

2024 Hillsboro School District American Education Week Heroes

Submitted by	School	Teacher/Staff Member	Appreciation
Raen P.	Liberty High School	Dr. Battaglia at Poynter!!	He was one of the most kindest, funniest teachers I've ever had! I always looked forward to third period when I was t.a. and I learned so much in science because of him.
Alexine C.	Liberty High School	Jenny Taguchi	Great advisory teacher and fun to be around <3
Antonio W.	Liberty High School	Frank, bus driver of bus 66.	very great driver, very kind and honest, wouldn't want anyone else to drive me to school and home, except frank.
Sarah H.	Liberty High School	John Markealli	<p>Mr. Markealli was and is the greatest teacher I have ever met. He is supportive, kind, helpful, he makes sure the instructions are clear and helps out during class. He makes sure all assignments are understandable and he keeps all the work organized. He encourages creativity and gives opportunities for creativity. For certain units, he makes it so we can express ourselves, for example in our poetry unit. He makes the class calm, and stress free, being in that class is not as stressful as other classes. The units we had should have been challenging, but the way he explained it and the way it was phrased made it so it was so much easier. He is always there for his students, and he has the best stories. He made ELA something to look up to for the entire year, that is not something any teacher I have ever met could ever do. Mr. Markealli is truly one of a kind, and he brightens not just my day, but other people's day and I saw that daily. Currently it feels like not just me, but so many people need a teacher like Mr. Markealli for English, or any other class. He is always there for his students, and he checks in on them from time to time. When it comes to birthdays, he would sing the birthday song and play the guitar along with it for a student. He is one of the greatest teachers out there. His class will always be something I will look back at, I loved that class and it was by far my favorite. One of my favorite units with Mr. Markealli was the Poetry unit, even though I hated it at the time, it's now it's one of my favorite hobbies and it is such an amazing thing to have as a hobby.</p>

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Juan J. D.	Liberty High School	Ms.Ayala	Ms.Ayala was my 5th grade elementary school teacher, she helped me with a lot of problems back in the day and also made me feel like i belonged at school.
Aviendha M.	Liberty High School	Ms. Keniston from Poynter Middle School	shes really good at teaching and explaining things and shes also a really kind person who helped me through all my years of middle school
Gia D.	Liberty High School	Ms. Priscilla (Cafeteria worker)	For being the kindest person I know and taking care of my sister and I.
Joseph W.	Liberty High School	Mrs. McCullem	Helped me all throughout my 3rd grade.
Presley P.	Liberty High School	Kelsi Burkhardt	Mrs. Burkhardt deserves special recognition because she is not only an amazing teacher but she is also so supportive and so easy to talk to. She changed my 8th grade experience so much better and i am so glad that i had a teacher like her! and i miss her sooooo much!!!
Gavin V.	Liberty High School	Mrs.Osterhaus	I believe she deserves it because throughout my 1st and 2nd grade years she was the best teacher ever in every possible way, she would always help out and would be kind/nice to everyone.
Paige O.	Liberty High School	Nicole Thompson	Ms. Thompson is not only an amazing teacher, she is always there for any student that needs her no matter how she is feeling. She is always in good spirits and she supports all of her students at sports events, family, friends, and extra curricular.
Maddox C.	Liberty High School	Ms.Peterson	She was incredibly kind to me in elementary school and was the first name that came to my mind when I heard about this event.
Olivia P.	Liberty High School	Mrs. Johnston	She was very sweet and good with kids, she made 1st grade at West Union really fun and easy
Olivia P.	Liberty High School	Mr. Williams	He was really fun and nice, he was funny too and always played his guitar for us. Although his picture of Jake the alligator man terrified me, he is one of my favourite teachers
Olivia P.	Liberty High School	Mr. Crowell	He was very nice and a very relaxed teacher. He was also funny and really good at his job compared to my other math teachers. I've always hated math but his class was one of my favorites and he made math super easy and fun

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Olivia P.	Liberty High School	Mrs. Driver	She was super nice and fun and good at her job. I was in her first 6th grade class and I think her last lol... but 6th grade was one of my best years!
Ethan H.	Liberty High School	Mr. Kirchner	Just a really great teacher
Felipe S.	Liberty High School	Eric Mahlum	He's always with a smile on his face, he's very fun, The way he teaches is pretty cool and easy to learn. He is for sure a teacher 10/10
Gwyneth B.	Liberty High School	Ms. Kunz at Liberty High School	She's so kind and understanding with the best smile and laugh, also has the utmost patience.
Sandy S.	Liberty High School	Sophia LorentzOlivares	She teaches very well and makes me understand about algebra.
Wolfgang W.	Liberty High School	Mr.Sheering	Really good teacher with really chill vibes, always makes sure to say hi to everyone
James R.	Liberty High School	Gail Leader	Because I remember her making a positive impact on my time at quatemala and I never thanked her for it
Alton R.	Liberty High School	Ms. Beale	For getting me into FIRST robotics and hosting the team at Orenco
Giovanni L. B.	Liberty High School	Mrs.Douangmala	Mrs.Douangmala always looked out for us and made our class feel like home. She would always come in with a positive attitude.
Ariel G. G.	Liberty High School	Mr E Mahlum	Always having a positive attitude helping students in need and being an overall kind person
Chandy T.	Liberty High School	Mrs.Scoble (Lenox Elementary 2018)	Mrs.Scoble is the most thoughtful and supportive person ive met, as a new English learner i had trouble reading and writing but she was always there to help and tell me to not give up and to always dream big on the things i do.
Landon P.	Liberty High School	Mr. Johnson	because he was awesome and i had lots of fun in his P.E. class
Sandy S.	Liberty High School	Emily Staat	She taught me very well
Camila	Liberty High School	Mrs.Douangmala	Because she taught me alot in like 3rd grade
Lauren D.	Liberty High School	john markeali	great teacher and support system!
Averie Mullally	Liberty High School	Marci Young	Ms. Young was the only teacher I had contact with during my 4 years of Online School, and I greatly appreciate her for being there for me.

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Kevin E.	Liberty High School	Mrs lusk	She taught me for 4th and 5th grade and helped me through a lot
Sean M.	Liberty High School	Mr. Ledgerwood	One of the amazing teachers that treats their students like equals and really motivates them to learn, rather than just speaking at them for the period
Norberto P.	Liberty High School	Ms. Duran at W.L. Henry elementary school	Me ayudó a aprender muchas cosas.
Lexi A.	Liberty High School	Mrs. Hancock at Reedville Elementary	Mrs. Hancock taught me that everyone can be good at math and if it wasn't for her I would have never discovered my potential in a math classroom. Thanks to her I discovered my love for math. Now I'm in advanced math in high school and I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for her. Thank you Mrs. Hancock!
Iman A.	Liberty High School	Mrs Glaske	she always understood
Isabella J.	Liberty High School	Ms Glaske from poynter	Even when i felt at my lowest and not so smart she put faith into me and made me wanna keep trying.
Savannah B.	Liberty High School	Shannon Lusk- Imlay Elementary	Mrs. Lusk was always so sweet to me, she was my 4-5th grade teacher. She was like a second mom to me and I remember that I could always tell her anything without the fear of being judged. She was the best teacher to get as a new student and always so supportive. She even showed up to one of my gymnastics competitions and I remember feeling so happy and loved when I saw her in the stands while I was performing on floor.
Olivia P.	Liberty High School	Kelsi Burkhardt	She was my number one supporter during 8th grade and was right by my side during hard times and i think she is a great teacher over all she made everyone feel included and welcome.
Mary P.	Liberty High School	Mrs. Burkhardt from Poynter	She was my favorite teacher and her class was so fun
Charleigh M.	Liberty High School	Ms. Bui	she was my favourite art teacher, she was really nice and i just really enjoyed her class! middle school was a very strange and scary time but going to art class made it better!! ♡
Amber M. M.	Liberty High School	Odelsa Taylor	She has always been there for her students, she is an amazing teacher that is loving and caring. She has a big positive impact on students and

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			the students adore her. She has worked hard to get to where she is, and she deserves this recognition!
Kira H.	Liberty High School	Sandie Grinnell	Always supportive and caring, and was, and still is a great teacher. She makes students feel comfortable, and cares for them.
Kira H.	Liberty High School	Daniel Jones	Was an amazing ELA teacher, and his class quickly became one of my favorites when I was in 7th grade.
Aixa M.	Liberty High School	Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Chitwood	They both deserve recognition because they have always been there for me when I needed help, and even though they have other responsibilities they find a way to help me in everything I need.
The Meininger Family	Hilhi	Ben Noyes	A big thank you Mr. Noyes for putting on great Fall Concert and Fall Choir Retreat. The communication and planning he puts out is really helpful for new choir parents and we love supporting his program! Looking forward to the winter and spring events, especially New York City. Mr Noyes, your efforts are appreciated!
The Meininger Family	Hilhi	Mrs. Carpenter	We want to thank Mrs. Carpenter for all her work putting together the Greece trip last summer. It was a highlight for us and your efforts in planning and communicating made the trip go so smoothly.

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Melina B.	Lenox	Lisa Gurney-Franco	<p>My name is Melina, and my son Noah goes to Lenox Elementary. He has Lisa Gurney-Franco as his teacher this year. She is absolutely WONDERFUL.</p> <p>My son is on the spectrum, and we have been having a hard time transitioning this school year. Ms. Gurney-Franco has been so unbelievably helpful, kind, compassionate, and caring towards him. She has communicated any concerns, needs, and praise with us, so we can all help him be successful.</p> <p>When he started this year, he left school looking relieved to be leaving. Now, he's smiling when he leaves. It has SO MUCH to do with Ms. Gurney-Franco. She is an amazing educator, and an amazing human. She's definitely every parents dream teacher, and she deserves recognition!</p> <p>All of the staff at Lenox is amazing with Noah, and I'm so thankful for them! She just happens to stand out, in an already amazing group of people.</p> <p>Thank you for reading, and I hope you truly understand how lucky you guys are to have her as a teacher in your district!</p>
Carter G.	Quatama	Mrs. Pruitt	<p>"Mrs. Pruitt is so nice and she helps people who struggle get way better. She teaches in a simple way that is easy to understand. I like learning math from her the best."</p>
Lucy G.	Quatama	Mrs. Rios	<p>"Mrs. Rios is kind and helps me with anything that is a struggle. She likes to eat candy and so do I! Thank you Mrs. Rios for helping me with math"</p>