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21st ANNUAL

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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*

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*

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*

2010

*Richard Chesmore
Arthur DelPrete
George Hulme*

2012

*Mark and Karen Curtis
Dave Gudejko*

The Salute to Framingham

21st Annual

Welcome to the Salute to Framingham, one of Framingham's most anticipated annual events! Every year, we celebrate up to 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 21 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'Connor, 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.



Reflections from Past Honorees

To celebrate the Salute to Framingham, the committee asked honorees from the previous 21 years to share their thoughts about being honored.

"I was in the fifth class of honorees. Not only was I humbled by my selection, but the frosting on the cake was that my two sons, Jeff and Mark (both Framingham North graduates), were able to introduce me to the audience. After their introduction, I was so taken emotionally that it was all I could do to muster up enough composure to give my speech. That special night was shared with family and a great many life-long friends." Barry Bograd (1997)

"I was honored to receive the award on behalf of the soccer club. All these years later, I still receive communications from former players." Thank you, John Poles (2000).

"Since I was honored by Salute to Framingham in 2001, it has been my pleasure to continue working with the Framingham Youth Hockey Beginners' Program. I never cease to be impressed by all the time and care put into this program by all the volunteers I have come to know over the years. This program could not survive without these volunteers. They give countless hours of time to make Framingham Youth Hockey an organization esteemed throughout the state. I know it is the same situation in all the other youth organizations in Framingham, and it is all done for our boys and girls and a few from surrounding towns. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor you have bestowed on me, and also to thank all the many other volunteers from our great town." John C. Hart (2001)

As a past honoree, I remember that I had the honor of representing all the members of Framingham United Soccer Club and the great work that they were doing. Along with coaching, I continue to volunteer at the Potter Road School working with 4th and 5th graders in their literature program. Also, this June culminates in my last 2 ½ years of mentoring a high school student through the Mazie Program. Volunteering my time with the youth of Framingham has always been an enjoyable endeavor. I urge all of you to share your time and talent with the young people of our Town." Joe Casperowitz (2007)

"Being honored as a 2008 Salute to Framingham Award recipient came as a complete and wonderful surprise. The Mazie Mentoring Program, which pairs volunteer adult mentors with Framingham High School students recommended by school staff as at-risk of not realizing their full potential, had been in operation since 1998, accepting 30 sophomores per year into the program. Salute to Framingham's recognition of our efforts was a significant contributor to our ability to raise additional funds to increase the program's impact at the school. Starting in 2009, we increased our intake by 33% to 40/year. Since inception, over 450 Framingham youth have entered our program. 95% have graduated from high school. 44 alumni are now in college, receiving their annual \$500 scholarship installments. 79 alumni have graduated from a 2 yr. community college or 4 year university. We reached a significant milestone last year when a mentee, who became the first in her family to attend college, graduated with a Bachelors Degree and returned to the foundation to become a mentor in our program. Everyone at the John Andrew Mazie Memorial Foundation will always be grateful for Salute to Framingham's recognition of our work with Framingham youth." Lowell Mazie (2008)

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"I remember being overwhelmed to receive this honor in 2010 and still find myself wondering how my simple contributions to the summer track events at Bowditch field could possibly measure up to the unselfish commitments of all the past Salutes. I am so grateful to the Salute to Framingham Committee for all of the hard work and dedication that goes into planning an event of this magnitude. As a graduate of Framingham (South) High School, the father of a Framingham High graduate and now grandfather of a Framingham High Freshman, I have seen firsthand how budgetary constraints have challenged athletics and the arts. The Salute is a wonderful way to help finance all of the incredible programs and events that are offered to our students as well to gather a community together in the spirit of pride and honor for the Town of Framingham. Best wishes on the Twentieth Anniversary of the Salute to Framingham." Rich Chesmore (2010)

"When the Salute to Framingham celebration was started by Jim O'Connor and a dedicated group of residents and faculty, our community was struggling with the merger of our two high schools. It was a difficult time for students, parents and teachers but rivalries gave way to cooperation and teamwork and Framingham High School took its place among the best high schools in the state. At each dinner, in addition to the honorees, teachers and students are recognized for their outstanding academic work and community service. The Salute to Framingham Dinner is the premiere community event of the year. It brings the whole town together and demonstrates the diversity and excellence of Framingham High School. From a personal standpoint, I will always remember being honored two years ago. It was a wonderful night for my extended family and many friends to get together at the dinner and enjoy the good food and wonderful program. Thank you again for selecting me to join this inspiring group of community leaders. I do want to congratulate the Committee for continuing this great tradition as it reaches its 20th year. Your work, and your event, contribute greatly to community solidarity and high school excellence. Best wishes for another successful event." Arthur DelPrete (2010)

"As a lifelong resident of Framingham, a product of the Framingham Public Schools and local insurance broker it has been great to be involved with The Salute Dinner. It is always heartwarming to hear all about the good work people are doing to support the town, our school system and our children. I hope the tradition lives on for many years." George Hulme (2010)



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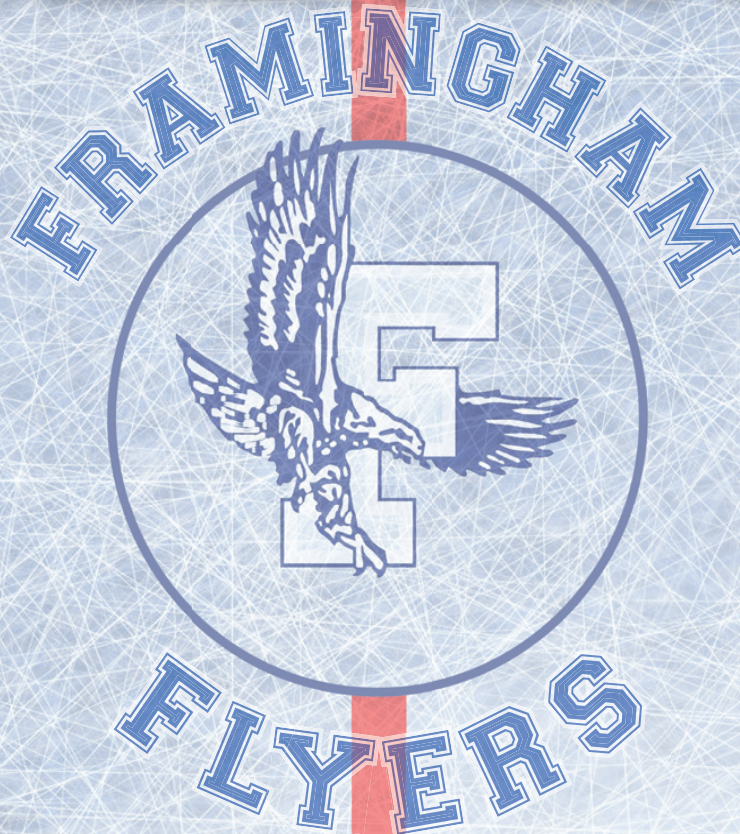
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Sharon Gilbert

Sharon Gilbert is the owner and founder of Timothy's Toy Box, a Framingham based non-profit corporation established in 2007 to help local children in need during the holiday season. Sharon, a Framingham native and Framingham North graduate, works tirelessly throughout the year to fundraise, collect donations, and wrap and distribute the toys. "My son Timothy and I started this in 2007 in hopes that we might be able to help some of the local children in need to have toys for Christmas. Since that time our list of children has grown tremendously. Over the past 6 seasons we have provided toys and supplies to almost 1,000 children and have collected over 5,000 toys in total."

Sharon's efforts go beyond that of a typical toy drive: she works closely with the local shelters to gather wish lists for the children to ensure they receive gifts they have requested. Sharon enlists the help of family, friends, neighbors and local organizations and businesses to make sure that holiday wishes are filled. Timothy's Toy Box also provides everything families need to wrap the presents themselves (wrapping paper, tape, tags, scissors, batteries, etc.) so they can share in the joy, while respecting each family's anonymity and dignity. They also bring stuffed animals, toys and books to the Pediatric Unit at MetroWest Hospital and the Children's Hospital Cancer Center. Sharon credits her son Timothy for being her faithful Chief Toy Inspection Officer at Timothy's Toy Box. For more information or to make an online donation to Timothy's Toy Box, please go to: www.timothystoybox.com



Tony Tolson

Tony Tolson, a Framingham native, has been active in the Town of Framingham youth sports for the most of his life, first as a youth player, and for the last 10 years as coach. As part of the Framingham Youth Football League, he has served as a coach and as a member on the Board of Directors. In 2010, Tony took a team who had lost every game to closing out the season 6 -3. The next year, in 2011, his team finished the season at 8-1, won the Bay State Conference, Mass State Championship (the first in Framingham history), the New England Regional Championships, and went on to compete in the National Championship in Florida! In 2012, the team was undefeated and again became Bay State Conference Champions. "In the last 3 years, I was honored to be part of something that may never happen again, but we created a lifetime of memories." Tony also coaches youth basketball, including CYO Basketball, TBA Basketball and YMCA Basketball. His coaching style is to focus on fundamentals and theory. "There's a difference in talent and skill! God gives you talent, you perfect your skill!" Tony strongly believes in education first, sports second, and encourages each of his players to pursue a college education. When he is not coaching sports, Tony is involved in fundraising for the homeless, food pantries and shelters, as well as Breast Cancer awareness initiatives. Tony would like to thank his 3 boys, Anthony Jr., Joseph, and Michael for "putting up with him as a coach" and thanks his wife and his mother for their love and support.

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Nomination Information

What once started as a vision over twenty years ago has grown into one of Framingham's most cherished annual events. Each year the Salute to Framingham Dinner Committee will honor up to 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 2014 Salute to Framingham, written and online nominations must be submitted by December 2, 2013. 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.

Congratulations Honorees!

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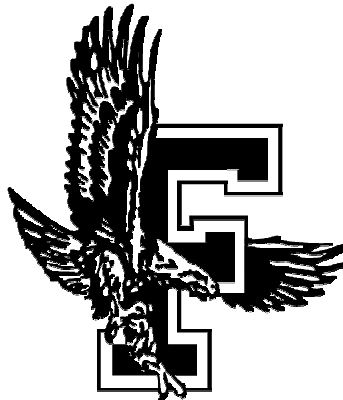
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In the spring of 2002, the Framingham Public Schools were facing substantial financial challenges. A group of Framingham High School parents organized the Framingham High School Foundation (FHSF) to ensure continuation of extracurricular activities, 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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Program

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cocktail Reception & Strolling Supper

The dinner buffet will be open at 6:00 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

National Anthem

Ringmasters for the Evening: Barry Bograd & David O'Leary

Welcome by Superintendent of Framingham Public Schools

Dr. Stacy Scott

7:15 PM

Class of 2013 Student Recognition

Michael J. Welch, FHS Principal

and

Jeff Convery, FHS Sr. Class Vice Principal

<i>Michael Berkson</i>	<i>Ellen Grinnell</i>	<i>Matthew Scranton</i>
<i>Daniel Chamberlain</i>	<i>Joshua Jacobson</i>	<i>Kathlynn Sell</i>
<i>Kevin Connor</i>	<i>Corey Lerner</i>	<i>Jason Shaffer</i>
<i>Matthew Cronin</i>	<i>Halie Olson</i>	<i>Michael Stearns</i>
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<i>Mary Mikaela Gonzalez</i>	<i>Michael Russo</i>	<i>Rebecca Wilson</i>
	<i>Sonia Scaria</i>	

Program

7:30 PM

*2013 Jim O'Connor Community Service Award
Samaritans, Inc.*

7:35 PM

*2013 Salute to Framingham Award Presentations
Salute to Framingham, Co-Chairs Mark R. Albright and Gary Doherty*

Sharon Gilbert

Tony Tolson

8:05 PM

You Are Special

Faculty and Staff Recognitions

Dr. Stacy Scott

Deborah Bishop - McCarthy

Andrea Connolly - Stapleton

FHS Food Services - FHS

Dianne Fleming - Fuller

Leslie Gillis - Walsh

Two-Way Bilingual Team

(4th) - Barbieri

Kenneth Hamm - Cameron

Karen Hennelly - FHS

Christopher Hepp - Cameron

International Baccalaureate

Team - Woodrow Wilson

Andrew Jasinsky - Fuller

Alanna Maida - Potter Road

NECC Partnership - Dunning

Room 17 - Dunning

Cyndy Page - Brophy

Carolyn Pratt - Brophy

Karen Stamuli - Potter Road

Linda Stauffer - Walsh

8:40 PM

Raffle Drawings

Closing Comments

Michael J. Welch, FHS Principal

2013 Jim O'Connor Community Service Award

The Jim O'Connor Community Service Award is given in honor of those who hold the passion, vision, commitment and leadership skills of the Salute to Framingham founder, Jim O'Connor. Recipients are individuals, organizations, or families who work as a team to serve the youth of Framingham.



The 2013 recipient of the Jim O'Connor Community Service Award is Samaritans, Inc. Samaritans purpose is to alleviate despair, isolation, distress and suicidal feelings among individuals in our community, 24 hours a day; to educate the public about suicide prevention; and to reduce the stigma associated with suicide. Samaritans, Inc. was established in 1974 and has had an office in Framingham delivering important services to the community since 1984.

Samaritans' volunteers come from all walks of life. While they do not necessarily share any particular prior experience or training, Samaritans share a deep respect for human life and a desire to reach out to those in pain. Samariteens is the youth peer leadership segment of the Samaritans Befriending Services. It is dedicated specifically to the prevention of suicide among teens. Started in 1986, this teen help line provides confidential peer support and understanding to teens who are struggling with feelings of depression, loneliness and stress.

Under the leadership of Samaritans Eileen Davis, Director of the Framingham Site, over 270 teenagers from Framingham High School have been trained and volunteered on Samaritans crisis lines since 1986. In 2012 alone, 18 Samariteens from Framingham High School were trained to be helpline befrienders and have provided over 1000 hours of service. Framingham High School was also the first high school in the Commonwealth to partner with Samaritans on the "IM Hear_" Teen to Teen Emotional Online Support Chat Service, an on-line instant messaging support service. Samaritans, Inc. also partners with Framingham State University, provides services to Marion HS, Keefe Tech, St Bridget's, Temple Beth Am and many other local Framingham civic groups.

Samaritans, Inc. is proud of the legacy of service we have created in Framingham: Our volunteers learn how to truly listen to others, to remain calm, to be non-judgmental, and they also learn about the challenges that others, who would normally fall well outside of their normal social circles, face on a daily basis. This gives our volunteers a new perspective and a new appreciation for those things they have and for the people in their lives.

**The Framingham School Committee congratulates
all of those being recognized at the
2013 Salute to Framingham!**

2013 Salute to Framingham Honorees

Sharon Gilbert

Tony Tolson

2013 Jim O'Connor Community Service Award

Samaritans, Inc.

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Andrea Connolly - Stapleton	Karen Hennelly - FHS	Cyndy Page - Brophy
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Dianne Fleming - Fuller	IB Team - Woodrow Wilson	Room 17 - Dunning
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You Are Special

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

Deb Bishop – McCarthy Elementary School

For the past 11 years, Deb Bishop, Literacy Specialist, has worked tirelessly with the students and staff of McCarthy School to improve student literacy skills and encourage an overall "love" of reading and writing. Throughout that time, she has been at the forefront of the school's efforts to provide training opportunities for staff and learning opportunities for students. She has organized countless book studies, workshops, and professional development trainings for teachers to establish best practices in their classrooms. On a typical day, you will find her rushing from one end of the building to another to help one class with a writing lesson, or another working on a reading assessment. She has started writing clubs among teachers and encouraged her students to hold book clubs.

While accomplishing all of the above, she has found time to develop a variety of fun, creative, and challenging activities to show students how much they can experience with a great book. Our Massachusetts Children's Book Awards reading challenges always draw high participation among 4th and 5th grade students. Similarly, Deb has developed activities for Read Across America and organized popular poetry readings at Barnes and Noble, establishing traditions at McCarthy that will hopefully continue for years to come.

Deb is an avid bicyclist and during the summer of 2010, she and her husband traveled across the country on their bikes. They chronicled their incredible experience by keeping a detailed travel log and taking spectacular photographs. True to her profession as Literacy Specialist, she and her husband authored a book about their trip entitled, "Two Are Better" which can be ordered online through Open Road Press.

Prior to her service at McCarthy, Deb served as a home economics teacher for five years in our middle schools. Deb is certainly a multi-talented individual and in her retirement, you can be sure she will continue to experience more great adventures in her life. I would like to express my deepest gratitude for her incredible commitment and dedication to the students and staff at McCarthy School. We will miss Deb next year and wish her continued health, peace and happiness in her retirement. Deb Bishop— You Are Special!

You Are Special

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

Andrea Connolly – Stapleton Elementary School

Andrea Connolly is a third grade, special education teacher at Stapleton School. Andrea is a great teacher and a wonderful person. She has a special gift for working with children. She is caring and supporting in a gentle way while still keeping a firm hand on the instruction of all her students. Andrea goes the extra mile to make sure her students are able to access the curriculum. She is a wonderful, kind and patient teacher who is great with students and parents. She goes above and beyond to help her students reach their full potential. Andrea is a role model for her students and for staff and is always looking for ways to help her team, her students and the school. We are very pleased to have Andrea at Stapleton School and her students are very lucky to have her for a teacher. Andrea Connolly– You Are Special!

FHS Food Services Department - Framingham High

Under the guidance of Food Services Director Brendan Ryan, the women and men that work every day in Food Services at FHS provide outstanding fresh food and nutrition to over 2000 people per day. Many of these folks arrive before 5:00 AM to begin making breakfast for the students and teachers, and by 7:00 AM they are already working at full-capacity to provide nutrition for the masses. They take great pride in providing fresh fruits and vegetables, unique main courses, and consistently high-quality in all their offerings.

The most meaningful aspect of their contribution, however, is in how they collectively care about kids. They know who needs a smile when things are not going so well, and they are always willing to show compassion for kids that just need a positive interaction with an adult. For many students, this serving of kindness to their souls means as much as or more than the servings of food do for their stomachs.

FHS Food Services Employees Janet Brown, Tina Connery, Nancy Cooper, Heather DeSocio, Ray Doucette, Isabel Fonseca, Lynne Hall, Paul Hart, Rosalie Hart, Diane Hatfield, Francesca Hodgson, Rosaria Hollovary, Diane Imhof, Valerie Lane, Rhonda Lyttle, Carolann Nordfeldt, Suzanne Regan, Milagros Rivera, Patricia Romani, Natalia Rozman, Brendan Ryan, William Stewart, Elizabeth Tamburro, and Kathryn Zuschlag– You Are Special!

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

Diane Fleming – Fuller Middle School

When you see Dianne Fleming walk through the halls of Fuller Middle School, your immediate impression is of a person who is calm, competent, energetic and caring. Your first impression would be correct. Dianne has been a Literacy Specialist at Fuller for 12 years, and is the go-to person for many members of the Fuller Community. Dianne competently guides both new and veteran teachers in their classroom practice. While her coaching is caring and compassionate, her standards are high and always grounded in her passionate promotion of literacy. She promotes rigor and strong teaching, knowing that reading is the foundation for every other academic endeavor.

One of the most exciting days at Fuller each year is the final school day Poetry Month in April. During that day, nearly all students carry a poem in their pocket, and eagerly recite it to "Poetry Police" who monitor the halls. Mrs. Fleming originated this celebration of reading and writing poetry several years ago, and continues to shepherd its successful completion each year. Mrs. Fleming also serves as the Language Arts Department Head at Fuller, and in that role she has strengthened reading and writing instruction throughout our school by initiating TALL meetings (Teaching All Language and Literacy).

Dianne is both a capable and versatile team player. She has the innate capacity to connect with teachers and students to get them to perform at their highest level. Dianne has developed and presented Professional Development Programs for the Fuller Faculty, and has been a presenter at the Massachusetts Reading Association. She is a key member of our School Improvement Plan writing team, has written curriculum for the district and served on more committees than we can count. With all of these responsibilities, Dianne's love of working with young people is one that always surfaces. When she sees a need in an individual student, she finds a way to connect with that student and make him or her thrive. For all of these reasons, and many more, Dianne Fleming – You Are Special!

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Leslie Gillis – Walsh Middle School

Leslie Gillis is the Math department head at Walsh Middle School. She has dedicated her entire career to students of Framingham. Leslie started her career at Henenway and transferred to Walsh 18 years ago. Leslie is a member of the Walsh School Council and is an integral part of the school community. She has volunteered at the annual Walsh 5k each year and helped run the raffles for this wonderful community event. She helped with the Walsh Middle School Social Club for many years and also co-led the "In Lieu of Holiday Cards," a fundraiser which raises money for Walsh families in need.

Leslie's passion for Math is astounding. She lives, eats and breathes math! She believes in each and every student, and has always focused on having them be responsible independent learners. Leslie mentors and coaches teachers in the math department and is often found co-teaching with the special educators to encourage our most struggling students. She pushes the students to do their very best and instills confidence in them so that they can be successful. She shares engaging activities for all levels and makes Math real by connecting it to everyday life. One of her most memorable grade 6 projects was "French Fry Frenzy." She has also created a buzz in the building for the First in Math program creating a competition among the students for their involvement in the online program outside of school hours.

Leslie often is found in her classroom with her algebra students reviewing for an upcoming test. The students adore her and many told me that she is the best Math teacher they have ever had because she doesn't allow them to give up and is encouraging and patient. When we asked her students, past and present, to describe Mrs. Gillis in one word, they said, "patient, encouraging, cool, smart, creative, motivating, motherly, and the best brownie baker."

Leslie Gillis – You Are Special!

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Two-Way Bilingual Team (4th grade) – Barbieri School

The 4th grade Two-Way Bilingual Program Team is comprised of 4 outstanding educators, Kirstin Veeder Sheen, Ned Sawyer, Katy Shander-Reynolds and Mona Viteri-Harutunian. This teacher team has had the advantage of working together for a number of years and embodies the characteristics of a high performing team. They are committed to the goals of the Two-Way program; high levels of bilingualism and biliteracy for all their students. They set high expectations for their students and for themselves and year after year, their students experience high levels of achievement and high levels of growth. Each member of the team has an ability to make each student feel valued and students feel safe and comfortable with them. Students who have shown behavioral challenges often soften. These teachers get the best from their students! They push themselves to ask the hard questions and to constantly seek to improve their practice. When they identify a problem, they set out to find a solution.

Five years ago, the team identified a need for their students to receive a coordinated system of interventions in language arts and math. They learned about RTI and implemented the first RTI model in the school. This model became the basis for the development of grade level teacher assistance teams, which has now become the district-wide grade level intervention meetings.

Four years ago, this team saw an incoming group of students who were experiencing high levels of social-emotional difficulties. Together with school support staff, they developed a consistent positive behavior program for the grade level. Once implemented, other staff were amazed at their students' success. Two years later, their program became the foundation for our current school-wide positive behavior program called CARE.

The staff and students at Barbieri are privileged to count among its faculty such a dedicated, hard-working and effective instructional team who work to improve the lives of not only their students, but positively affect the entire school community! Bilingual Team Members – You Are Special!

You Are Special

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Ken Hamm – Cameron Middle School

Ken is the person many teachers and students turn to for assistance and support. Regardless of what is going on with him, he will always stop what he is doing to help someone. Ken is one of the most flexible, accommodating staff members at Cameron. The most common phrase out of Ken's mouth is, "Whatever you need, let me know." Ken can always be counted on to support curriculum initiatives, mentor new teachers, take a leadership role in parent meetings, present information at staff meetings and on professional development days, and address student issues. When asked why he is so open, he responds, "If the students need something then I want to help." His colleagues' and students' needs are his priorities which is not always what is easiest or most convenient.

Ken also has a wonderful connection and relationship with his students. He uses technology, has engaging projects, does amazing labs, and personalizes each child's educational experience. A number of Cameron alum have named Ken as a teacher who had a great influence on them and one they would never forget. To prepare for the English Long Composition MCAS test, students are asked to write a composition about their favorite teacher. Every year many of the students write about Ken. It is a privilege to read those essays and see how much the children appreciate him and how much they have learned from him.

In addition to what he does during the day at Cameron, he can often be found volunteering for after school activities such as the spaghetti dinner and the student versus staff basketball fundraiser. Ken Hamm – You Are Special!



You Are Special

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Karen Hennelly - Framingham High School

Karen Hennelly has been a Foreign Languages teacher at Framingham High School since the fall of 2005. Mrs. Hennelly's first passion is teaching French Language, but she is equally capable instructing in Spanish. She is the type of caring, passionate, and thoughtful educator that every parent wishes their child gets exposed to just once during the course of their educational career.

Always smiling and hardworking, Karen has been a mentor and co-teacher to many people at FHS. She has also been an enthusiastic advisor to the FHS Environmental Club. In this role Karen has worked to educate the school about energy conservation, recycling initiatives, and how to build a more sustainable world. Kids naturally enjoy her company and learn skills they would seldom be exposed to in a traditional classroom when they spend time in the FHS Environmental Club.

Over the past few years Mrs. Hennelly has reintroduced foreign travel to the students at FHS. Her extended weekend trips with busloads of students to Quebec City and last year's week long pilgrimage to Paris have created lasting memories for scores of Framingham kids. Done entirely on her own time, and with significant investment of her own resources, Karen does this out of her love of other cultures and her belief that everyone should be exposed to these experiences.

Trusted colleague, fantastic teacher, and friend to all, Karen Hennelly sets a high bar for herself, her students, and her classroom. She is an absolute gem. Karen Hennelly – You Are Special!



You Are Special

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Christopher Hepp – Cameron Middle School

Christopher Hepp is a true leader, greatly admired by the staff and students at Cameron Middle School. Chris is dedicated to seeing his students become independent readers; he's leader in our school-wide initiative for students to read for thirty minutes every night. He tirelessly pours through reading logs to make sure his students continue to practice their reading. He exudes a passion for reading and this transfers to his students. One student recently mentioned, "I always have Mr. Hepp choose my books for me, because he knows exactly what I love to read." He connects with each one of his students, and as a result, they excel in his classroom.

Chris has excellent classroom management without ever raising his voice. He is extremely comfortable in front of his class and is immediately able to put his students at ease. What makes Chris so unique is his true understanding of a middle school student's mind. He incorporates technology, such as the interactive mimio into his classroom, because he knows that it will engage his students. Chris has a kind word for everyone he sees. A true-team player, he is consistent in his desire to help his colleagues. Chris has been known to speak up at a faculty meeting to support a colleague who is having trouble expressing his or her point of view. Chris has a way of articulating a point clearly and eloquently. He is a problem-solver, always willing to find solutions that will benefit both teachers and students. He is a powerful voice on any committee, as his passion and content knowledge are well respected by his peers.

He will happily spend his prep time trying to help a colleague implement a lesson or technology into their classroom. Christopher Hepp is the glue that holds our school together, and for that, Chris Hepp – You Are Special!

You Are Special

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International Baccalaureate Team – Woodrow Wilson

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The IB program also encourages students across the world to be active, compassionate and lifelong learners. It also encourages students to develop independence and to take responsibility for their own learning. "Rigor" is the key word that describes the focus of the thematic unit development that all students are exposed to. The teachers on the Team include Karen Lima, Claire Lowe, Heater Soldano, Doris Chiero, Amy Graff, Diane Sherry, Emily St. Pierre, Michelle DaCosta. International Baccalaureate Team– You Are Special!



You Are Special

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Andrew Jasinski – Fuller Middle School

When you see students happily entering Fuller Middle School before 7:00 a.m, you know they must be there to rehearse with Mr. Jasinski, and if you enter the building by 7:05, the Jazz band or Rock band is in full swing. What a wonderful way to begin our day! Andy Jasinski came to Fuller in January, 2011. In the short time he has been here, he has turned around a struggling band program through having high expectations and holding his students to high standards as well as promoting confidence and perseverance in them.

In two years, Andy has assembled the following list of achievements: he leads the jazz band, the Rock Band, and the pit orchestra for musicals as well as taking part in district-wide events with his students such as playing at the Framingham High School football games. Simply put - Mr. Jasinski is a gem. Some of Andy's classes are with our more challenged students. He treats them respectfully—always supporting and encouraging-- never patronizing. While the class is different from his other classes, he finds the perfect techniques to teach this special group. In Mr. J's class there is never a wrong answer, just a different answer.

We have also had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the fruits of Andy's teaching outside of Fuller. The jazz band he directs at the high school is truly amazing. We have also heard the elementary school kids he has taught. It's the cohesiveness you immediately sense among his musicians. He teaches the students not only to be happy to play their instruments, but to be happy to play them together. Andy's band room is a place where students simply love to spend their time. The safe and mutually respectful environment in Andy's classroom allows students to try, fail and try again without fear of ridicule or embarrassment. The result is a crop of new musicians who grow in both ability and appreciation. Mr. F. is well-respected in the Fuller community, always ready to quietly lend a hand.

Fuller is fortunate to have Andrew Jasinski as their music instructor, and as a community would like to say...Andy Jasinski – You Are Special!

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

Alanna Maida – Potter Road Elementary School

Alanna Maida is a teacher on the third grade team at Potter Road Elementary School. She is a graduate of Boston University with a BS in Elementary Education and BA in Psychology. She started teaching in September of 1992 as a third grade teacher at Potter Road. Alanna has been teaching at Potter Road for the past 20 years. Over the years, she has served as a member of the Potter Road School Council, has been part of various curriculum writing committees, and has mentored and helped to develop countless numbers of student teachers. Currently, she serves on the Potter Road Data Team.

Alanna has been married for almost 18 years and lives with her husband John and 5 children (Michaela 17, Kylie 15, Dylan 13, Devin 11 and Ryan 3) in Dedham, MA. In addition to teaching, she has been an Irish dancer since the age of 3. She currently owns and operates the Hansen Keohane School of Irish Dancing with studios in both Dedham and West Roxbury. The school began under the direction of her late mother, Maureen Hansen Keohane. This is a family business that has been in existence since 1947. She has performed in and on many shows such as The Today Show, The Christmas Revels, and at The Kennedy Compound in Hyannisport just to name a few. Currently she is training two teams for The World Championships. Alanna Maida - You Are Special!



You Are Special

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

NECC Partnership Program and Room 17 – Dunning

Both of these classrooms are the homes to students with autism in grades K-2. The NECC Partnership Classroom is led by Lead Teacher Maria Napolitano, with her 8 tutors and Room 17's classroom is led by Lead Teacher Mara Glynn, with her 2 classroom assistants. Both of these groups of staff members are more than special in the minds of the Dunning staff.

Room 17 joined our school community at the start of the 2011-2012 school year, and the NECC Partnership Program joined our community at the start of this school year. Both classrooms have been a blessing and a gift to our students, staff, and families at Charlotte Dunning. The kindness, dedication, and motivation of all the staff members in these programs is a joy and honor to recognize. These two groups work tirelessly in the best interest of the students with autism whom we are proud to have in our school.

For both classrooms, teamwork is evidenced on a daily basis. Working with a special needs population with substantial disabilities requires patience, love, and a willingness to share responsibilities in a collaborative environment. Both Maria and Mara are new to the Dunning staff this year and have put forth their best effort in order to integrate their students, work together with their regular education colleagues, and share helpful insights with the Dunning team in order to assist in our own development of knowledge regarding children with autism. Additionally, their classroom support staffs have done the same. They follow the positive lead of their head teachers by working collaboratively with each other in the best interest of their students.

These two groups contribute much energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to their students. Their commitment to teaching and educating is genuine. They are forever upbeat, their smiles are contagious! They are all approachable and available to staff. They hold warmth, caring, and cheerful demeanors. It is evident that these groups of people provide a balance of high expectations combined with a supportive, patient, consistent, and sensitive supportive tone. Continued...

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NECC Partnership Program and Room 17 – Dunning (Continued)

They are invaluable, dedicated, and involved. Such an atmosphere encourages all of us to embrace their students as ours. All are welcoming to the point that our students adore interfacing with staff and students! Both groups are truly remarkable. They have positively impacted the lives of all students and staff at CAD. They are truly inspiring! When we think of this wonderful group of people, we think of Hilary Clinton's powerful message of years ago-- "It takes a village....."! This is a village we all want to be a part of! The Dunning staff would like to publicly thank and recognize them for how much we appreciate all that they do for their students and our school! NECC Partnership & Room 17 – You Are Special!



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Cyndy Page – Brophy

Cyndy Page has been a music teacher for 26 years. She has taught music at the high school and elementary school levels and has had the pleasure of working at Woodrow Wilson, McCarthy and for the past eight years, Brophy school. Cyndy quietly volunteers so much of her time to put her students and Brophy School first. In spite of cuts to time and budgets, she has figured out ways to continue to run her award winning recorder club before school. She pulls together incredible assemblies before Thanksgiving and before winter vacation that are entertaining, interactive with all the children in the school and fun. Believing that all students should have the opportunity to perform on stage at least once prior to moving on to middle school Ms. Page puts on an elaborate 5th grade show each spring that is a full-on production.

She recently worked with our PTO to raise funds to upgrade the sound and lighting systems in the cafeteria to get more students involved with the productions and to better enhance the experiences for everyone. Cyndy is looked up to by the staff as she has served them as Head Teacher as well as on our Social Committee and Data Team. Her willingness to sacrifice and set a positive example for staff and students is exemplary. Cyndy Page - You Are Special!

Carolyn Pratt – Brophy

After working at MetroWest Medical as the director of the cancer program for 13 years and being a hospital administrator for 25 years Carolyn Pratt decided to make a career change and took a substitute nursing job with the Framingham Public Schools in 2005. By the next year, Nurse Pratt was the full time nurse at Brophy School and that marked the beginning of something special!

Carolyn is gifted at working with our students and their families to get them access to appropriate health care and to meet their needs while also being very mindful of our entire school's needs. She is an active participant on our wellness committee making efforts to promote healthy choices in our school community. She has also organized mobile dentist visits to our school recognizing that many of our students are in need of dental care. She does this school-wide work while also tending to the individual needs of each student who walks into her office. It is not uncommon for Ms. Pratt to be making calls late into the evening talking to parents, reaching out to health care professionals or contacting outside agencies to help families in need of eyewear. Nurse Pratt loves the unpredictability of her job and loves the challenges each day brings. She is a valued and steady force in our building and relied on for her sage advice by the entire Brophy faculty and staff. Carolyn Pratt - You Are Special!

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Karen Stamuli – Potter Road

Karen Kimball Stamuli is a true townie, born at Framingham Union hospital. She was educated in the Framingham School System and attended the Chicago School of Interior Design. Karen has been married to her sweetheart for 37 years and she has an accomplished and loving family. Her son Gregory and her daughter, Gina both attended Potter Road School which gave them an excellent foundation to excel in academics and sports.

Karen has been at the Potter Road School library for 27 1/2 years and she enjoys every minute of it. She has coordinated a read-a-thon to earn money the New McAuliffe library. She does the classroom scheduling, as well as organizing all of the library volunteers. She keeps the library up to date with monthly themes. The library shelves are well stocked, organized and always neat. She collaborates with our staff as well as the Framingham Public library on a variety of topics. She also schedules the Summer Reading visits with our town librarians. In addition to raising a family and keeping the Potter Road library in order, Karen also serves as an Executive Secretary for Fr. Joseph at her church and has been a church school teacher for the past 37 years. She has also co-chaired the Bazaar at her church which is a major fundraiser for the past 30 years.

She is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Karen works hard to ensure that each student finds a "just right book". Students know that they can count on her to assist them in looking for information for a research project or to pursue a topic of interest. Karen is passionate about her work and fought tirelessly to bring back the library assistants full time. Karen always goes above and beyond and is willing to help in anyway that will benefit the students and staff. She fosters a love of reading in every student at Potter Road.

Karen is also known as "the cookie lady"! She is a fabulous cook and often bakes for the staff. Karen's tireless enthusiasm for her job makes her very special indeed to the students, staff and families at Potter Road School. Karen Stamuli - You Are Special!

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Linda Stauffer – Walsh

Linda Stauffer is an eighth grade English Language Arts teacher at Walsh Middle School. She is a remarkable teacher who has dedicated her life to educating middle school students in Framingham. Linda began her teaching career 40 years ago! She taught at Farley and Barbieri Middle School and has been at Walsh Middle School for the past 23 years.

Linda has touched the lives of thousands of Framingham students. She has instilled in them, a passion for literature, especially that of William Shakespeare and Edgar Allen Poe. Her lessons inspire students to yearn for more, and delve deep into the true meaning of Shakespeare and Poe, even beyond their learning experiences with her. Many high school students come back to visit Mrs. Stauffer and thank her for her hard work and valuable lessons. Often, she is invited back to the Framingham High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony as a sponsor for former students.

Linda has had a significant amount of involvement at Walsh throughout the years. Her involvement and leadership in running Walsh's annual Shakespeare Festival for all grade eight students is extraordinary. At the festival, all students dress in medieval costumes and present their projects to parents, students and staff throughout the day. It is an amazing event. Linda is also a leader in fundraising for the "In Lieu of Holiday Cards" for Walsh families in need, and serves as one of the coordinators. Linda is a team leader who is remarkable at keeping everyone informed and her team is always focused on the students and what they need to be successful in school. Linda invariably can be found in her room assisting her students well beyond the school day. Often, they are working on their monthly book reports or studying for their weekly vocabulary assessments.

Linda never misses a drama performance for both current and former students. Her love for theater is obvious as she is often found pulling out signs in Elizabethan English reminding students to toss out their gum or speaking in Italian to get her students engaged in their learning. Linda never skips a beat and when we asked students to describe Mrs. Stauffer in one word, they said: "passionate, fair, funny, smart, tough, dedicated and a bookworm." Linda Stauffer – You Are Special!



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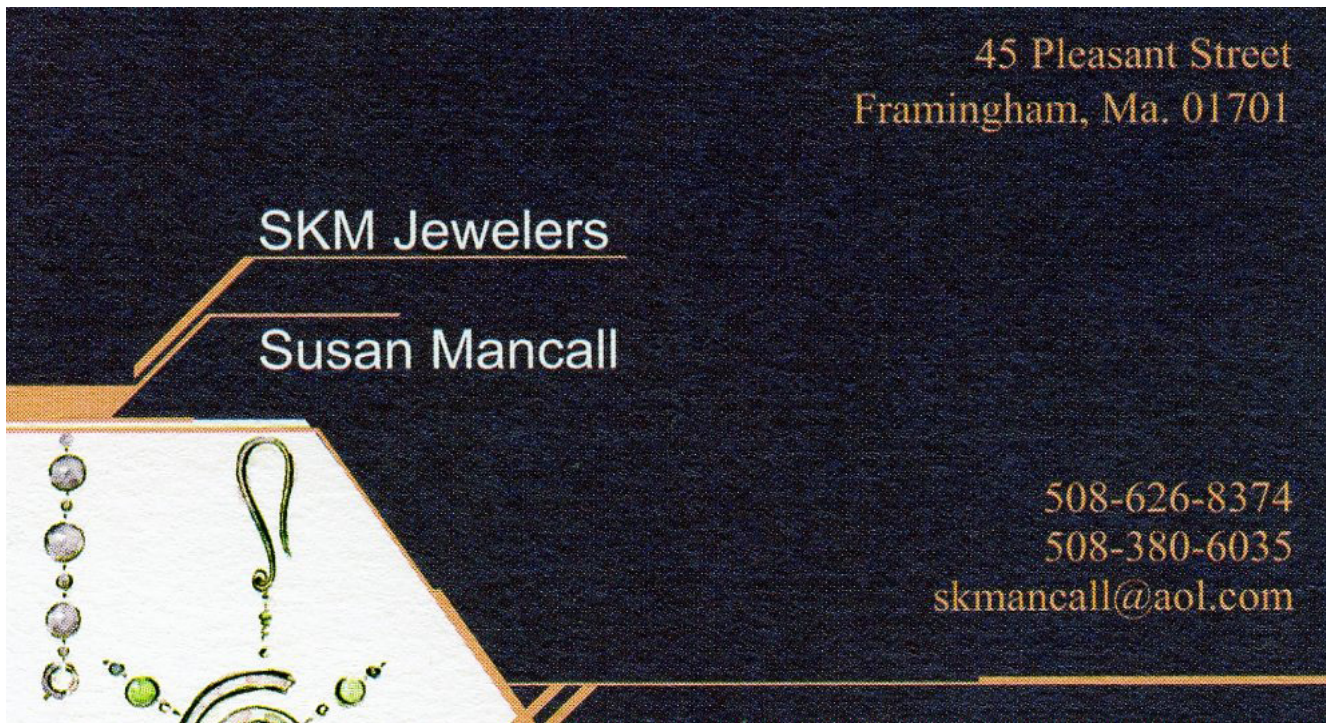
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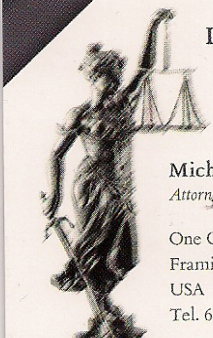


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