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# Student OF THE MONTH

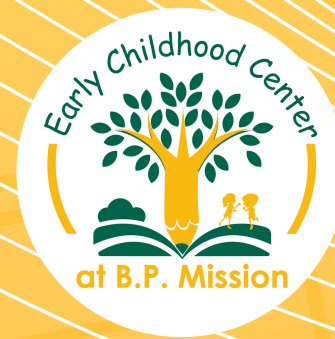
# Employee OF THE QUARTER

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# Student OF THE MONTH

Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission



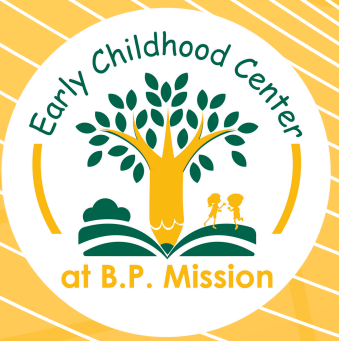
## ELIAS GONZALEZ MARTINEZ

Elias Gonzalez Martinez has been chosen as our student-of-the-month. He has made tremendous progress since he started with us last year. When he started in preschool he was very quiet. Not only is he now speaking in full sentences, but he has become a strong leader of our group. He is kind, helpful, and is our second "assistant teacher". He is super creative and has great problem-solving skills. He helps his classmates solve problems as well. It has been a pleasure to watch Elias grow and blossom at school!



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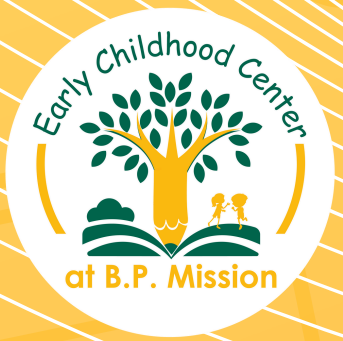
## MADELINE BARBERAN

BP's non-certified staff member of the quarter is Paraeducator Madeline Barberan. Madeline is a very hard worker in the preschool classroom. She works very well with all students. Madeline arrives on time, leaves on time and has a strong work ethic. She has been instrumental in supporting our bi-lingual students to be successful and the classroom run smoothly for all students. And she is teaching Spanish to both the teacher and English Speaking students. Madeline consistently brings a smile and positive outlook to each interaction. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to assist with students and families alike. We are so grateful to have Madeline as part of our BP family.



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## PENNY MCLEAN

BP's Certified Staff member of the quarter is Penny McLean. Penny makes the learning environment come to life for her students to explore and learn new skills. She always has amazing open-ended activities for her students to discover and learn from and helps bring their ideas to life. She puts her whole heart into her students and their learning. Her classroom is inviting with many photos and creative artwork from her students. When walking into her classroom you know that young learners "live" there and what they are learning about in their surrounding community. Penny is a continuous learner and shares resources with colleagues. One look at her classroom shows you all the great learning that is happening in her room. We are so lucky to have Penny as part of our BP Team.





# Student OF THE MONTH

Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School



## AYSEL LOPEZ RODAS

Aysel Lopez Rodas is Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School's student of the month! Aysel is very hardworking, diligent, and organized. She willingly helps her peers in both English and Spanish. Aysel is kind and helpful to her teachers as well as her classmates. She is funny, artistic, creative and is thriving in third grade. We are so lucky to have her in our classes!

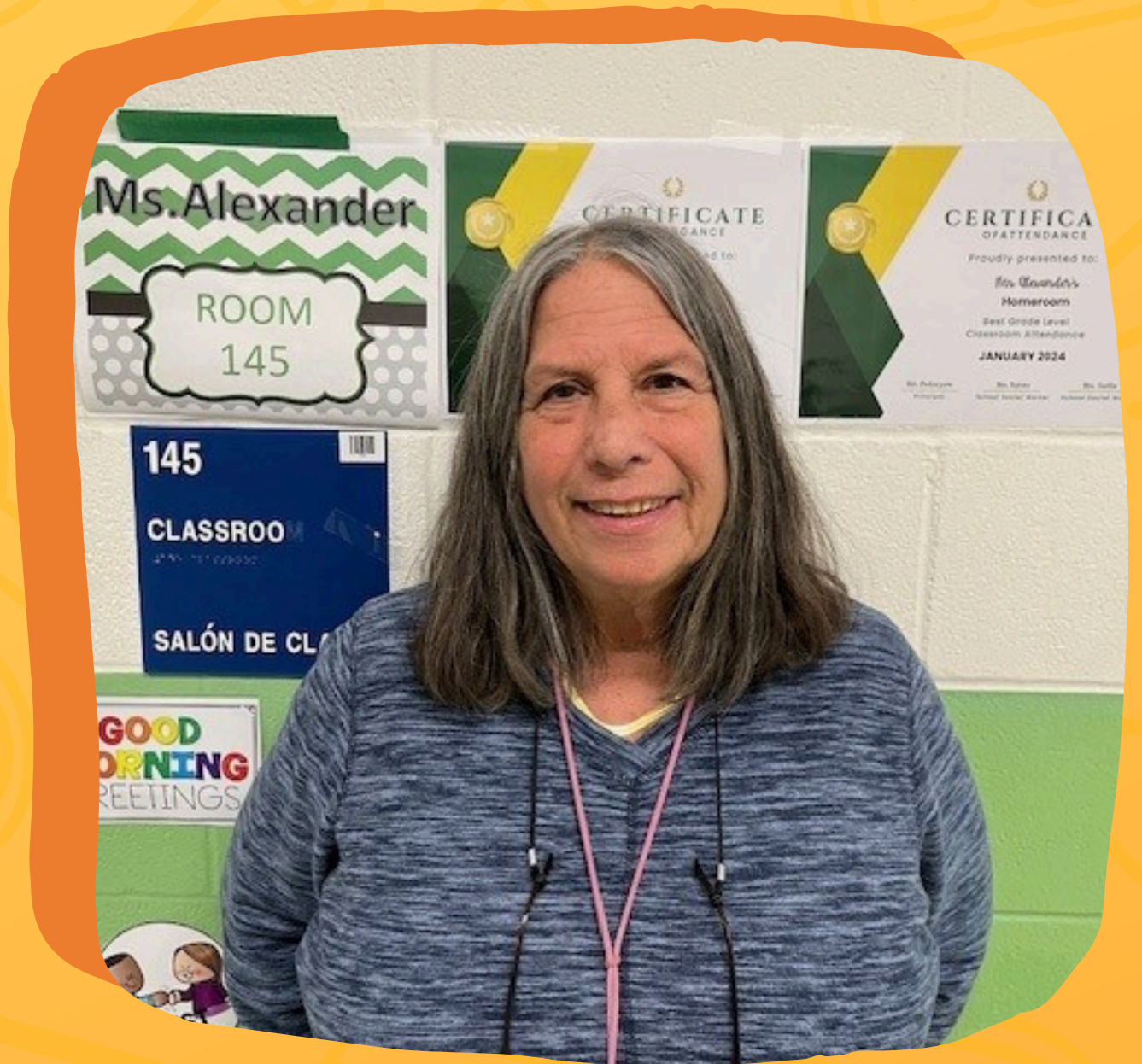


# Employee OF THE QUARTER

Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School

## CAROL SILVA

Carol Silva is a long-time paraeducator of New London Public Schools who joined the staff at Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School in the spring of 2023. She has quietly become one of our most valuable staff members as she is the epitome of reliability and rarely misses a day of school. Her calm, consistent presence provides students with a safe space for learning. Carol independently supports all students no matter the need and cares for every student as if they were part of her own family. Winthrop is a better place because of Carol Silva.





# Employee OF THE QUARTER

Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School

## JENNIFER ALEXANDER

Jennifer Alexander was chosen by her colleagues as Winthrop's Staff Member of the Quarter. She always goes above and beyond and shows so much love for the first graders she teaches. Jen constantly strives to keep her students engaged in math, by exploring multiple strategies to meet the diverse needs of learners. She is dedicated to teaching and inspiring children to learn, which is most evident during her engaging science lessons. Her dedication, creativity, and passion for teaching make her a role model for others and an asset at Winthrop. New London and Winthrop are extremely fortunate to have a teacher of her caliber as a member of our team.





# Student OF THE MONTH

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School



## ALEXIS CANDELARIO

Alexis Candelario is Nathan Hale's 5th Grade Student and Musician of the Month. He is a hard-working student who gives his best effort in all subject areas. Even when work gets challenging, he never gives up. He is a great friend to his peers and treats everyone with kindness. He is a responsible student and very helpful to other students and staff. Alexis is an amazing artist who loves to draw. He is also an outstanding athlete on the basketball court. Alexis is a role model to his peers and the 5th Grade Team is extremely proud of him!

In the Band Room Alexis is a ball of positive energy. He tries very hard and is never discouraged when the material is challenging. He always remembers his Trombone for band and his lighthearted energy makes him a pleasure to have in class. We are proud to have Alexis Candelario as Nathan Hale's Student of the Month!



# Employee OF THE QUARTER

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School



## MAMIE BAUDUCCIO-ROCK

Mamie Bauduccio-Rock is a gem at Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School. She inspires our students to love reading and always goes above and beyond. Mamie is a beacon of positivity and is always willing to share resources and create fun things for the community. She makes Pages

Cafe a safe space for students to unleash their creativity through artwork, play and storytelling. If asked to help plan, Mamie jumps right in sharing creative ideas with the team and has helped with literacy focused goals for the school. We are proud to honor Mamie Bauduccio-Rock as Nathan Hale's non-certified employee of the quarter.





# Employee OF THE QUARTER

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School



## KIM FLANAGAN

Kim Flanagan is a dedicated teacher who cares for all students and never hesitates to advocate for what is best for them. She truly cares, not only for the students but for their families as well. Kim's passion for doing what is right and good is evident in the support she shows for everyone! Teachers can easily go to Kim for help professionally or to bounce ideas off regarding shared students. She is a true example of patience and support. Kim is a pillar in our Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School Community and we proud to honor Kim Flanagan as Nathan Hale's certified employee of the quarter.







# Student OF THE MONTH

C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School



## YAMILKA CAPELLAN CAMACHO

I am nominating Yamilka Capellan Camacho as student of the month. She consistently demonstrates our EARTH expectations in the ways she assists her classmates whenever they are in need, takes responsibility for all her learning tasks and thoughtfully contributes to classroom conversations. Not only does she exhibit these characteristics, but she expresses a commitment to always improving herself and our classroom.

Yamilka would like to, one day, be a teacher and she practices leadership skills towards this endeavor every day.





# Employee OF THE QUARTER

*C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School*

## ANGELEAH LEANDRY

Ms. Angeleah is the nomination for the Jennings Non-Certified Employee of the Quarter. She does all that she can to support, guide, and care for students. A dissertation could be written to explain how blessed Jennings is to have a TEAM that is transparent with each other to be honest about our mistakes, trust in one another, and work seamlessly together to support ALL students.







# Employee OF THE QUARTER

C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School

## OLIVIA CARNEY

Although a first-year teacher, Olivia has taken several changes to her schedule and team gracefully. She seeks out how to improve her teaching. She is patient and kind with the students at all times. She covered for her co-teacher when no plans were given upon that teacher's absence, which proves she is dedicated to go beyond her responsibilities.







# Student OF THE MONTH

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus

## AVIELLA-MAY EDWARDS

The Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus is thrilled to recognize Aviella-May Edwards as our Student of the Month. Avi is one of our 5th graders and is an exemplary student in all subjects.

She always tries her hardest, participates, and takes risks in the classroom. She is incredibly motivated to learn, and she is a joy to teach. Avi is also very kind to her classmates. She is a great friend to her peers and is frequently a voice of reason for them. Avi is respectful, responsible, and safe, and she is a fantastic member of our school community. Congratulations Avi!





# Employee OF THE QUARTER

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus

## LANDON PEABODY

We are excited to announce that Landon Peabody has been selected as the Non-Certified Employee of the Quarter at the Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus! For the past two years, Mr. Peabody has been a dedicated hybrid substitute teacher, forming strong connections with both students and staff. He is dependable, kind, and always willing to step in wherever needed. Whether covering a class, assisting a colleague, or simply offering a friendly greeting, he brings a positive and supportive energy to our school every day. Mr. Peabody's flexibility and strong work ethic make him an invaluable part of our community. He is someone we can always count on—reliable, adaptable, and eager to help in any way he can. But beyond his hard work, it's his kindness and friendly demeanor that truly set him apart. His ability to make students and staff feel comfortable and supported makes a lasting impact. Thank you, Mr. Peabody, for your dedication, positivity, and unwavering commitment to our school. Congratulations Mr. Peabody!





# Employee OF THE QUARTER

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus

## SHAMSIAH ABDULMUKMIN (MS. SHAMI)

We are delighted to announce that Ms. Shami has been chosen as our Certified Employee of the Quarter at the Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Middle School Campus! As a 7th-grade math teacher, she pours her heart into her students every single day. Whether she's making math fun, encouraging kids to take risks, or simply sharing a laugh, she creates a classroom where students feel valued, challenged, and capable of more than they ever imagined. But Ms. Shami's impact goes far beyond the classroom. She brings warmth and positivity to everyone she encounters. She's the kind of person who can lift your spirits with just a smile, the kind of teacher who chooses to eat lunch in the cafeteria with students because she truly enjoys their company. She finds joy in the little moments—laughing with colleagues, celebrating student successes, and showing up every day with unwavering dedication. Through challenges big and small, Ms. Shami remains a source of strength and inspiration. She embodies what it means to be an incredible teacher, colleague, and human being. Our school is better because of her, and we are beyond grateful to have her as part of our community. Congratulations, Ms. Shami—you are truly one of a kind!







# Student OF THE MONTH

New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus



## JAIRO VASQUEZ

New London High School Multimagnet Campus is proud to honor Jairo Vasquez as our Student of the Month. Jairo's unwavering dedication, strong work ethic, and attention to detail make him an invaluable contributor to our school's mission of being United in Excellence.

Jairo is a senior with an impressive 4.55 GPA, while also being a student whose primary language is Spanish. Despite language barriers, he excels in our Manufacturing program, demonstrating remarkable perseverance as he takes the necessary steps to fully understand and master the material. Always focused and committed to excellence, Jairo sets a high standard for himself and those around him. His outstanding efforts and determination make him a true role model for his peers, and we are proud of the work he has put into being an exemplar student.



# Employee OF THE QUARTER

New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus



## LUIS BONET

Congratulations to Luis Bonet, our non-certified Employee of the Quarter! Mr. Bonet's hard work and dedication ensure that our campus remains a safe, healthy, and welcoming place for all. Whether he's maintaining our facilities, weathering storms, or fostering positive connections with staff and students, his efforts do not go unnoticed.

Luis is always willing to help any member of our school community, embodying a true team spirit. He takes immense pride in our school and sets high standards for his team, encouraging the same strong work ethic in those around him. His leadership fosters a culture where the entire staff models a "how can I help?" attitude, creating a supportive and collaborative environment for everyone. We are incredibly grateful for his reliability, positivity, and unwavering support. Thank you, Mr. Bonet, for all that you do to make our school a better place!





# Employee OF THE QUARTER

New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus



## MARIETTE OGG

Congratulations to Mariette Ogg, our certified Employee of the Quarter! Mariette is a shining example of kindness, leadership, and dedication. She consistently receives praise from students for her unwavering support, motivation, and ability to create a safe and welcoming classroom where all learners feel encouraged to take risks and grow.

Mariette also goes above and beyond, just as many of our outstanding educators do, by showing up to after-school and evening events such as dances, the Military Ball, school plays, NJROTC potluck, and many sporting events including football, basketball and unified sports. Like so many of our amazing staff, she understands the importance of building lasting relationships with students and serves as a trusted adult for so many of our wonderful learners. Her passion for teaching, commitment to student success, and dedication to our school community make her an invaluable part of our team. Thank you, Mariette Ogg, for all that you do!





# Student OF THE MONTH



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New London Adult & Continuing Education



## DEISI SANCHEZ

Deisi Sanchez Arcentales is from Ecuador and works at Stoneridge Senior Living in Mystic, CT. She attended both ESL programs at Stoneridge while also attending the ESL program at NLAE. Deisi is resilient and responsible and always maintains a positive attitude towards learning. She is kind-hearted and loves to help those around her. Her presence in class is uplifting and rewarding, as she frequently asks questions and shares insightful anecdotes that relate to the lessons.

Deisi's goal is to improve her English so she can become a CNA and provide even more support to the seniors at her workplace. When she talks about the various situations she has encountered, her eyes light up because she genuinely loves helping those in need. Deisi knows that becoming a nurse's assistant will allow her to make an even greater impact on the lives of the seniors she cares for.

Congratulations Deisi!



# Employee OF THE QUARTER

Central Office

## HSIN-YI HUANG

We would like to congratulate Hsin – Yi Huang as the Employee of the Quarter for Central Office. She has received several praises for the work that she has done not only for the School and Family Support Department but for the district as well.

One Central Office staff member said, "Hsin has always been very helpful and kind. She has a positive attitude and always willing to help."

Another Central Office staff member stated, "she is always friendly and willing to assist with whatever is needed."





# Special Recognition



## PAIGE TRUE

We are so excited to celebrate Paige True. Paige is the Head Teacher at B.P. Learned. Over the past year Paige has organized, coordinated, and lead the B.P. team to successfully attain NAEYC accreditation. We are so grateful for her dedication and hard work to the our youngest learners. Thank you, Paige for everything you have done to make B.P. such a success.



# Special Recognition



## KATHY BRODASKI

Tonight we shout out the hard work of one of our Assistant Principal's, Ms. Kathy Brodaski, whose dedication, expertise, and leadership are making a profound impact on our high school campus. Kathy is a strong instructional leader and data guru, who consistently uses data-driven insights to support student growth and success. Her deep commitment to our students is evident in the way she monitors and supports their progress, ensuring every learner receives the guidance and encouragement they need to thrive.

Beyond student success, she is also a champion for our educators—organizing differentiated professional development that meets the needs of our staff and strengthens instruction across the school. Kathy takes time to enlist others, including students, to develop and co-lead engaging professional development offerings to include teambuilding and healthy habits learning together too! Her work is highly respected, and her leadership helps foster a culture of continuous learning and excellence. Thank you, Kathy, for your unwavering dedication to students, staff, and academic achievement! We are so grateful for all you do!



# Special Recognition

## PHIL ORBE

Tonight, we shout out and thank Mr. Phil Orbe, our Assistant Director for Health and PE and our Athletic Director. Phil continuously leads with passion, dedication, purpose, and excellence! His commitment to our student-athletes goes beyond the game as he works to build strong academic achievers, leaders, teamwork, and a culture of success.

I want to thank Phil for not only what he does to support our athletes in their pursuit of excellence, but also for the time he takes to publicly celebrate their achievements. On his own accord, Phil captures and writes about our student athlete's success stories weekly. He takes time to also highlight our dedicated coaches and the upcoming sports schedules, thus promoting the entire athletics department. These personalized highlights remind us of all of the hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship that define our teams and help keep our entire district informed, engaged, and inspired. Phil, your leadership strengthens our school community. We are so grateful for all that you do!

