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Student OF THE MONTH

Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission



LIAN SANCHEZ CHUVA

Lian comes to school each day with a joyful, happy smile and is always eager to learn new things! He is always very kind and helpful towards all of his friends at school. Lian often enjoys learning in the math area and building block cities with friends. I look forward to watching Lian continue to grow and learn this school year!

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HANNAH STOREY

Hannah has grown so much since joining BP. She warmly approaches students and gently encourages them when needed. She learns from other staff members and carries over different strategies to help students be more successful. She flexes well between taking direction and taking initiative. Hannah is willing to help wherever needed and readily supports all students, enjoying being able to reconnect with students she previously worked with. Hannah is friendly to all, students and staff alike. We are so glad Hannah is part of our BP team!

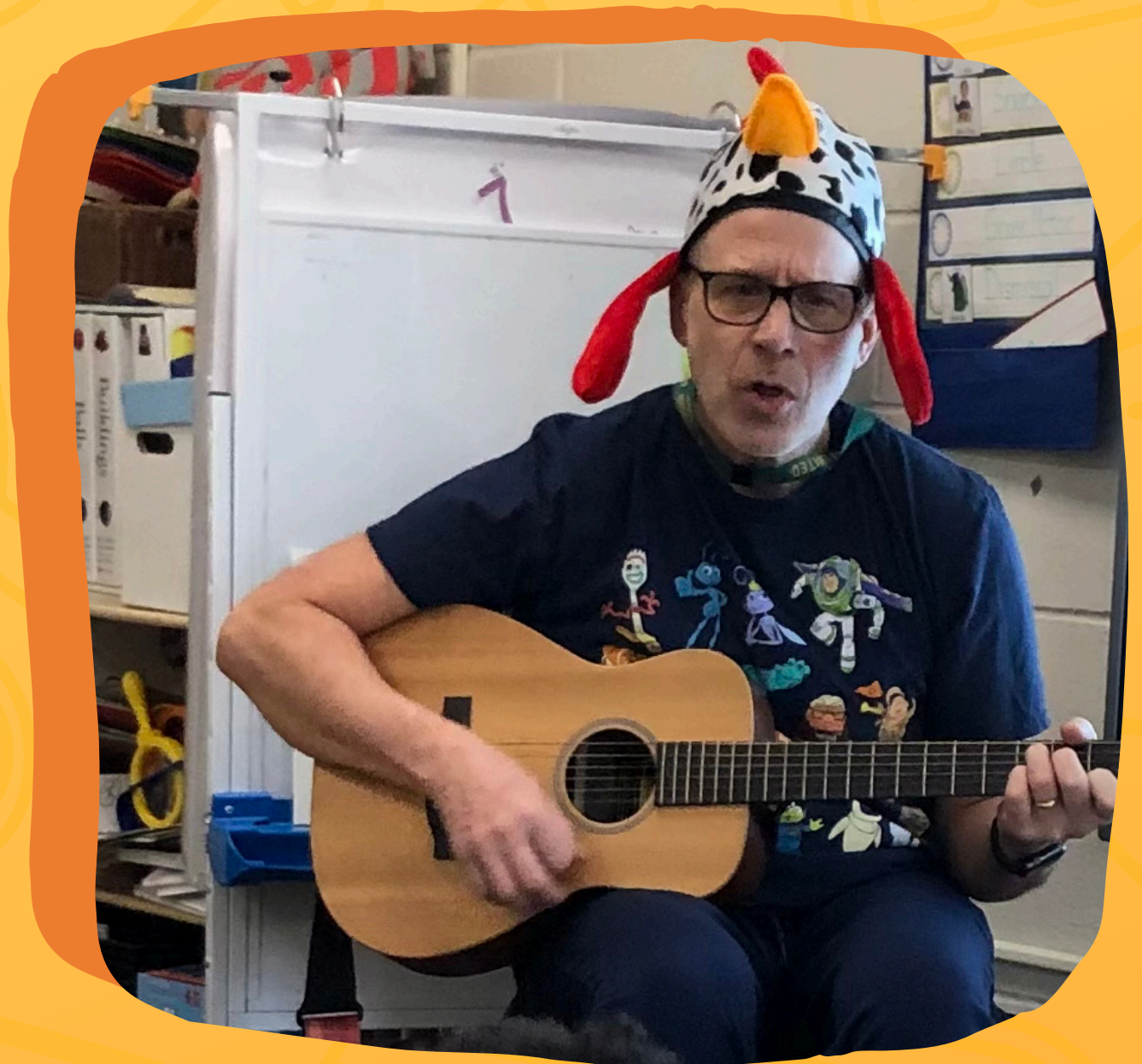


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JOE SILVA

Mr. Silva's kind smile and energetic personality continually brings joy! He is flexible and always willing to help our BP students and support his colleagues. He continues to refine his music classes to incorporate fine and gross motor skills, social emotional learning, self-regulation, mindfulness and overall developmental skills. Mr. Silva introduces our students to a variety of instruments and musical elements instilling an early appreciation of the joys of music. When it's a "Mr. Silva music day" our students know it! We are so thankful to have Mr. Silva as part of our BP team!



Student OF THE MONTH

Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School



MALIA WINSTON

Malia "doesn't like school, she LOVES school." And as soon as you're around Malia, you too will see, her love for learning. She comes in every day, enthusiastic about the day's activities. You give a direction? She starts immediately, and independently because that's how responsible she is. She is a role model for not only every first grader but every student on our K-2 floor. Her kindness is infectious and knows no bounds, reaching every student. We are so lucky to get the opportunity to teach such a hardworking, committed student. Malia, we cannot wait to see all that you accomplish! Love, your teachers.

Employee OF THE QUARTER

Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School

WINTHROP INTERVENTION TEAM

Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School is honored to recognize our Team of Interventionists Bridget Caviness, Gillian Lebeau, Angela Slane, and Cynthia Vitorino as our Non-Certified Staff Members of the Quarter. Their primary focus is to provide targeted academic support for students in small groups throughout the day, but actually do much more. They support administration of benchmark and standardized assessments, collect progress monitoring data of students used to determine effectiveness of instructional strategies and work closely with classroom teachers to support the vast needs of our students. This year Winthrop has also relied on this team to cover classrooms when substitutes were not available and for this, we are extremely grateful as they provided continuity and structure to the daily schedule at Winthrop, all for the benefit of our students. Bridget, Angela, Gillian, and Cynthia are valuable members of the Winthrop community and extremely deserving of this recognition.



Employee OF THE QUARTER

Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School

LISA HELLEN

Winthrop Elementary staff is proud to honor Lisa Hellen as our certified staff member of the quarter. She was nominated by many colleagues from various grade levels and support areas. She's a force of positivity and action for kids and for adults. She is always available and goes beyond the call of duty. She offers support to staff whenever needed and even before she is asked. She is a dedicated team player, an effective problem solver, and demonstrates exceptional attention to detail in her work. Her kindness and genuine care for others are evident in everything she does. As one colleague wrote ...she exudes "Teamwork, collaboration, constant support - she's amazing!!!"



Student OF THE MONTH

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School



VICENTE MOLINA SARMIENTO

Vicente is our November Student of the month! Vicente comes to school every day ready and prepared to learn. He has a great attitude and comes to class with a big smile every morning. He is our one-man welcoming committee in the classroom to anyone who walks in. If a student comes to visit, he spends time trying to make sure they feel welcome and comfortable in our classroom. He takes them by the hand and immediately asks them to sit with him.

Vicente has shown tremendous growth in school as he takes on daily challenges and works to overcome them. He does not quit, give up or become frustrated. Instead, he keeps trying and will always ask for help when he needs it. In addition, in Pages Cafe he follows stories beautifully and has added his own touch, a chicken dance move to the story time song! Vicente has an “I can” attitude which will serve him well in life!

Employee OF THE QUARTER

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School



DANIELLE BERGH

Danielle Bergh always has a happy and positive outlook in the building and has built strong relationships with both staff and students. Her contributions to school include her interventionist work in the classroom with students providing extra support to them to promote their educational growth, and even beyond as she positively impacts all our young artists. Danielle shares her own artwork with our community and is a mentor artist who has written her own book titled "Not Blue" and has shared it with classes. Danielle's passion and care for students and the arts makes her a standout member of our Nathan Hale Community.



Employee OF THE QUARTER

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School



MARISA ZERBARINI

Marisa Zerbarini works tirelessly for her students each and every day and is greatly loved and respected by them. The minute you walk into her classroom you can see why. Her patience and genuine care make her classroom environment welcoming for all students and staff. Marissa constantly collaborates with her 2nd grade team and paraeducators, providing support, listening to guidance and feedback, and sharing ideas for lessons. She gives 100% of her talents and abilities to her profession in a very humble way. Marisa is a treasure in our Nathan Hale Community.





Student OF THE MONTH

C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School



MAYA RIOS

Maya is a role model and a leader in the classroom. She is always helping others and is following the school rules. She is an excellent student who loves to be challenged and has exceeded the standards in academics. Maya brings joy and laughter to all!



Employee OF THE QUARTER

C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School

DOMINICK BROWN-BURRELL

Dominick comes to work with a positive attitude. He works diligently with our Neuro-diverse students. He shows kindness and patience to all of our students. Congratulations, Dominick!





Employee OF THE QUARTER

C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School

SARAH WILLEY

Ms. Willey is the first one to work in the morning, always with a smile. She always goes above and beyond on a daily basis for her students. She is an excellent teacher and an advocate for her students. It is a pleasure to have a professional of Mrs. Willey's caliber to serve our students and families at Jennings!





Student OF THE MONTH

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus

JAMES COLEGROVE

The Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus is thrilled to recognize James Colegrove as our Student of the Month. James is a 7th-grade student and is truly an exceptional young person. From the beginning of the school year, he has been going above and beyond, consistently seeking out extra work and showing a real commitment to his learning. James is always prepared, focused, and motivated, earning an A+ in all his classes for Quarter 1. James also stood out in our Attendance Promotion Campaign, winning with his impressive poster. Outside of academics, he's sociable, respectful, and always follows the PBIS expectations, showing responsibility, safety, and respect in everything he does. James's dedication, hard work, and positive attitude make him not only an outstanding student but also a wonderful person to have in our school community. Congratulations James!



Employee OF THE QUARTER

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus



IAN BOSS

We are excited to announce that Ian Boss has been selected as the Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus Non-Certified Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Boss has been an essential part of the Bennie Dover Jackson community for the past year and a half as a school safety officer. He's more than just a safety presence—our students see him as a dependable, trusted adult who is always kind, supportive, and ready to help. Mr. Boss is incredibly hardworking, whether he's staying late when needed, working high school football games, or simply being there for staff and students. He takes pride in our school and in being part of New London Public Schools, and his positive attitude and dedication make our school a better, safer place for everyone. Congratulations Mr. Boss!



Employee OF THE QUARTER

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus



PAUL WINSTON

We are delighted to announce that Paul Winston has been selected as the Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus Certified Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Winston has been a valued social worker at Bennie Dover Jackson for nearly four years. Since joining our community, he has been a hardworking, compassionate, and supportive presence for students, their families, and staff alike. Mr. Winston makes it a priority to connect with students and their families, ensuring they feel supported and cared for, while also offering unwavering support to his colleagues. He consistently goes above and beyond, whether it's chaperoning field trips, staying after school to assist with programs, or helping families access resources and services. With his patience, problem-solving skills, and warm sense of humor, Mr. Winston is a trusted and well-loved member of our school community.

Congratulations Mr. Winston!





Student OF THE MONTH

New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus



MOHAMMAD JEMMO

Mohammad Jemmo is one of the most hard working, committed, and passionate students I have had the pleasure of working with. He is methodical in his approach to challenging content, diligent about meeting all required criteria, and often goes above and beyond the expectations set forth. He is a genuine young man who has the determination and desire to accomplish anything he puts his mind to.

Mohammed is a member of the NLHS championship soccer team where he demonstrates sportsmanship, dedication & passion. He refers to his teammates as brothers who he supports both on and off the field.

As a citizen of the world, Mohammed is a culturally competent student who values the cultures of his classmates and teammates. Additionally, he is trilingual, in Kurdish, Arabic & English.

Kindness is an attribute that all of his teachers agree is one of Mohammed's greatest strengths.

Mohammed is a joy to have on the NLHSMMC and we know he will have great success in the future.



Employee OF THE QUARTER

New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus

AHKAISHA REYES

We are thrilled to recognize Ahkaisha Reyes as our non-certified Employee of quarter 1. Ahkaisha received a majority of staff nominations, a true testament to her commitment to fostering a positive school climate and culture.

Described by her peers as "a ray of sunshine," Ahkaisha opens the concession stand each morning, greeting staff and students with a warm smile that sets the tone for the day. Her positive energy radiates throughout the school, and she is beloved by students and staff alike. Many students have given her shout-outs for her kindness and helpfulness, and her caring actions make everyone feel valued. Ahkaisha's dedication to creating a welcoming environment makes NLHSMMC a better place each and every day. Her kindness, both in word and deed, is an inspiration to all and we are so grateful to have her as part of our school community.

Congratulations, Ahkaisha, and thank you for all that you do!





Employee OF THE QUARTER

New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus

SARAH KADDEN

Sarah Kadden exemplifies the spirit of dedication and compassion that defines our school community. Her peers have shared glowing praise, calling her, "an amazing human that goes above and beyond for the students and staff." While Sarah has been an integral part of the current 11th grade Dream Team, she is always willing to help anyone and everyone at any level. She never shies away from a challenge, refusing to say, "It's not my job". Instead, she consistently steps up, believing in the potential of our students, staff, and school.

Sarah works tirelessly to connect students and families to vital resources and guide them through some of the most challenging times of their lives. She is a trusted adult to so many in our building, helping students to develop and utilize coping skills to face life's obstacles and achieve success. Her unwavering support ensures that every student feels heard, valued, respected, safe, and empowered.

Her positivity is infectious, and her caring actions have left a lasting impact on our entire school community. We are honored to have Sarah as part of our NLHSMMC family and celebrate her well-deserved recognition as Employee of Quarter 1.



Student OF THE MONTH



NEW LONDON
ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

New London Adult & Continuing Education



ALECIA FRANCIS-HENRY

We are pleased to recognize Alecia as New London Adult Education's CDP Student of the Month. Alecia left school in Jamaica in 1998, later raising a family and moving to the United States before returning to school at New London Adult Education in the summer of 2022. She attended school faithfully and her commitment led to impressive growth in her reading and math skills, resulting in her advancement into high school completion classes, where she has excelled.

Last year, Alecia completed the I-BEST vocational program, earning a Basic Culinary Arts with Cafe Food Handler certification and soon after was hired as a cook at Fiddleheads Market. She has also contributed as a member of our Student Leadership Council, organizing school-wide events. Alecia is not only an exemplary student but a positive role model, particularly for younger adults in our program. Her kind and conscientious nature makes her a joy to have in our school community.

We are delighted to share that Alecia will complete her academic requirements and earn her high school diploma this May. The New London Adult Education staff will miss her warm presence and congratulate her on her achievements!

Employee OF THE QUARTER

Central Office

KAREN PILECKI

Karen Pilecki was selected as the Central Office staff Employee of the Quarter! Karen has been very helpful and is always willing to assist with anything that someone needs. If she doesn't know the answer to a question, she is always willing to find the answer for you. She has been friendly and helpful all around Central Office and deserves to be recognized. Congratulations, Karen!

