

The New Jersey Department of Education Announces New Jersey's County Teachers of the Year for 2017-18

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Trenton, NJ – Today, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) announced the selection of New Jersey's 21 County Teachers of the Year for the 2017-18 school year. The County Teachers of the Year are recognized for valuable contributions to their local school communities and are given the opportunity to serve as ambassadors of education to officials at the county and state levels.

"I am thrilled to be able to honor our amazing County Teachers of the Year for 2017-18, and express my appreciation for the work they do for their students," said Education Commissioner Kimberley Harrington. "New Jersey has many great teachers, and this award is a tribute to the talent, professionalism, and dedication of these 21 educators to inspire the children they teach. I look forward to learning more from them in the months to come."

In addition to affording opportunities for this group of honored teachers to network with educators throughout the state and county, the NJDOE will count on this group to take valuable resources and materials directly from the Department to local districts. At the same time, the teachers will be invited to serve on state committees and task forces to share their own experiences and points of view at the state level.

County Teachers of the Year are first selected as Teachers of the Year at the school level through the Governor's Educator of the Year program. They then compete for county recognition and are selected by panels representing a cross-section of administrators, teachers, parents, and county education association representatives convened by the Department's Executive County Superintendents.

A state-level panel of educators will select New Jersey's State Teacher of the Year based on a written application, video submission, and interviews with the top finalists. The State Teacher of the Year will be announced at the State Board of Education's October meeting, and he or she will go on to represent New Jersey at the National Teacher of the Year competition.

The NJDOE encourages every school district to take advantage of the Governor's Educator of the Year program as one way to recognize the hard work and dedication of their outstanding teachers. Additional information can be found on the [Governor's Educator of the Year webpage](#).

New Jersey's 2017-18 County Teachers of the Year are as follows:

2017-18 County Teachers of the Year						
County	First Name	Last Name	Grade Level	Subject Area	School	School District
Atlantic	Kelly	Montgomery	6th	Mathematics	Emma C. Attales Middle School	Absecon School District
Bergen	Henry	Baldwin	10th-12th	English & Social Studies	Bergenfield High School	Bergenfield School District
Burlington	Sherrie	Wilkins	5th	Elementary	Alexander Denbo Elementary School	Pemberton Township School District
Camden	Mimma-Marie	Cammarata	9th-12th	Italian	Sterling High School	Sterling School District
Cape May	Amy	Andersen	10th-12th	American Sign Language	Ocean City High School	Ocean City School District
Cumberland	Paul	Lonergan	9th-12th	Special Education	Vineland High School	Vineland School District
Essex	Mary	Walmsley	10th-12th	Science	Livingston High School	Livingston School District
				Basic Skills	Wedgwood	Washington Township

Gloucester	Domenick	Renzi	1st-5th	Mathematics	Elementary School	School District
Hudson	Kathleen	Terhune	4th	Elementary	Salvatore R. Calabro Elementary School	Hoboken School District
Hunterdon	Vincent	Angeline	9th-12th	Music	North Hunterdon High School	North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional High School District
Mercer	Sharin	Rello	4th-6th	Music	Lawrence Intermediate School	Lawrence Township School District
Middlesex	Kristy	DeFazio	4th	Elementary	James J. Flynn Elementary School	Perth Amboy School District
Monmouth	Kristina	Phelan	Kindergarten-2nd	Reading	Mahala F. Atchison Elementary School	Tinton Falls School District
Morris	Diane	Phares	9th-12th	Art	Mount Olive High School	Mount Olive Township School District
Ocean	Christine	Newbury	9th-12th	Science & Special Education	Manchester Township High School	Manchester Township School District
Passaic	Nicole	Petrosillo	9th-12th	English Language Arts	West Milford High School	West Milford Township High School District
Salem	Alison	Schulze	Kindergarten	Elementary	William Roper Early Childhood Learning Center	Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional School District
Somerset	Michael	Skomba	11th-12th	Social Studies	Somerville High School	Somerville School District
Sussex	Teresa	Muzzo	5th & 8th	Special Education	Halsted Middle School	Newton School District
Union	Victoria	Sasso	6th	English Language Arts	Carl H. Kumpf Middle School	Clark School District
Warren	Diane	Kasharian	7th-12th	Special Education	Great Meadows Middle School	Warren County Special Services School District

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