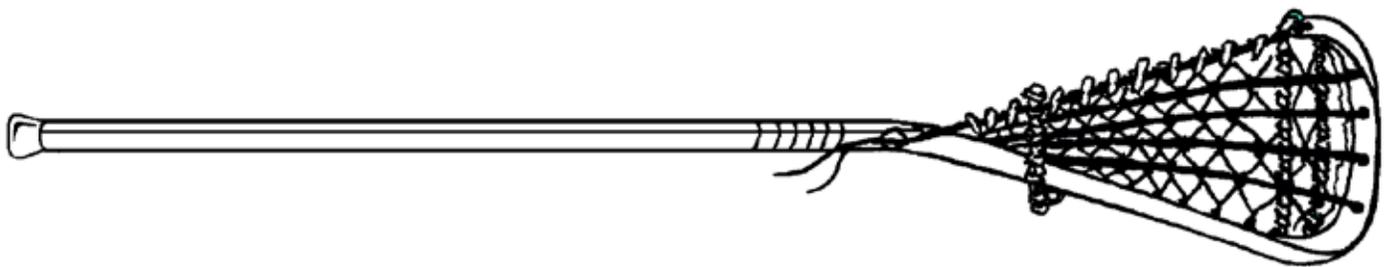
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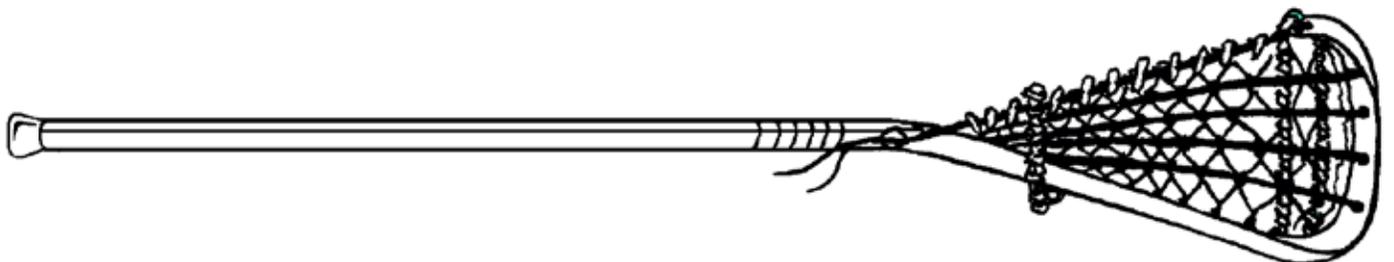
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