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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
Bob Jachowicz
Joan Rastani

2008

Roni Cronin
Lowell Mazie
Pat Walker

2011

Michael Grilli
Joey Sementelli

2014

Dennis Giombetti
Christine Tibor

1994

Dr. Jean Avery
Kennedy Clark
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

Jim Carney
Margo Deane
Pam Hulme

2009

Rev. Dr. J Anthony Lloyd
Lou Merloni
Joseph Shields

2012

Mark and Karen Curtis
Dave Gudejko

2015

Bob Merusi
Lee Mencoboni

1995

Ron Burton
Tom Click
Tony Colonna

1998

Robert Campion
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

2010

Richard Chesmore
Arthur DelPrete
George Hulme

2013

Sharon Gilbert
Tony Tolson

2016

Alicia & David Blais
Kathy Davies O'Leary

The Salute to Framingham

25th Annual

Welcome to the 25th Annual Salute to Framingham, one of Framingham's most anticipated annual events! This year, we will be celebrating Chuck Greenslit, Bennie Ottaviani and Maria Rosado for their outstanding commitment and service to the youth of Framingham. They join a select group of people who have made a real difference in the lives of our children.

Over the past 25 years, the Salute program has also honored hundreds of teachers and school support personnel who make each day "special" in the Framingham Public Schools. This year, is no exception. During the program tonight, we will recognize 29 staff members representing all of the Framingham Public Schools, including the BLOCKS Pre-School program.

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

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

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

Enjoy the celebration.

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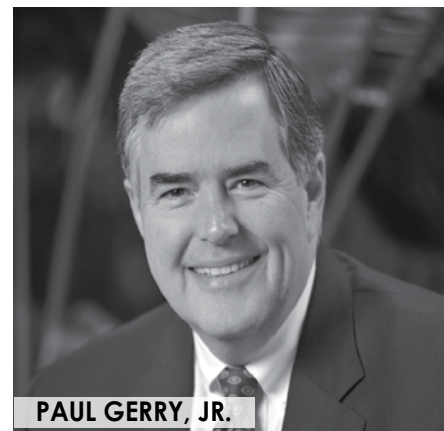


HERE'S TO THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN IN FRAMINGHAM.

Congratulations to **Maria Rosado**, **Chuck Greenslit** and **Bennie Ottaviani** for their many years of leadership here in Framingham. It is people like Maria, Chuck and Bennie who make this a great town in which to live.

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Chuck Greenslit

Chuck Greenslit has been a dedicated soccer and basketball coach in the Framingham youth leagues for over 29 years. As a soccer coach for the Framingham United Soccer Club (FUSC), Chuck has been involved in more than 75 seasons and coached hundreds of youth of all ages and talents. Chuck has been instrumental in the growth of FUSC, embracing the diversity of kids from all sections of Framingham and encouraging them to come together on the soccer field.

Chuck has shown an ability to connect with kids on the basics of soccer and his passion for the game gets passed to his players. Other soccer coaches also benefit from Chuck's extensive coaching knowledge, learning tips and techniques in the art of coaching. His teams have been very successful, including many championships at soccer tournaments throughout New England.

As a basketball coach, Chuck has been leading teams at the MetroWest YMCA for the past 28 seasons. There are many kids in town who have learned the correct way to shoot, dribble and pass from Coach Chuck. He brings the same passion he has for soccer to the game of basketball. Chuck started the girls' basketball travel program at the YMCA and this program still thrives today.

Chuck has mentored and coached many kids who have gone on to play soccer or basketball at the high school level. Many of these kids still keep in contact with Chuck, a true testament to a great coach. When Chuck is not coaching, he keeps himself busy as the treasurer of his church and is a regular volunteer at Leonard Morse Hospital, working with patients who have recently gone through knee and hip replacements. In addition, he has been a soccer referee for many years and he still competes regularly in various men's leagues for tennis, soccer and basketball.



Bennie Ottaviani

Many people know Bennie Ottaviani from his 18 years as the School Resource Officer at Framingham High School. What they may not know is how his commitment to the youth of Framingham started long before and continues into his retirement. Bennie began helping the community in 1979 as a member of the Framingham Police Department. He served for a number of years as a coach for CYO basketball, eventually becoming a co-director of the program. He was a coach in the Temple Beth Am basketball league, coaching hundreds of kids. He was also a coach as well as a member of the Board of Directors for Framingham Little/Big League and also coached for the Framingham United Soccer League.

He has spent many years volunteering for the Police Athletic League (PAL) and has delivered dinners to the elderly on Christmas morning with his sons and other members of the Framingham Police Association. As an FHS parent, Bennie helped run the FHS Boosters, served as a co-president, and was instrumental in making the Booster Room a success that continues today, even continuing to do the shopping and stocking long after his sons had graduated.

In 1997, Bennie was named FHS School Resource Officer. Among many students and families, Bennie came to be known as a friend and mentor. Bennie built relationships with kids who needed advice and guidance making good choices. Students were drawn to him because he was always honest and genuine in his desire to support them and treat them as young adults. For all he's done, each year, FHS awards a scholarship in his name which is given to a deserving graduating senior.

In his retirement, Bennie has only broadened his volunteer role. He is the Assistant Coach for the FHS Golf team, and on Thanksgiving morning, he can still be found preparing a Thanksgiving breakfast for the FHS football team, cheerleaders and band, a long time tradition. He is also a valued member of the Framingham Elks (named Elk of the Year twice) organizing community service projects with many of the FHS teams and plans fundraising dinners which benefit a variety of FHS teams. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors for both the Marlborough Country Club and the MetroWest Community Federal Credit Union.



Maria Rosado

Maria Rosado has worked for community youth programs for more than 20 years. Before taking on her current role as Resident Services Manager at the Pelham Apartments in Framingham, Maria worked for Girls, Inc., the Camp Fire Boys & Girls and the Girl Scout Council. As Resident Services Manager, Maria has been the driving force behind strengthening and nurturing partnerships to bring opportunities to the apartments' youth including the Delta GEMS of the Middlesex Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which focuses on leadership development, academic excellence, and college and career planning, while also placing emphasis on community involvement. Delta GEMS provides a framework for girls to excel academically and enter into college.

On behalf of the residents, Maria has also been instrumental in developing key relationships with Framingham State University, Daniel's Table and Boys and Girls Scout troops. She successfully applied for, and received, grants to bring flower and vegetable gardens to foster community and reduce fresh food challenges for the residents; she has provided academic supports through the HOPE program and she has provided mentoring and social support & programs to the youth and residents. Her generous spirit attracts everyone who meets her and her straight-forward open attitude makes her an incredible role model for the children and teens of the Pelham complex.

Maria goes well above and beyond for the children, teens and other residents at Pelham Apartments. For the teens at Pelham Apartments, Maria has provided guidance and advice when it comes to issues like positive self-esteem, good decision-making, teen pregnancy, healthy relationships and drugs. When that critical need is lacking at Pelham, Maria Rosado is the one the teens seek out for guidance.

Maria works in a very high needs environment which has many economic, social, academic and health challenges for the residents she serves. She always has an upbeat attitude, sees possibilities where others don't, and provides sound guidance and advice to children, teens and their parents. Maria is often their advocate, the sole champion for a child or teen who desperately needs one. She works in what should be a high burnout position with perpetual enthusiasm and is always looking for better ways to serve the children and residents of Pelham.



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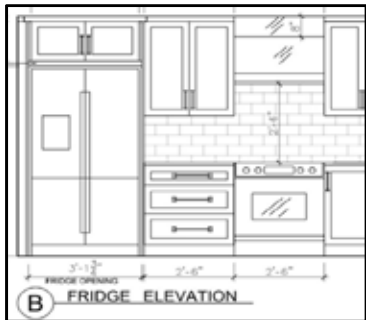
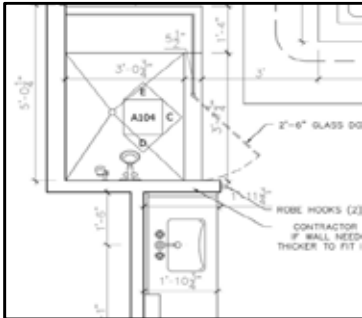
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Class of 2017 Student Recognitions

“All quotes from FHS faculty and staff”



Sam Barnett

Sam is an all-star! He is a three sport varsity athlete (soccer/hockey/lacrosse) who recognizes the important lessons both on and off the field. He is a freshmen mentor, offering his leadership and guidance. His skills as a bilingual student have been utilized more than once by students and staff alike. Sam is a great ambassador for FHS!”



Sophie Barowsky

“Sophie has an incredible work ethic and energy. She constantly goes above and beyond in all aspects of her life, not just academics, she is the president of Open Verse, and the president of the Human Rights Club, and she is a member of NHS.”



Jared Brockway

“Jared’s commitment to the football team and the school spirit of FHS is stellar!! He does countless little things behind the scenes that make all the difference. He is a Peer Leader and a gentleman.”



Patrick Cassidy

“Patrick helps to make Flyer News what it is! His commitment to school spirit helps to bring FHS together as one community and his adult relationships speak to his maturity and respect.”



Emma Dennis

“Emma’s commitment to making the yearbook a success is admirable! She has taken on tremendous responsibility to organize, meet deadlines and work independently to create a professional final product!”

Class of 2017 Student Recognitions

“All quotes from FHS faculty and staff”



Jack DiConza

“Jack has demonstrated excellent academic consistency throughout high school. He has served as a mentor at FHS and at the elementary level. He has been involved in running free youth basketball clinics for Framingham youth and has staffed the summer Flyer basketball camp.”



James Druker

“As a captain of the FHS basketball team, Jamie has shown great leadership. He produces excellent grades and his leadership carries off the court and playing fields. He assists in the grade office whenever needed and has consistently offered his leadership skills to elementary students through workshops and clinics.”



Marcus Elysee

“Marcus was a two year captain for the flyer football team and named a league all-star . He is a humble, kind and respectful young man who goes out of his way to show compassion and sincerity to everyone he meets!”



Maggie Farese

“Maggie is a positive, powerful, creative force in the theater department. She uses her technical skills to design projections for shows along with video integration into the productions. She puts in countless hours of time outside of school to get this done and they are always outstanding. Most importantly she does it with a smile.”



Kyle Fields

“Kyle has helped to guide the class with his quiet confidence and consistent commitment to getting the job done! Beyond his efforts as the Vice President of the class of 2017 he helps to guide Key club and is a creative influence on Flyer News”

Class of 2017 Student Recognitions

"All quotes from FHS faculty and staff"



Renata Franca

"Renata is a hard-working, responsible and a positive participant in class. The dedication she puts into her classes and making strong connections with teachers is a testament to her drive and maturity. She is a self-motivated and persistent young woman who uses adversity to motivate her!"



Olivia Green

"Olivia has skillfully and willingly taken on the job of being only one of six students creating the Yearbook for the class of 2017. Her maturity, commitment to excellence and her exceptional photography skills have helped to make this possible."



Alexandra Leombruno

"She is a thoughtful, conscientious student. Her passion for education and her appreciation of her peers, and for her teachers is astounding. Flyer News is fueled by her creativity and commitment"



Leonel Moya Barahona

"In the 3 years since he came from Guatemala, Leonel went from knowing no English to taking AP classes. He goes out of his way to help other students, and is a wonderful human being."



Chigozie Nna

"Chigozie walks in many social circles. He is a charismatic and thoughtful young man who has added a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and drive to the Executive board of the Class of 2017 as the Class Secretary."

Class of 2017 Student Recognitions

"All quotes from FHS faculty and staff"



Anthony Parisi

"Anthony was a league all-star, two year captain and pillar of hard work and commitment for the Flyer Football team. A man of few words, he models integrity, respect and inner fortitude through his actions!"



Rachel Phalen

"Rachel is an outstanding student that goes above & beyond when it comes to community service. She is the president of the Key Club, has organized flawlessly and participated in numerous community service events including: Holiday Market Place, Bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and the week of random acts of kindness, among others."



Sam Phipps

"Sam is a straight A student and an excellent athlete with a personal passion for community service. Along with his family he helps to run a holiday drive where they raise money and then shop for needy Framingham preschoolers from the BLOCKS program."



Jordan Ramsay

"Jordan is the president of the Class of 2017 where he has helped guide the class for all four years. He is also a leader in the Drama Company. He has stage managed for many of the productions and is an integral part of this year's Drama Festival entry. He gives an incredible amount of time and energy to FHS in many capacities."



Valeria Rendon-Gotera

"As the International Club President Valeria has been an active member in the school community her outreach includes students who are new to the high school or this country. She is also planning a trip to bring the club members to visit colleges this spring."

Class of 2017 Student Recognitions

“All quotes from FHS faculty and staff”



Adam Skura

“Adam has been the treasurer of the Drama Company for two years. He handles hundreds of transactions and he creates and balances a budget for each show. As he does that he also has served as Stage Manager for multiple productions. He has a quiet, focused energy and all the teachers in H-Hall rely on him.”



Scott Swennes

“Scott is a mature, hardworking and responsible student. He is a leader in the classroom and very respectful of his peers and teacher. As a hockey and lacrosse player, he gives 110%. He demonstrates his leadership and commitment to the FHS community both in and out of the athletic arena.



Eric Tarlin

“Eric Tarlin is a kind, respectful, hardworking, humble and fair individual. He exemplifies academic excellence and he is the hallmark of integrity! As a member of National Honor Society, Key Club President, Varsity Athlete, Community Service Organizer, and a Jazz musician, his devotion to his studies and his attention to the greater good of the FHS community and the community at larger are admirable!”



Sydney Wishnow

“Sydney has used her energy and enthusiasm to be a driving force in the leadership of the Class of 2017. As the Executive Anchor she has always been willing to give her all for the betterment of the class. Beyond her devotion to the class as an officer, she shows her Flyer Pride on the tennis team as well.”



Kara Wright

“Kara has done an incredible job working the numbers as the Treasure for the Class of 2017! Her creative ideas, hard work and dedication to the class have been invaluable. On the Field Hockey field she has been the picture of hard work and dedication. Whether on or off the field, Kara raises the bar!”

Program

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cocktail Reception & Dinner

The dinner buffet will be open at 5:45 with desserts and coffee being served at each table during the event. Feel free to go to the buffet at any time.

7:00 PM

Presentations Begin

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Class of 2017 Student Recognition

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Jeff Convery, FHS Sr. Class Vice Principal

Samuel Barnett

Margaret Farese

Samuel Phipps

Sophie Barowsky

Kyle Fields

Jordan Ramsay

Jared Brockway

Renata Franca

Valeria Rendon-Gotera

Patrick Cassidy

Olivia Green

Adam Skura

Emma Dennis

Alexandra Leombruno

Scott Swennes

Jack DiConza

Leonel Moya Barahona

Eric Tarlin

James Druker

Chigozie Nna

Sydney Wishnow

Marcus Elysee

Anthony Parisi

Kara Wright

Rachel Phalen

Program

7:30 PM

2017 Salute to Framingham Award Presentations

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Chuck Greenslit

Bennie Ottaviani

Maria Rosado

8:00 PM

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Framingham High School Foundation

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

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

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



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The Team Framingham/Boston Marathon Connection

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

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

The Town of Framingham received 22 Marathon bibs which it distributed to town residents and/or town employees based on a lottery. The 22 lottery winners were able to select from 6 charities. Three of the runners, chose FHSF as their charity, and have been raising funds since late 2016. To date, they have collectively raised more than \$4,500 in support for the students at FHS. Over the past two years, Team Framingham runners have raised more than \$113,000 for local charities.

The Framingham High School Foundation would like to thank our runners: Drew Halberstadt, Vernon Turner and Rob Young for their efforts.

You can help them by supporting their efforts and making a donation. Please go to www.salute-to-framingham.com and click on the Team Framingham/Boston Marathon link. Team Framingham fundraising will continue through the April 17th Boston Marathon and conclude on May 31st, 2017.

You Are Special

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

Michelle Biasella - Stapleton Elementary School



Ms. Biasella is an integral part of the Stapleton family! Her knowledge, passion and expertise make her an asset to all students, staff and stakeholders. She has worked to create a culture that embraces differences and supports the growth of each and every student. She oversees the tutoring of identified students, leads small groups, models for teachers, provides professional development, facilitates and leads the technology subcommittee of the Data Team and is a vital member of both the Title I Parent Advisory Council and the school based Data Team.

The breadth and depth of her reach is evident in the relationships that she works to foster – through collaborative planning, parent workshops, website development and community outreach opportunities. Although her role is listed as Literacy Coach, she is well versed in all academic areas as well as the needs of special education students and those who are economically disadvantaged. She actively inculcates a growth mindset and consistently uses her role to collaborate with colleagues to reflect on what worked and what didn't in an effort to continuously improve instruction. Ms. Biasella consistently works to perfect her craft and is a role model for others. Michelle Biasella, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Robert Blackadar - Brophy Elementary School



Robert Blackadar has been a custodian in the Framingham Public School District for 28 years. Bob, or “Mr. Bob” as the children call him, has worked at Brophy Elementary School for the past five years. Prior to that, Bob had worked in every school in the district, including some buildings that are no longer schools.

Bob runs a tight ship and takes pride in maintaining a building that is squeaky clean and safe for students and staff to enjoy. He is never resting; he is always on the move, doing his best to make our school welcoming to all. Bob takes time to get to know the teachers, staff and students and they make time to get to know him. We, the staff and students at Brophy School, are grateful to have Mr. Bob on our team.

Robert Blackadar, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Ofelia Caballero - Barbieri Elementary School



Through her work in the Title I program, Ofelia Caballero has shared her expertise and Spanish language proficiency with Barbieri students. Ofelia fled her native Cuba in 1966 and continued a teaching career here. She began at Barbieri in 1978 supporting students in their acquisition of literacy and oral language skills in Spanish. Like Maria Grassi, Ofelia Caballero is a pioneer of the Two-Way Bilingual program at Barbieri. She too took her Spanish skills to Wellesley's new elementary language program, and, similarly, returned to Barbieri in 2010.

After many years supporting students in language and literacy, the need arose for math support. Ofelia took on the challenge and has now become a lifeline for our youngest students who need additional support strengthening their math skills. It is inspiring to see an educator who is willing to jump into a new challenge even after a 30+ year career. She is truly an inspiration to us all! Ofelia Caballero, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



1990-2015
ESCUELA ELEMENTAL BARBIERI
una escuela Bilingüe de Doble Via



BARBIERI ELEMENTARY
a Two-Way Bilingual School

presented by the fifth grade class of 2016
presentado por el quinto grado promoción de 2016



You Are Special

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

Doris Chiero - Woodrow Wilson Elementary School



Mrs. Doris Chiero is a fourth grade teacher at Woodrow Wilson who is retiring at the end of this school year. She has worked in Framingham Public Schools for 30 years - twenty-nine at Woodrow Wilson and one at Barbieri. She was hired as an assistant in 1987 for grades 1-3.

In 1989 she was hired as a grade 3 classroom teacher. She has also taught in grades 1-5 and co-taught in a special education inclusion classroom. Doris was an integral part of the International Baccalaureate pilot at Wilson and was on the team that started the journey of IB. She is a very caring teacher, lifelong learner, and has never lost that zeal for improving the lives of her students. We will all truly miss her. Doris Chiero, **YOU ARE SPECIAL!**



You Are Special

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

Taylor Collins - Framingham High School



Taylor Collins has worked at FHS for six years as a History teacher, Step Up mentor, Debate Club adviser, and class adviser to the Class of 2018. She is an undeniably passionate and enthusiastic educator who cares deeply about teaching history, her students, and her school. She is positive and literally always smiling and she exudes southern hospitality and charm in everything she does - for instance, in an effort to spread cheer throughout the building Taylor started and organized First Fridays, monthly outings that combine staff socializing with fundraising for scholarships that serve Framingham students and other worthy causes.

Though Taylor is involved with a wide-range of activities, nothing comes before her students. She brings a daily passion, enthusiasm, and creativity to her classroom that makes her one of the strongest teachers in the building. She is always willing to help others. She has formally mentored a variety of student teachers, first-year teachers, and students at FHS, but she is always approachable and willing to help others informally as well. Taylor has a strong belief in our school-wide philosophy of growth mindset. She has shared growth mindset curriculum with the faculty at large, and the philosophy is reflected in the physical space of her classroom, as well as how she treats her students. For Taylor, her work at FHS is part of her identity.

Her belief in giving back to this community and her passion for helping students and colleagues comes naturally to her. Her kindness, enthusiasm, creativity, and passion make her deserving of this recognition.

Taylor Collins, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Holly Davis - Potter Road Elementary School



For the past 17 years, Holly Davis has brought the joy of learning to hundreds of students. She has taught first grade, third grade, and for the last eleven years at Potter Road, second grade. She’s an incredible educator who knows how to connect with children. She has an uncanny ability to forge meaningful personal relationships to help students achieve to their fullest potential. When she’s not teaching second graders their ABCs or 123s, she can often be found eating lunch with several of her students--just to get to know them a little better. A dedicated and driven professional, Holly always sends the message to her students: “You can do this! I’m not giving up on you.”

Her enthusiasm over the years has spread beyond the classroom, most recently helping to pull together Potter Road’s PBIS program in an effort to improve student behavior.

Outside the classroom, she enjoys spending time with her husband of 10 years, Jay, and their three boys, Cooper, Harrington, and Finley. Other passions: reading, running, live music, paddle-boarding, and kayaking. Her favorite place in the world is the beach with her feet nestled in the sand.

Holly Davis, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Michael Fenton - BLOCKS Preschool



For our youngest children with some of the most significant challenges at the BLOCKS Pre-school, Mike Fenton is their hero! His connection with his students and families is extraordinary....he understands them, supports them and works with them as if they were family. Mike only sees what children CAN do and never gives up on them.....EVER. Families rely on Mike's knowledge and expertise and know that Mike believes in and advocates for each child entrusted in his care. Many times, Mike is the reason these families are willing to let their very fragile child come to school.

Generous, kind, respectful, patient, positive, energetic and witty are just a few of Mike's many qualities. Children ADORE him! Mike has that special knack for finding the personality in every child and using it to their advantage. He truly captures who each child is, highlights what they can do, and with Mike's support.....makes it happen! No matter what the challenges, Mike finds a solution and fully includes his students in ALL school activities.

As a colleague, Mike Fenton is a gift! His colleagues respect him, truly enjoy working with him and always learn from him. He has taught us as much, if not more than he has taught his students. One only needs to pass Mike and his students smiling in the hallway to see why BLOCKS students, staff and families are delighted to be honoring him this year!
Michael Fenton, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Kathleen Flaherty - Dunning Elementary School



Kathleen Flaherty is a caring and passionate educator who strives to meet the needs of all of her students. She has a genuine passion for teaching and learning. Kathleen is a student centered professional. She starts every day by warmly greeting every student in her class. She has a sincere interest in her students and their families, and partners with families to provide cohesive supports. She is sensitive to their needs and learning styles and takes the time to get to know each and every one of them. She goes above and beyond by providing extra help before school and has had many successes meeting the needs of even those who are most challenging. Her dedication to her students is evident in everything that she does on a daily basis.

Kathleen has made many amazing contributions to Dunning. She was an original promoter of the recycling program, and has served on various committees. She engages in the “Read Across America” program annually, providing a wonderful opportunity for authentic collaboration amongst classroom teachers, students, specialists, and families. Kathleen has hosted student teachers throughout her tenure here in Framingham, always providing a warm and safe learning environment for future educators. She has been a volunteer for the Mazie Foundation.

Kathleen is truly collaborative in her work with colleagues. She is committed to working with her grade level team, as well as with specialists to provide effective systems of support for students. She is always willing to try a new approach, or look at a situation from a variety of perspectives in order to provide students with the best instructional experiences possible. Her calm demeanor, understanding of individual students and their circumstances, as well as her profound sense of advocacy for every child, are only a few of the reasons why Kathleen Flaherty, **YOU ARE SPECIAL!**

You Are Special

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

Kathy Gagen - Fuller Middle School



Cicero has said, “If you have a garden and library, you have everything you need.” Fuller has both, thanks to an amazing gardener - Kathy Gagen. Since 2001, Kathy has planted seeds of optimism, empathy, gentleness and wisdom wherever she goes. Kathy freely shares these gifts with every member of the Fuller community, but especially with our students and staff of the Crimson team.

Kathy is the first one to dig more deeply in order to discover ways to reach, teach and support a student who may have complex physical, learning and social-emotional needs. Kathy works tirelessly to model and teach her students life skills through the process of planting and caring for our Fuller garden each spring. She helps students to nurture the flowers and vegetables in the garden and to provide a safe space for our resident mother mallard. Kathy guides the students to escort the yearly brood of ducklings to safety across the street to a nearby pond, mother duck clucking behind. In the colder months, Kathy supports students in the Falcon Cafe, where our Crimson Team students cook and serve breakfast or lunch to our staff every other week. She uses humor and enthusiasm to teach students how to follow a recipe, greet guests, and manage the cash register.

Kathy uses her own personal time and resources to ensure that students have what they need to grow. She works to provide a meaningful middle school experience for her students, securing outfits for the 8th grade dance, and even giving a haircut or two! Her truly caring and generous attitude are evident in the relationships she maintains with staff and students for years beyond their time at Fuller. Kathy often welcomes the Crimson Team staff to her home for the opportunity to get to know one another better. She understands the importance of opportunities like these to help our community grow.

Kathy is a master gardener nurturing people and plants. She is an unsung hero for the many students and staff who have had the honor of her friendship, professionalism and selfless giving. Kathy Gagen, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Elizabeth Gallagher - Cameron Middle School



To watch Liz Gallagher work in the office, one just sits back in amazement. She is a whirlwind of energy, multitasking in a way that seems impossible. You can often find her standing behind the high office counter with eight different teacher schedules in front of her, synthesizing information so every class is covered. While doing this task, she's helping students in need, answering the phones, and greeting every teacher who comes into the office with a smile. One of Liz's greatest strengths is her flexibility. Daily, she is able to roll with the punches and handle whatever is thrown her way.

Liz Gallagher is everybody's champion; she knows the name of every staff member's kids and asks about them on a regular basis. Students who come to the office for help know that Mrs. Gallagher will stop what she is doing to assist them. Her warm demeanor and positive attitude make our office a friendly place for parents to visit. Teachers, students and families know that Liz is the “go to” person for anything Cameron. One teacher states, “It doesn't matter what you need, you can contact her day or night, and she is there for you.”

Liz is highly organized and she is skilled at keeping others organized. When called upon to teach someone a new task she does so with patience. She is calm and confident during times of chaos and is able to find the humor in each day. There are many times Liz has come in early and stayed late without ever asking for anything in return. She believes the success of each day is the result of a team effort. Elizabeth Gallagher, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Angie Goldberg - Cameron Middle School



Angie Goldberg is a gift to Cameron Middle School. As our current Sage teacher, she works tirelessly with students and staff to make sure the curriculum is accessible, challenging and rewarding. She taps into students' creativity and helps to organize and implement both the Robotics Club and the Future Problem Solvers Club at Cameron Middle school, ensuring that our students have access to the cutting edge of technology.

Angie has given up so much of her own time to personally help revamp the Guidance curriculum to incorporate Formative Assessment and Universal Design for Learning methods to engage all learners. Under Angie's direction, our school has been successful at implementing UDL across the curriculum as well. One teacher states, "I cannot thank Angie enough for her guidance and support. Angie is a tremendous resource to our school and we are very fortunate to have her!"

There is nothing Angie Goldberg won't do if it means helping Cameron Middle School. She led a Champion event on putty making. She brought in Dr. Gotgart and other public town figures to inspire and field questions from her sixth grade students. She'll collaborate with any teacher in the building on any subject area at any time. You can find her chaperoning the Cameron Concert while working on a Powerpoint on formative assessment and greeting students and their families at the same time.

Since Angie has taken the position of SAGE teacher she has helped make Cameron Middle School a better place. She puts her heart and soul into her job without asking for anything in return. She does it because she has a true passion for education and the students she teaches. Angie Goldberg, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Shawna Graham - McCarthy Elementary School



The McCarthy School is thrilled to recognize a true professional who has been committed to improving the educational experiences at our school. For thirteen years, Shawna Graham has been a valued member of our staff, working first in Grade 2 and now in Grade 1. She has continually sought out workshops, classes, trainings, and any other opportunities to improve her own instruction for the benefit of her students. She frequently takes time to meet with students before and after school to provide extra assistance. She has also worked with the YMCA to set up tutoring for McCarthy students who attended the after-school program.

More recently, she has become involved as a teacher leader in helping to coordinate improvement efforts at our school. She has led staff workshops on academic conversations and growth mindset, and taken on additional responsibilities as a member of our leadership team. Shawna is an enthusiastic, hard-working, and caring educator. Shawna Graham, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Maria Grassi - Barbieri Elementary School



Maria Grassi came to the United States from Cuba in the 1960s. Maria is a pioneer of the Two-Way Bilingual program at Barbieri School. In the late 1980s, Maria taught in the school's Transitional Bilingual Program and was also a Barbieri School parent. She and fellow first grade teacher, Marie Jutkiewicz, were concerned about the segregation of their students. They brought an innovative idea to then principal, Dr. Peter Dittami: bring the students together for a portion of the day so they can learn and share their languages with each other.

After two years of work, planning, and funding from a Title VII federal grant, the Two-Way Bilingual Program at Barbieri School opened in 1990 with a kindergarten and first grade class. For many years, Mrs. Grassi served as the Spanish component teacher, partnering with Mrs. J. who taught the English component. In 1999, Maria left to help Wellesley begin their elementary Spanish as a Foreign Language program. In 2010, when the Wellesley program closed, she returned to Barbieri as a Title I literacy intervention teacher, supporting students in grades 1 and 2.

Over her 43+ year career, more than 25 of which she has spent in Framingham, Mrs. Grassi has touched the lives of hundreds of Framingham students. Many are now parents of Barbieri students, others have been inspired by Mrs. Grassi to pursue their own careers in teaching. Her commitment to high-quality bilingual education for Spanish and English-speaking children alike has been outstanding. Her energy and enthusiasm have not waned over time. Maria is affectionately known at our school as the “Energizer bunny,” as she passionately works to help students become proficient readers in Spanish!

Maria Grassi, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Leslee Hodgman - Potter Road Elementary School



Leslee Hodgman is a veteran teacher, but that doesn't mean she's done learning. A true lifelong learner, she's taught in Framingham for more than 20 years - always putting children first. She began her career at the “old” Woodrow Wilson as a Title I teacher in 1995. After that, she spent six years as a Reading Recovery teacher and one year as a second grade teacher before transferring to Potter Road in 2004 where she remains a second grade teacher.

Leslee's proud to call herself a reflective teacher who loves working and teaching children. She also prides herself on learning from colleagues - serving as an FTA building representative for several years at Potter Road. When she's not teaching the fundamentals of reading and writing to second graders, she enjoys spending time with her family, sailing, traveling and being politically active. She appreciates the love and support of her husband of 32 years, Charlie, and her son Cameron. A true teacher-her work is never done.
Leslee Hodgman, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Donna Jones - Stapleton Elementary School



Although Donna Jones is a soft-spoken individual, the impact she has on our school is larger than life. Ms. Jones is the epitome of a team player – no task is too small or too trivial. She takes her role as a Special Education Assistant Teacher within the Stapleton community seriously and works to support both teachers and students. Her warmth and genuine concern for others is evident each and every day. She is able to help students transition into Kindergarten with ease due to her extensive knowledge and caring demeanor. Her expertise can be observed within the classroom in a variety of ways including both small and whole group activities and center rotations, as well as in her everyday interactions with students.

Donna is a dedicated professional who exceeds expectations on a daily basis. Ms. Jones successfully develops students’ self-discipline, self-efficacy, and sense of responsibility. She helps children who are having difficulty with a skill or task, she provides supports to help them grow emotionally and socially and also takes the lead in the delivery of classroom management strategies and techniques. Ms. Jones is a valuable and well respected member of the Stapleton staff. Donna Jones, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Lydia Jones - King Elementary School



It is with great pleasure that we recognize Lydia Jones as the “You Are Special” honoree for King Elementary School. Lydia has been the school counselor at King since its inception during the 2014-2015 school year. She joined King with enthusiasm and motivation to be involved in the growth and development of the new school community and has played a key role in being a consistent connection for the families of King over the past 3 years. She has had to be a “jack-of-all-trades” as she has greatly assisted with counseling, social work, and administrative tasks while the school grows.

This year, our school has begun an extremely successful mentoring program with FHS scholar athletes who provide consistent visits for some of our at-risk students. Lydia has been instrumental in facilitating this program by preparing weekly lessons on topics to support social/emotional development, and making strong, solid connections between King and FHS students. The smiles and excitement evidenced by the King students each week are due in part to the work that Lydia has done for this new program!

Lydia Jones is an advocate for children and teachers, alike. She is a role-model for her peers as she is consistently seeking out professional development opportunities to grow professionally. Lydia serves as the FTA building rep on behalf of her colleagues. Her ability to model the Open Circle curriculum for new staff and connect with some of our most challenging students is admirable. Her colleagues rely on her for support and guidance in so many situations, and we are lucky to have her on our staff. Lydia Jones, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Tracy Lambert - Hemenway Elementary School



Tracy Lambert is an integral member of the Hemenway staff and community. Tracy works closely with our office manager, Cheryl Phillips, to keep the office running smoothly. Tracy is hard-working, diligent and conscientious. She is willing to work with all members of the Hemenway community and demonstrates great kindness towards the Hemenway students on a daily basis. Hemenway is lucky to have Tracy!

Prior to joining FPS, Tracy worked as a hair stylist for five years until the birth of her son, Jake. Tracy began her FPS career in 2000, working as a secretary in the Superintendent's Office. In 2001, Tracy accepted a secretarial position at the School Health Department where she worked for eight years. Due to some restructuring of personnel, Tracy was assigned to Potter Road School, the SAGE department and ultimately began working part-time at Hemenway and Dunning. Tracy began working as Hemenway's full time secretary four years ago.

Tracy, her husband Jim, and their two children live in Framingham. Jake is a graduate of Framingham High School and Kaylee is currently an eighth grade student at Walsh Middle School.

Tracy Lambert, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Carolyn MacKinnon - Framingham High School



Carolyn MacKinnon has worked at FHS since 2006, as a History teacher, Director of the Step Up to Excellence program, and Career Development Coordinator/Director of the Academic Development Center. Cal is always smiling and brings a positive approach to every situation. She is willing to help in any way possible to assist students, and she is collaborative and generous with her peers. As a member of the History department, Cal served as a team leader of Professional Learning Communities that analyzed departmental midterms and finals and created curriculum for US History 1.

She mentored many new teachers and pre-service teachers, and her peers routinely sought her out for guidance. Many credit her with helping them develop as educators. Cal also worked closely with her colleagues to boost both the enrollment and the scores of the AP Psychology course to the point where the course has the highest enrollment numbers of any AP class in the school. In her current role as the Director of the Academic Development Center and the Career Development program, she makes sure students are meeting high expectations while also making sure each student is cared for. As the Director of Step Up to Excellence, Cal's dedication to helping students would periodically find her taking students into her home to have them live with her when they had no place to go. Cal's talent and work ethic are exceeded only by her amazing heart and kind nature. Carolyn MacKinnon, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Antonio Marin - Fuller Middle School



Antonio Marin is the greatest team player and one of the most dedicated teachers you could hope to have working in your school, and the Fuller Middle School has been privileged to host Tony for the past three years. Prior to coming to Fuller, Tony worked as a bilingual special educator at Brophy Elementary School for 12 years. He goes the extra mile maintaining a classroom that is inviting for students, planning differentiated and engaging lessons, grading individual student journals after school to give feedback to his students the next day, and reaching out to parents as a Parent Involvement Facilitator. He believes strongly in all of his students and advocates for them in all areas of our school. A former English Language Learner himself, from Venezuela, Tony is a positive role model for our students.

As if this weren't enough, three nights a week Tony teaches Adult ESL Plus night school, and for the past few summers he has taught summer school for bilingual students from all Framingham schools. Whatever it takes to do what is best for students and his colleagues, Tony will do. He is well respected amongst his colleagues, brings a positive energy wherever he goes, can be seen dancing salsa at school events, and is often asked to mentor new teachers. For all of these reasons and more, Antonio Marin, **YOU ARE SPECIAL!**



You Are Special

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

Laurel Martin - McCarthy Elementary School



The McCarthy School is very pleased to honor Laurel Martin for her valuable contributions to our school. As a member of our kindergarten team for the past eight years, Laurel has played an integral part in developing those positive first impressions for our kindergarten students as they start their school careers. She is an accomplished educator who has fostered great relationships with her students, parents, and other staff members.

Laurel has also taken on additional responsibilities with school improvement. She has been an active teacher leader in staff development, working with others on academic conversations and instruction for our English learners. Most recently Laurel embraced her role as PBIS coach. She has worked to develop the expectation lessons that we use throughout the school and has led the efforts to make sure our students are continuously working on their STAR behavior at McCarthy. Laurel Martin, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Donna Mello - Framingham High School



Donna Mello has worked at FHS since 2012 as a Special Education teacher, liaison and administrator. Donna is fully invested in her work and willing to do everything she can to make FHS a better place for students and staff. She approaches each and every day with a positive smile and a “can do” attitude. She is always willing to jump in to help a colleague or student in need, whether it is covering classes, providing 1:1 tutoring, or offering an empathetic ear. She works tirelessly to support the Special Education aides and make sure that they have what they need to provide excellent services for the students under their care.

Students seek out Donna for extra help and support, and she often has many students working with her for hours after school . In addition to her daily work with students and staff at FHS, Donna has shown initiative and forethought in putting together a transition assessment format for the district and conducting transition evaluations upon request. She has coordinated with other districts in establishing a Transition Roundtable Event designed to help students with disabilities who may need further support after leaving high school. In short, Donna goes beyond her basic job description to make sure her students are provided with the best care possible to enhance their education.

Donna Mello, YOU ARE SPECIAL!



You Are Special

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

Parent Information Center Team - Central Office



Violet Hinojosa, Rosangela Ferreira, Meryl Dannenberg, Claudia Calderon, Juliana Marra

These women who make up the Parent Information Team are the first point of contact for all new arrivals to the Framingham Public Schools from kindergarten through grade 12. They welcome new families from all over the world with care, kindness, and professionalism. They have made The Parent Information Center a place where families find support and a smile!

The PIC team also supports staff throughout the district with information about registrations, placements, and records. From registering over 600 new kindergarten families each spring, to welcoming over 800 newly arrived families throughout the year, the PIC team always goes above and beyond.

Violet Hinojosa, Rosangela Ferreira, Meryl Dannenberg, Claudia Calderon and Juliana Marra, **YOU ARE SPECIAL!**



You Are Special

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

Cheryl Phillips - Hemenway Elementary School



Cheryl Phillips joined the Framingham Public Schools in 2006 as Hemenway’s part-time office secretary. In 2009 Cheryl became Hemenway’s office manager and has been successfully running our office ever since. Cheryl is instrumental in facilitating the day-to-day operation of Hemenway School. Cheryl’s position requires that she possess thorough knowledge of all school and district procedures, rules and regulations...this is a daunting responsibility which she fulfills with skill and heart!

Among her many and varied duties she can be seen helping a child who forgot his/her lunch, clarifying a parent question , supporting a teacher who needs access to the supply closet...all at the same time! Cheryl has proven to be an “additional right arm” for Kelly and me, submitting enrollment figures, checking on orders, monitoring the status of the budget, transferring records...all while ensuring that nothing is overlooked. Cheryl is hard working, conscientious, diligent and caring. We couldn’t do it without her!!!

Cheryl moved to Framingham when she was in fifth grade. Cheryl and her husband Bill Phillips, Framingham’s attendance officer for several years, have one daughter, Kayla, who is a preschool teacher in Natick. Cheryl, Bill and Kayla are proud graduates of the Framingham Public Schools. Cheryl Phillips, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Susan Schuler - Brophy Elementary School



Susan Schuler has been a gift to Brophy School in more than one capacity. Sue was first hired as the Technology Aide at Brophy four years ago. The staff recalls her cheerful demeanor and willingness to help with all technology dilemmas. No job was too big or too small. Sue seemed to go to the ends of the earth to find the right charger, a new cord, or to help fix a program on a laptop.

Three years ago when the Office Manager position at Brophy became available, Sue applied and was the unanimous choice of the hiring committee. She is often the first person one talks to when calling or coming into our office. Her smiling face and helpful attitude puts parents, children and staff at ease. When Sue was first hired for the front office, Brophy did not have a bilingual secretary. Sue, a native English speaker, took it upon herself to take an online Spanish course, and she learned some basic conversational Spanish so she could at least answer the phone and direct parents to the correct person. Though her days are very busy, Sue never makes anyone feel like they are bothering her, or that their questions or concerns are unimportant. She always has a kind word for a child or an adult. She has also mastered the fine art of fixing a jammed copy machine, and replaces the toner cartridges before we even know they are empty! In addition to her managerial position, Sue also functions at various times as the nurse, the principal, the psychologist, and last but not least, the chief of the fire drills!

Sue enjoys Zumba and Yoga, and spending time with her daughter, Presley, and husband, Chuck. She loves everything about Brophy School...the students, families and staff. Sue, Brophy School loves you!
Susan Schuler, YOU ARE SPECIAL!

You Are Special

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

Dalia Stewart - Walsh Middle School



Dalia Stewart has been a Social Studies teacher in our Two-Way Program since 1998. She was instrumental in the implementation of the Two-Way Program at Walsh and a key contributor to the success achieved by the program. Dalia's many talents make her special. As a teacher she is creative, constantly integrating technology in her classes to engage students through a variety of multi-modal activities catered to the specific needs of each cohort. As a colleague, she is extremely collaborative, always showing tremendous work ethic and energy that help motivate and involve others in the task at hand. A colleague referred to her as “an amazing team player.” She is a superb school citizen who is not afraid to take on new challenges. Dalia has been involved in the creation and implementation of several initiatives at Walsh. She was part of the team that created the Global Citizen Initiative to develop activities to raise awareness about pressing social and environmental issues such as world hunger and social inequality.

She was one of the organizers of the Hunger Banquet event that became an integral Fall school activity. She is also involved in the Minority Parent Engagement Initiative which creates communication bridges between the school and the Spanish speaking parent community through social and educational activities. Dalia is one of the leaders of LEA (Latinas en Acción), an affinity group that meets regularly to empower vulnerable Latina girls by raising their self-esteem through motivational guest speakers, college visits, and discussion of self-help tools. This year she was part of the pilot Summit Program implementation, managing to recruit tutors from Framingham State University who came weekly to help her neediest students. Dalia is a wonderful role model for any student but especially for Latinas & Latinos. She has contributed significantly to the multicultural climate of our school. She always goes over and beyond without expecting recognition. She is a tremendous asset to the entire Walsh community and the Two-Way program. Dalia Stewart, tú eres especial – YOU ARE SPECIAL!

Congratulations to all of the Honorees

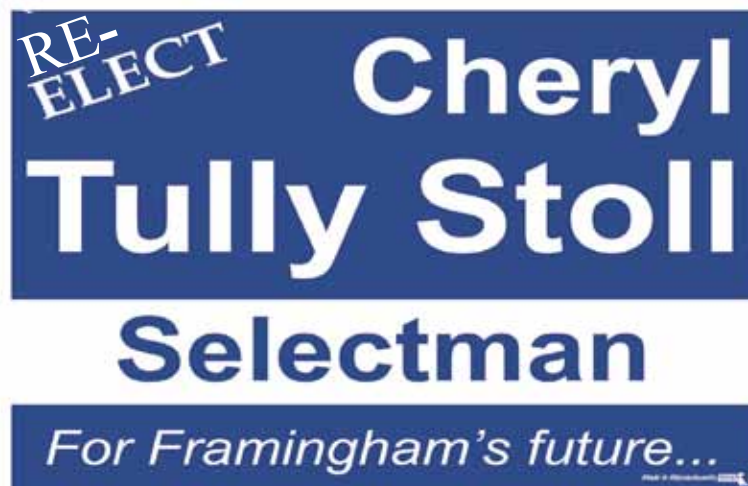
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Cheryl Tully Stoll



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Abby Plone, Nina Sonnenschein & Haley Taglienti*

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