

32nd Annual

**East Brunswick Education Foundation
Partner in Excellence Dinner
and Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony**

2026



April 29, 2026

Honoring

Alexia DeLuca • Megan Fischer

Dr. Renee Soccodato • Robert Zuckerman

Inducting

Dr. Samuel Blackman • Aditi Kinkhabwala

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East Brunswick Education Foundation

2026 Partner in Excellence Award Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Welcome

Randy Gagnon, President
East Brunswick Education Foundation

**Partner in Excellence
Award Presentation**

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Acceptance of Award

Dr. Renee Soccodato

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Remarks

Dr. Edward Bucior
East Brunswick High School

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Elizabeth Kenny-Stein, Liaison
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Dr. Marianne Tanious, President
East Brunswick Board of Education

Remarks

Dr. Evelyn Mamman, Superintendent
East Brunswick Public Schools

Remarks

Dr. Dana Zimbicki, President
East Brunswick Education Association

Proclamations

Mayor Brad Cohen
East Brunswick Township



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Resolutions

**Senator Patrick Diegnan, Assemblyman Rob Karabinchak
and Assemblyman Sterley Stanley**
The 18th District

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Music By

EBHS Honors Chamber Orchestra
Conducted by Dr. Arvin Gopal

Flowers By

Christy's Florist



2026 Partner in Excellence

Alexia DeLuca



Alexia DeLuca is a dedicated and dynamic educator who has been an integral part of the East Brunswick Public Schools community since February 2013. Her journey in education began when she joined Churchill Junior High School as a mathematics teacher, where she quickly distinguished herself not only through her effective and engaging classroom instruction but also through her commitment to curricular innovation. During her tenure as a math teacher, Alexia was the recipient of numerous grants awarded by the East Brunswick Education Foundation, many of which directly enriched and expanded the mathematics curriculum for students at Churchill. Her creative approach to learning and unwavering commitment to student achievement made her a beloved teacher and a respected leader within the school.

In September 2020, Alexia transitioned into the role of Instructional Coach at Churchill Junior High School, a position that allowed her to extend her impact beyond the math department. In this collaborative role, she worked closely with colleagues across various subject areas, providing pedagogical support, sharing best practices, and helping to drive data-informed instructional decisions. One of her most notable contributions during this time was her continued success in securing East Brunswick Education Foundation grants, this time not just for mathematics, but in partnership with teachers from multiple disciplines. Her ability to write compelling and purposeful grants helped bring a wide array of enriching programs and resources into classrooms throughout the school.

Her most recent and current role is that of Assistant Principal at Churchill Junior High School, a position that fully capitalizes on her leadership, organization, and passion for student success. In this role, Alexia oversees academic programs, supports teacher development, ensures student welfare, and plays an instrumental role in upholding the school's high standards of excellence. She brings a collaborative leadership style, deep knowledge of curriculum and instruction, and a student-centered mindset to all she does.

Throughout all stages of her career in East Brunswick, Alexia has also proudly served as the East Brunswick Education Foundation's Student Association Liaison. In this capacity, she has organized and led the Student Association at Churchill Junior High School, helping students connect with the larger mission of the Foundation while empowering them to take on leadership roles within their school community. Her efforts have created meaningful opportunities for students to engage in service, advocacy, and school pride, making a lasting impact on the school's culture.

Alexia's career reflects a deep commitment to excellence, innovation, and community. Whether in the classroom, coaching educators, or in administration, she has remained focused on one central goal: helping every student thrive. Her work continues to shape the future of Churchill Junior High School and serves as a testament to the power of passionate, purposeful educational leadership.

Alexia is grateful for, and humbled by, the recognition she is receiving from the East Brunswick Education Foundation. She is deeply appreciative of the support and encouragement of her community and credits much of her success to the love and balance she finds at home with her family. Spending time with her husband, Michael, and their children, Carmine and Elliana, keeps her grounded and inspired, reminding her daily of the values that guide her work and her commitment to education and service.



2026 Partner in Excellence

Megan Fischer



Since Megan was young, she had always wanted to be a teacher. She also wanted to be a mermaid, but teaching was more attainable. Her journey with East Brunswick Public Schools began at Central School as a student teacher, followed by a brief stint as an instructional assistant. After earning her degree in Special Education from Kean University, Megan launched her teaching career in the district's esteemed Autism program at Central. She went on to teach in the resource center and an in-class support teacher as well. During her time at Central, Megan was known for her commitment to equity, access, and inclusion for her students and her homemade Halloween costumes. Megan served as the teacher liaison to the East Brunswick Education Foundation and volunteered at Foundation events. One of her most memorable grants brought Junie B. Jones books into the homes of every first grader in the spring of 2020, to celebrate a very different kind of Field Day with a virtual read-aloud.

In 2021, Megan earned her Master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from TCNJ and moved across town for the final year of Hammar skjold Middle School. There, she advocated for her students' social, emotional, and academic needs. From HMS to HUES, Megan embraced new challenges herself, like teaching 6th grade Social Studies and Life Skills! She continued her work with the Foundation by supporting teachers in their grant writing and serving as EBEF's recording secretary.

Megan's inability to say no to people led her to co-organize the inaugural EBEF Bear Crawl 5K in 2023. It has grown to over 600 participants this year. Bear Crawl "season" is the kind of craziness Megan relishes in: complete with spreadsheets, early-morning panic texts to co-organizer Katie Motusesky, and plenty of laughs. The event's success would not be possible without the friends, colleagues, and family she has roped into volunteering.

Megan's latest adventure began in 2024, when she left the classroom to become the district's Special Education Instructional Coach. No matter her role, Megan is grateful for the experiences and opportunities she's had in the district. She has been lucky to learn more from her students and coworkers than she could ever articulate and has made some of her closest friends. Since her days of playing teacher, Megan has been supported by her immediate and extended family in all her endeavors. Megan is truly honored to be recognized by the Foundation, whose mission and work she deeply believes in.



2026 Partner in Excellence

Dr. Renee Soccodato



Renee Soccodato is honored to be recognized as an EBEF Partner in Excellence this evening. Her relationship with the Foundation over the years has served to be an invaluable source of experiences for her students. Her education began at the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Music degree. She followed with a Master of Music Education degree from Westminster Choir Conservatory at Rider University and continued her academic studies, with a doctorate in Educational Administration through Walden University.

Renee is happy to be sharing this evening with her husband Ron, and kids, Bella, Ava and Rocco, as well as her dad, known by many as “Papa Nick”. Renee has loved being a member of the Warnsdorfer and East Brunswick Education family for thirty years, where she has spent many years dedicating herself to the education of her students. Each year, Renee’s goal is to bring new and creative learning experiences and opportunities to both the classroom, as

well as the entire Warnsdorfer Community. The East Brunswick Education Foundation has been instrumental in fulfilling these visions. The grants provided to our school have funded an incredibly wide range of resources for our students, from purchasing 5-gallon buckets to start up a percussion bucket band, to working with an award-winning music producer and sound designer. Her most notable grants are those which highlight multicultural connections within our community, as well as those grants with a focus on students with special needs.

Multicultural Music Makers

In 2024-2025, students in grades K-4, participated in schoolwide programs, one per month between January and June. The following programs were selected to best represent the cultural population within our school (and district): dance traditions of India, Latin percussion, East African storytelling, music and movement of Muslims, contemporary *a cappella* singing, as well as Japanese festival drumming. Much of today’s music results from fusing or crossing various musical practices to create new ones. One of the reasons for teaching multicultural music is that it helps students understand how musicians (past and present) borrow and adapt musical ideas from different musical styles and practices.

Music for Everyone: Adapting a Music Curriculum for Children with Autism

The goal of this ongoing project is to provide elementary music teachers with the tools that are very much needed to address our special needs students appropriately. In this way, we can provide for them the best music educational experience we can, according to *their* needs and learning styles. When selecting units for kids with autism, several traits make a contribution to an authentic and meaningful experience: accessibility, sensory considerations, visual appeal and versatility. As we keep exploring the capability of track therapy in supporting people with autism, it’s essential to suggest inclusive practices, reachable resources, and ongoing research in this discipline. Together, we can create a harmonious and enriching environment where each child has the opportunity to thrive and express themselves through the accepted language of music.

Renee is so grateful to the EBEF for all the visions they have brought to life that will have a lasting impact on our students.



2026 Partner in Excellence

Robert Zuckerman



Robert Zuckerman lives in East Brunswick with his wife Heather and their two children. He is proud to call the township home and currently serves as East Brunswick's Economic Development Officer. Rob works closely with local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community members to foster and support our growing business community while serving as a resource for local groups and residents. Rob chairs the township's Business and Economic Growth Committee, which plans East Brunswick's popular spring and summer markets, spearheads Restaurant Week, and brings community leaders together. He also chairs East Brunswick's Film Task Force, which liaises with the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission to bring artistic projects to the township. In this role, Rob obtained recognition for East Brunswick as a film ready municipality. Previously, Rob served as Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Sterley Stanley and Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin.

Rob has spent much of his career working at the intersection of community development and public service. After work, he is deeply involved in local civic life. Rob is the President of Mayor Cohen's Charity Fund, a board member of East Brunswick's newly formed Symphony Orchestra, a member of the East Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce, and a board member of Keep Middlesex Moving. He also serves on the committee for the Daniel Pearl Education Center.

Currently, Rob is an elected member of the East Brunswick Democratic Committee. In the past, he has served on the Zoning Board, Municipal Alliance, and other township commissions. He also served as an Assistant Coach for the East Brunswick Baseball and Softball League.

Rob holds a juris doctorate from Rutgers Law School and a bachelor's degree from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He is a strong believer in the power of community service and is honored to be recognized by the East Brunswick Education Foundation.



Alumni Hall of Fame

Dr. Samuel Blackman



Dr. Samuel C. Blackman is an internationally recognized physician-scientist, pediatric neuro-oncologist, and cancer drug developer. Born in Philadelphia and raised in East Brunswick, New Jersey, he is a proud graduate of the East Brunswick public schools, including East Brunswick High School (Class of 1986). He was deeply influenced along the way by teachers such as Mary Brede, David Winter, John Canary, and Robert Warwick, who helped inspire his love of literature, writing, and the biological sciences. Dr. Blackman attended the University of Chicago, where he earned a degree in Philosophy in 1990. After several years conducting clinical research in anesthesia and critical care medicine, he pursued an MD and PhD in pharmacology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His training continued at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and later at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston Children's Hospital, and Harvard Medical School, where he developed a lifelong commitment to caring for children with cancer, blood disorders, especially children living with brain tumors.

Following his clinical training, Dr. Blackman transitioned to oncology drug development, holding senior roles at Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Seattle Genetics, Juno Therapeutics, Silverback Therapeutics, and Mavupharma. Over the next decade, he led early clinical development for more than a dozen novel cancer therapeutics, including the pediatric program for dabrafenib, which led to the first industry-sponsored pediatric oncology basket trial and FDA approval for children with BRAF-mutant brain tumors.

In 2018, Dr. Blackman co-founded Day One Biopharmaceuticals with Julie Grant of Canaan Partners, establishing the first biotech company dedicated to developing new therapies for children with cancer. As Chief Medical Officer and Head of Research & Development, he helped raise over \$1 billion in capital and guided the company's lead drug, tovorafenib (OJEMDA™), to FDA approval in 2024 as the first new treatment for the most common form of childhood brain tumor.

He is currently an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at GV (Google Ventures) and serves on the boards of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, Pheon Therapeutics, Bonum Therapeutics, Presage Biosciences, and the Orcas Island Public Library. Outside of his professional pursuits, Sam is an accomplished writer and two-time Moth GrandSLAM storytelling champion whose performances have aired on NPR's *The Moth Radio Hour*. He lives on Orcas Island, Washington, with his wife, Julie McNeill, and enjoys baking and adventure travel, having summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2024 and reached Everest Base Camp in 2022.



Alumni Hall of Fame

Aditi Kinkhabwala



Aditi Kinkhabwala just completed her fourth season as an NFL sideline reporter at CBS and a contributor across all CBS Sports platforms. She appears on broadcast TV, CBS' streaming channel *CBS Sports HQ* and the company's social channels, and also writes on [cbssports.com](https://www.cbssports.com). She is a regular panelist and host on CBS' *We Need To Talk*, and appears on 93.7 *The Fan* in Pittsburgh and the *Ultimate Cleveland Sports Show* in Cleveland weekly.

From 2012-2022, Aditi served as a national correspondent at the NFL Network, appearing on the network's full gamut of shows. She also co-hosted the "*NFL Explained*" podcast, taking fans behind-the-scenes of the inner workings of the NFL.

Prior to joining NFL Network, Aditi was a newspaper writer. She spent two years covering the NFL at *The Wall Street Journal*, but she began her career writing about high school football at the *San Antonio Express-News* - before moving to *The Record* in New Jersey, where she covered college

football and men's and women's college basketball. She wrote a weekly column for Sports Illustrated's website, SI.com, during that time too.

Aditi sits on the boards of the Children's Home of Pittsburgh, a nonprofit pediatric specialty hospital, and the NFL Player Care Foundation, which helps former NFL players. She graduated from Cornell University with honors, and with a degree in American Studies. Aditi currently lives in Pittsburgh with her husband (a Steelers season-ticket holder), her 10-year old son (a card-carrying member of Bills' mafia) and her six-year old daughter (who was born in Cleveland and claims she's a Browns fan). It is Aditi's responsibility to keep the peace.



East Brunswick Education Foundation

In Support of Excellence

The East Brunswick Education Foundation (EBEF) is an independent, non-profit corporation created in 1993 by parents, citizens and members of the local business community to support programs designed to enhance and enrich the curriculum in the East Brunswick Public Schools.

The Foundation raises funds for grants for instructional projects designed to have a positive impact on learning. It also develops partnerships with local businesses, sponsors events for the entire community and builds links among the schools, residents, businesses, government and civic organizations.

Since its inception, the EBEF has awarded over 1,800 grants totalling over \$3.4 million to teachers throughout the district. The funds have provided a variety of projects, including guest speakers, visiting artists, programs related to history, science, mathematics and world cultures, and purchases of special supplies and materials. The projects may be geared to one or more classes, an entire school or the whole district.

For further information about the EBEF and how you can help, please visit our website: www.EBEF.org.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Student Association

In collaboration with the administration at East Brunswick High School, the EBEF launched the EBEF Student Association, to mirror the Foundation's philanthropic activities in school. The Student Association is run by a group of students who are "hired" to run the organization after a series of interviews with EBEF members and Faculty Liaisons. The organization is run by students, with the support and guidance of Liaison Marilyn Edge. Recently the EBEF Student Association has expanded to Churchill Junior High School with the support and guidance of Liaison Alexia DeLuca.

The charter of the group is similar to the EBEF - they raise money to fund grants for clubs and activities at EBHS and CJHS. When the EBEF launched the Student Association, Dr. Vinella established the policy that only student leaders of a club, not the faculty advisors, can write the grants to the Allocations Committee for approval. Since inception, the EBEF Student Association has awarded \$50,000 in grants.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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CJHS ADVISOR: Alexia DeLuca



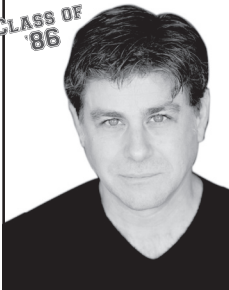
East Brunswick Education Foundation

Alumni Hall of Fame

The EBEF with support from members of the East Brunswick High School administration has created the Alumni Hall of Fame to establish a link to alumni that can have benefits for both the alumni and current students. Inductees must have had notable accomplishments since graduation in the areas of Academics, Athletics and the Arts. In addition to notable accomplishments, it is important that the alumni have a stellar reputation in their field, and represent the District in a positive light and be role models for current students.

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF '86



- Award winning lyricist for stage and screen
- 2011 Grammy Award Winner — Best Song Written for Visual Media — I See The Light (from Tangled)
- Multiple Tony, Grammy, Emmy, Olivier and Drama Desk Award Nominations

GLENN SLATER
INDUCTED 2019

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF '03



- Professional soccer midfielder
- 3 time Olympic Gold Medalist (2004, 2008, 2012) as a member of the United States Women's National Soccer Team
- FIFA World Cup Championship (2002)

HEATHER O'REILLY
INDUCTED 2019

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF '82



Executive Managing Member of Davidson Kempner Capital Management

Member of the Board of Directors of PRINCO

Member of the Board of Trustees of Princeton University

Serves on the investment committee of The New York Public Library

Early backer and long-time board member of DonorsChoose

TONY YOSELOFF
INDUCTED 2020

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF '05



CLASS OF '05



2019 WINNERS of Academy Award and BAFTA for Best Adapted Screenplay (along with Spike Lee) as Co-Producers and Co-Writers of BlackKkKlansman

Currently working on an adaptation of New York Times best selling author Casey Sherman's book on the creation of the witness protection program

CHARLIE WACHTEL AND DAVID RABINOWITZ
INDUCTED 2020



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HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF '90

- 23rd Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration 2017-2019
- Elected member of the National Academy of Medicine
- Recognized by Fortune Magazine as one of the "World's 50 Greatest Leaders" in 2018 and 2019

DR. SCOTT GOTTLIEB
INDUCTED 2022

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF '12

- 2015 NCAA National Champion in Discus Throw and Scholar Athlete of the Year
- 2019 USA Outdoor Track and Field National Champion in Discus Throw
- 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics, Discus Throw

SAM MATTIS
INDUCTED 2022

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF '88

- US Drug Enforcement Agency Administrator as of June 28, 2021
- New Jersey Attorney General from 2007 to 2010
- Awarded the Department of Justice Commendation for Outstanding Service and the Department of Justice Director's Award for her work in prosecuting human trafficking crimes

ANNE MILGRAM
INDUCTED 2023

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME

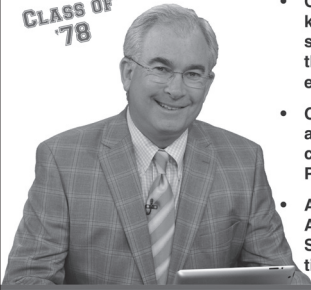


CLASS OF '84

- Author and Illustrator of many children's books, including two which were made into movies, *Wonderstruck* and *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* (Academy Award winning Hugo)
- Puppeteer who has created pieces for both children and adult audiences
- Audiobook for *Big Tree*, named by the New York Times as one of 2023's Best Books, was nominated for a Grammy

BRIAN SELZNICK
INDUCTED 2024

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME



CLASS OF '78

- One of Philadelphia's best known and most-respected sports media figures, covering the city's teams, athletes and events for over three decades
- Currently the host of Phillies' and Eagles' pre and postgame coverage on NBC Sports Philadelphia
- Awarded six Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards and named Pennsylvania Sportscaster of the Year seven times

MICHAEL BARKANN
INDUCTED 2024



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HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF '00



- Partner Emeritus at Y Combinator
- Founder of Justin.tv/ Twitch, acquired by Amazon
- Founder of Socialcam, acquired by Autodesk
- Member of Board of Directors of Reddit and Dropbox

MICHAEL SEIBEL
INDUCTED 2025

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF '10



- Creator, author and illustrator of webcomic Paranatural since 2010
- College Emmy Award winner for his thesis web musical "Everything's Fine: A Panic Attack in D Major"
- Script coordinator and writers' assistant for *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, *Saturday Night Live*, and *The Kids Tonight Show*

ZACK MORRISON
INDUCTED 2025

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF '86



- Led clinical development for multiple cancer therapies, including gaining FDA approval for dabrafenib to treat children with BRAF-mutant brain tumors
- Founded Day One BioPharmaceuticals, first biotech dedicated to developing therapies for children with cancer
- Entrepreneur-in-Residence at GV (Google Ventures)

DR. SAMUEL BLACKMAN
INDUCTED 2026

★ ★ ★ ALUMNI ★ ★ ★
HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF '96



- NFL sideline reporter at CBS appearing on broadcast TV, CBS' streaming channel CBS Sports HQ.
- Served as a national correspondent at the NFL Network, appearing on many of their shows
- Sports writer at the Wall Street Journal

ADITI KINKHABWALA
INDUCTED 2026



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East Brunswick Education Foundation

Partners in Excellence

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Charles M. King -1996
Amy Fisher & Jules Frankel -1997
Melvin L. Benjamin & Gerald M. Ostrov -1998
Patrick Galager & Nancy Paulson -1999
Senator Jack Sinagra & John Calimano - 2000
Dr. David Seiden & PNC Bank - 2001
Mayor William P. Neary & Linda Greenfield/Greenfield Jewelers - 2002
Monté Block & Jeff Venezia/Venezia & Associates - 2003
Congressman Rush Holt & Dr. Jo Ann Magistro - 2004
Dr. Howard Sorkin & Kenneth Kohn/Gabowitz T.V. & Appliance - 2005
Paul Schoen, The Provident Bank & University Radiology Group - 2006
Chris Cimino, David Himelman, Central Jersey Oncology Center &
The Hilton East Brunswick - 2007
Stephanie Margolies, Susan Pomerantz, Constantine Katsifis &
Saint Peter's University Hospital - 2008
Anthony Yoseloff, Mary Ann Savino, Dan Moran &
Advanced Otolaryngology Associates - 2009
Carlotta Miller, JoAnn Yonchiuk, Larry Solomon &
Sherri Moskowitz/InnerWorkings - 2010
Hank Stankiewicz, Vickie Albert, Stuart Kohn/Miller's Rentals,
Ellen Shur & John LaCarrubba - 2011
Patricia LaDuca, Thomas Smith, Dr. Andrew Boyarsky,
Rollie Davis & Stuart Davis/Davis Realtors & Marilyn Friedes - 2012
Norma Comerford, Lois Moskowitz, Eighteen Lumber &
Stephen Jones/ Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital - 2013
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Glenn Slater, Mayor Brad J. Cohen, Dr. Dana Zimbicki & Jack Levitt - 2018
Dr. Michael Gaskell, JoAnn Peterson, Donna Morelli & Dr. Rongsun Pu - 2019
JoAnn Chmielowicz, Leslie Anderson & Jane Mueller - 2020
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Jessica DiBenedetti, Lisa Ruggiero, Elizabeth Stankiewicz & Austin C. Kosik, Jr. - 2025



East Brunswick Education Foundation

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of the EBEF,

Welcome to the 32nd Annual *Partner in Excellence Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction!*

This past year has truly been one to remember — marked by an incredible number of grants awarded and total dollars raised. With the steadfast support of our community, district faculty and staff, and our tremendously dedicated board of volunteers, the Foundation has come a long way since its inception in 1993. As we look to the future, we are aiming higher than ever to continue our mission of enhancing and enriching the curriculum for the students of East Brunswick Public Schools.

Tonight, we celebrate some extraordinary individuals who have partnered with us in this mission and whose dedication continues to make a lasting impact.

Over the past year:

- Our EBEF Bear Crawl drew a record turnout of more than 700 runners.
- The annual Barnes & Noble Book Fair continued its success with strong community participation.
- The Grants Committee worked tirelessly to distribute funding to programs that enrich student learning throughout the district.
- We collaborated with community partners for a local dunk tank fundraiser, adding both fun and support to our efforts.
- EBEF remained committed to the arts by co-sponsoring the Celebration of the Arts with the East Brunswick Symphony Orchestra

The EBEF Student Association also had an outstanding year—growing its membership, awarding grants, hosting creative fundraising events, and finding innovative ways to write and fund student-led initiatives. Their enthusiasm and leadership continue to inspire us all.

Tonight, we honor our *2026 Partners in Excellence*—a group of truly deserving individuals whose passion and service embody the spirit of our Foundation:

- Robert Zuckerman, the East Brunswick Township Economic Development Officer and long-serving community advocate.
- Alexia DeLuca, Chair of the Partner in Excellence Dinner and Assistant Principal at Churchill Junior High School.
- Megan Fischer, Chair of the EBEF Bear Crawl and Special Education Instructional Coach.
- Dr. Renee Soccodato, educator and valued partner and steadfast supporter of arts education, helping to foster a deep appreciation for the arts among students.



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Letter from the President

We also proudly induct our Class of 2026 Alumni Hall of Fame honorees, exemplary role models for our graduates:

- Dr. Samuel Blackman, physician-scientist specializing in pediatric hematology/oncology and neuro-oncology.
- Aditi Kinkhabwala, acclaimed American sports journalist and reporter.

Please take a moment this evening to congratulate all of our honorees and thank them for the good they bring to others.

Thank you for joining us tonight and for your continued support of the East Brunswick Education Foundation. As Mother Teresa so beautifully reminded us, *"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving."*

With appreciation and gratitude,

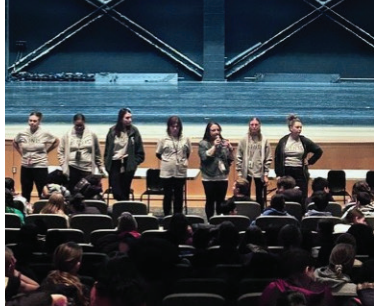
Randy Gagnon
President



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WE THE PEOPLE GRANT

With this grant, the Foundation matches amounts donated by outside donors in support of East Brunswick High School students' participation in the National We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Competition. Among these supporters are East Brunswick High School alumni, parents, teachers, local businesses, and community organizations.

East Brunswick High School - We the People National Competition

Marc Mondry and Ellen Spivey

Seniors enrolled in the *AP United States Government and Politics* course competed in the *New Jersey We the People Competition* where they earned the State Championship title and the opportunity to represent New Jersey at the national competition in Washington DC. This is the 38th out of a possible 39 times that EBHS students have won this honor. EBEF funds will match those donated by supporters to defray the cost of the trip to DC.

MICHAEL SEIBEL GRANT

A substantial donation from EBHS alumnus Michael Seibel, EBHS Class of 2000, will be utilized to support enhancements to three thriving EBHS Programs: IPLE, Robotics, and E-Sports.

East Brunswick High School – Michael Seibel Donation

Dr. Edward Bucior

This allocation will directly support students, advisors, and the continued expansion of opportunities in civic education, STEM, and competitive gaming. Each program has developed a multi-year vision, including national competitions, alumni engagement, and long-term sustainability. This grant will ensure these programs reach their potential by reducing financial burdens on families, expanding access, and creating opportunities for students to engage in authentic, high level academic and co-curricular experiences.



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FIRST LADY OF THE FOUNDATION GRANTS

These grants, awarded during the fall of each year for amounts that are more than a mini grant, recognize Amy Fisher, a co-founder and past honoree of the Foundation. Amy was instrumental in the Foundation's successful growth.

East Brunswick High School – *Design to Dollars*

Pat DiGioacchino and Andrew Scanlon

The goal of this project is to transform an existing high school silk screen printing course into a fully operational, student-run design and production studio called the *Entrepreneurial Design Workshop*. This hands-on course will provide students in grades 10-12 with practical, real-world experience in graphic production, entrepreneurship, and client-based project management. By treating the course like a business, students will develop technical, creative, and professional skills that align with both career and technical education pathways and 21st-century job markets. Funding will support the purchase of professional-grade equipment, including an embroidery machine, a vinyl cutting machine, a sublimation printer, a high-quality sticker printer, as well as smaller tools for creating custom items like buttons and magnets. Students will take on real “client” work from school-based stakeholder - clubs, sports teams, booster organizations, etc. - to fulfill custom orders that include apparel, posters, promotional items, and merchandise for sale in the school store. Collaboration with the Special Education department, which manages the school store, will allow for cross-disciplinary learning. Over time, the studio will aim to expand its services to local businesses and community organizations.

Hammarckjold Upper Elementary School – *Prompting Student Engagement, Productivity and Social Emotional Health through Play and Physical Activity at HUES*

Lisa Ruggiero, Joseph Bondi, Stacy Corsale, and the HUES Student Council

Throughout the school year Student Council members, in concert with their advisor, have held conversations with their peers related to improving the overall learning experience at HUES. The culmination of these conversations resulted in a vision for a multi-phase enhancement of the campus to better meet the needs of students socially, emotionally, and academically. This grant will provide the means to begin to fulfil this shared vision. Funds will be used to transform the HUES field into a space where students can engage in popular games and activities, like *Gaga Ball* and *Ultra Toss*, during recess and physical education classes. Research has shown that providing structured activities outside of the academic classroom can indeed lead to a more positive and improved learning environment.

Lawrence Brook Elementary School - *Built the Bear Way PBIS at Lawrence Brook School*

JoAnn Peterson, Tara Corcoran-Clark, Alissa Pagano, and Peter DiBernardi

Research has shown that *Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support* (PBIS) programs improve student behavior, school climate, and instructional time in elementary schools. This grant will support the implementation of a school-wide PBIS framework to promote positive behavior, strengthen social-emotional development, and create a consistent, supportive learning environment that maximizes instructional time and student success. Funding will provide the means to reward positive behaviors that will ultimately ensure that everyone involved in the school community - students, staff, and families - on the same page; everyone will play a role in cultivating an even better, more optimistic and encouraging learning environment than already exists!



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Churchill Junior High School - *Harmony and Stage: Innovative Performance Spaces*

Jami De Siena and Lynne Elson

CJHS choral, instrumental, and drama programs blend live performances and film innovations to deliver exceptional arts experiences for all students. Grant funds will allow for the purchase of two *flipForm* platforms to be used both during in-class rehearsals and performances for the drama, chorus, band, and orchestra programs. FlipFORMS are lightweight, versatile, multiposition platforms for classroom or performance use. They are easy to move and can be flipped into whatever shape is needed. The flipForms will enhance the curriculum by improving overall sound projection, enhancing visual presentation, and creativity of performance spaces.

CLASS OF 1989 MEMORIAL GRANT

The East Brunswick High School Class of 1989 has generously funded this grant, matched by the East Brunswick Education Foundation, in memory of classmates that have passed away.

East Brunswick High School – *Fences for AP Literature*

Elizabeth Kenny-Stein, Matthew Janson, and Chantal Hagan

Tickets for 50 students to attend a performance of the play *Fences* at Playhouse 22 will be purchased with grant funds. *Fences* by August Wilson, explores family, race, social class, dreams, and has been part of the AP Literature curriculum for ten years. Few things are more inspiring in an English class than experiencing a live performance of a piece of literature that they have studied or will study in class.

DR. DAVID LLOYD KABUS **FOUNDATION MEMORIAL GRANT**

On an annual basis, the Kabus Foundation provides a significant donation that will be matched by the East Brunswick Education Foundation. To highlight Dr. Kabus' love of the sciences, this grant is directed to the East Brunswick High School's Science Department for programs that advance learning, research and progress in the sciences. Dr. David Lloyd Kabus graduated from East Brunswick High School in 1981. He was valedictorian and won the Bausch and Lomb Science Award.

East Brunswick High School - Biotechnology and Chemistry Labs in Forensic Science

Beth Shobe and Tracey Pannapara

The *Forensic Science* elective provides students with an introduction to scientific methods used in criminal investigations. This project will expand laboratory-based instruction by introducing three hands-on forensic investigations focused on toxicology, chemistry, and biotechnology. Students will analyze simulated evidence using techniques modeled after professional crime laboratories. Technologies include immunological testing, chemical analysis, and chromatography. These experiences will strengthen scientific reasoning, data analysis, and career awareness while maintaining instructional quality.



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MARIO “CHIC” DE CAROLIS MEMORIAL MUSIC GRANT

This annual grant has been funded by donations from the family and friends of Mario “Chic” DeCarolis, who devoted his life to teaching music in the East Brunswick community for over 30 years. In his memory, this grant, matched by the Foundation, will fund special events, guest musicians, and other projects that benefit East Brunswick music students.

Hammarskjold Upper Elementary School, Churchill Junior High School, and East Brunswick High School – 17th Annual Night of Jazz

Michelle DaGrosa

The 17th Annual “Night of Jazz” will take place on, April 21st featuring the *Rutgers Contemporary Jazz Ensemble*, under the direction of Kenny Davis. The HUES Jazz Band, the CJHS Jazz Ensembles, and the EBHS Jazz Ensemble will also perform. The longstanding program creates a “comradery” and vertical articulation for students in the three schools. During the school day a showcase/masterclass, including a performance by Bassist Mike Noordzy and Pianist Daniel Karnaukh, will take place for EBHS Jazz Ensemble students.

NANCY PAULSON MEMORIAL GRANT

The family and friends of Nancy Paulson have generously funded this grant, matched by the East Brunswick Education Foundation, in memory of this former East Brunswick Board of Education member.

Frost Elementary School – Nancy’s Nest...In honor of Nancy Paulson decades of dedication to the Frost Community

Mina Kim, Alexandra Pisano, and Nyree Delgado

Grant funds will allow for the purchase and installation of smart bird feeders in this very special courtyard, the heartbeat of the school community. These cameras will provide an up-close and personal real-time view, allowing students to observe, learn, and connect with the diverse bird species that inhabit their local ecosystem. The bird feeder cameras will provide a calming and immersive experience that promotes mindfulness and a sense of stewardship towards their environment; connecting with nature has numerous benefits for students’ well-being and academic success.



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DAVID SCHOEN MEMORIAL GRANT

The family and friends of EBEF Treasurer Paul Schoen have generously funded this grant, matched by the East Brunswick Education Foundation, in memory of Paul's twin brother David.

East Brunswick High School – Unlocking Cybersecurity: Exposing the Line Between Security and Security Theater

Haim Cohen

This project will strengthen the cybersecurity curriculum by turning abstract ideas about vulnerabilities into hands-on problem-solving. Lockpicking lets students physically explore the difference between “looking secure” and “being secure,” reinforcing key digital security concepts through direct experience. As students work through progressively challenging locks, they will practice logical reasoning, pattern recognition, and iterative troubleshooting, the same skills used in ethical hacking and cybersecurity analysis. Classroom-safe lockpick sets with a full progression of practice cylinders ranging from 1-pin to 6-pin difficulty levels will be purchased with grant funds. These materials are designed specifically for education and are especially relevant for students who learn best by doing or who enjoy working with tangible systems. Lockpicking enriches the curriculum by blending curiosity, logic, and real-world application in a way that traditional instruction cannot.

NORTHFIELD BANK FOUNDATION GRANT

Funding of this grant has been made possible by the generosity of the Northfield Bank Foundation.

Central and Irwin Elementary Schools - iCreate: Showcasing Artistic Growth in the Digital Age

Angeliki Karakoglou

The goal of this grant is to enhance engagement among elementary students by integrating interactive iPads emphasizing a shift towards a more dynamic learning environment, one that highlights the development of crucial skills focusing on creativity, responsibility, self-reflection, as well as digital literacy and editing. Funds will allow for the purchase of iPads, protective covers, USB cables for charging, and stylus pens that will allow students to create and curate individual digital art portfolios.



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SPECIAL GRANTS

Approved monthly, grants in this category reflect donations made to the Foundation, sometimes in memory of a community member, sometimes anonymously. Donors often designate a specific school, department, team, teacher and/or classroom where they would like the impact of their contribution to be felt.

Central Elementary School - A Birthday, Bulbs and Butterflies...Ruth Pachtman Memorial

Maia Judd

This grant will support and enhance the school community's end-of-the-year celebration, the purpose of which is to honor both Central's 75th birthday and the official revival of the school garden. The program will feature guest speakers from the school, the district, the greater East Brunswick community, and the EBEF. Students and staff will participate in the singing of the "Central School Song", as well as share memories and thoughtful ideas on what it means to be a Central School student. Sure to be a highlight of the event...the chorus' performance of "Ripple", an original composition by Mr. Ryan Brechmacher. They will be accompanied on the piano by guest musician, Mr. Teddy Kernizan.

Administration – East Brunswick Administrators Women in Leadership PLC...Dr. Jo Ann Magistro Leadership Grant

Michelle DaGrosa

The district has a proud, longstanding tradition of empowering women leaders. Building upon this legacy funding for this project will come through the Jo Ann Magistro Leadership Grant Fund to support the launch of a new professional learning community (PLC) focused on women in educational leadership. The aim is to strengthen connections among women leaders and lay the groundwork for an ongoing, sustainable network that will continue beyond this initial launch year. The PLC will meet four times during the 2025-2026 school year. Each meeting will center around the book *Dare to Lead* by Brené Brown. This powerful text, copies of which will be purchased with grant funds, will serve as an anchor for conversations around vulnerability, courage, trust, and leadership-concepts essential to growing as individuals and as a collective leadership team.

East Brunswick High School – Improving Our EBHS Girls' Lacrosse Program...anonymous donor

Jessica Allen

The goal of this grant is to help the athletes get stronger, smarter, and more confident on the field by giving them the tools they need to grow as individual players and as a team. Several key pieces of equipment and technology tools to assist with coaching will be purchased with grant funds.



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BLUE RIBBON GRANTS

These grants are awarded annually, in the Fall, for grant requests between \$2,500 and \$7,500 for special projects or events of enduring value.

Churchill Junior High School – Focus Forward Expanding Student Access in Digital Photography

Darin Amme

This grant will supplement a project funded by the Foundation in 2022 to pilot a new course, *Introduction to Digital Photography*. Since then, the course has grown from benefitting 12 students in one section to now enrolling 20 students in each of five sections. By providing the funding for nine laptop computers, this grant will create an improved student-to-device environment, allowing students to maximize their hands-on time with professional photo-editing software, deepening their technical skills and creative development.

Chittick Elementary School - Leap into Learning: Math and Literacy in Motion

Kelly Stalling, Kristy Cognata, Lauren Staats, and Carole Frey

The goal of this project is to increase student engagement, fluency, and comprehension in both literacy and math through kinesthetic learning. By integrating *Math & Movement* strategies, students will use whole-body movement to practice essential skills, strengthening retention and understanding. The project will be implemented in both classroom and small-group instructional settings, with additional family engagement through a *Math & Literacy Night* for students in grades K-2. A variety of math and literacy-based floor mats will be purchased with the funding requested.

EXCELLENCE GRANTS

These grants are awarded annually, in the Fall, for special projects for amounts between \$500 and \$2,500.

Churchill Junior High School – Lego Science Education

Kimberly Christian and Cheryl Pulcine Moore

This project will provide students, who have been identified as having learning and language disabilities, with a hands-on, interactive way to deepen their understanding of the science curriculum, while also working on their communication, fine motor, and problem-solving skills. Grant funds will be used to purchase Lego Education Science kits. Each science unit will conclude with a corresponding Lego hands-on activity.

East Brunswick High School - Multimedia Storytelling in French: Expanding Creative Expression

Kelly Williams

World language students are typically assessed via an oral presentation to their classmates. This project will provide students with an additional way in which to present what they have learned. Funds will allow for the purchase of five cameras with all of the tools necessary to maximize their performance. This equipment will be integrated throughout the school year, across all levels of French, giving students authentic, interactive opportunities to demonstrate their learning in creative ways. Students will work individually or in small groups to produce short videos...commercials, interviews, role-plays, cultural presentations, etc.



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Chittick Elementary School – The Art of Story Making: From Imagination to Inspiration with Yangsook Choi *Carole Frey and Lauren Staats*

This project is intended to increase literacy engagement by providing students with hands-on experiences in storytelling and bookmaking through the presenter's workshops, "The Art of Story Making: From Imagination to Inspiration." In anticipation of Yangsook Choi's visit, students and teachers will engage in author studies featuring a diverse selection of children's authors ending with the works the visiting author, who will present two hands-on workshops. Students in Pre-K through grade 2 will explore bookmaking and letter writing and then create personalized letters with illustrations and thoughtful messages. Students in grades 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to craft chapter book stories from idea to draft, learning plot development, theme creation, visual storytelling, and storyboarding. This grant will fund the author's visit, provide each teacher with a book to support instruction, and expand the school library's collection in celebration of *Read Across America*.

PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

These grants are awarded monthly. Applicants must have at least one additional funding source that covers at least one third of the total amount being requested.

Hammarckjold Upper Elementary School, Churchill Junior High School, East Brunswick High School - Butterfly Effect Spreading Its Wings...in Partnership with The Meghan Schulman Foundation *Edith Weinstein*

This will mark the fifth year of this successful program at CJHS, the third at EBHS and HUES. The goal is to make a positive mark by spreading kindness and affecting change locally or globally. One hundred \$50 grants will be awarded to students at each of the three buildings. Interested students will research a cause, present their kindness ideas to two selected school advisors through a written proposal. Students receiving approval will set their projects in motion, keep track of where the money was spent through receipts, demonstrate their outcomes with photos, and produce a reflective piece to show how this experience has impacted their lives. This year, the JMPAC will host the end-of-the-year Kindness Gala to celebrate the program's five-year milestone and its many positive impacts.

All Elementary Schools (Grade 4) - Partnership Grant for Districtwide Elementary Band Equipment...in Partnership with the Rossmoor Chorus (donation in honor of the outstanding work of elementary band teacher, Ms. Moriah Kam)

Michelle DaGrosa, Moriah Kam, and Michael D'Andrea

These funds will be used to purchase instruments and related music equipment that will be shared across all eight elementary schools.

Churchill Junior High School – Amplifying Student Voice Through Performance and Instruction...in partnership with CJHS PTA

Eileen Mann

The CJHS Choral Department serves all chorus students in grades 7-9, providing both performance-based and instructional musical experiences aligned with the chorus curriculum. A key component of this curriculum requires students to understand and apply vocal amplification, microphone technique, and sound balance-skills essential for modern vocal performance. To meet this instructional and performance need, this grant will provide the funds for the purchase of a JBL Party Box 710 Karaoke Machine, a high-quality, portable sound system that will be used during chorus "Coffee House" talent shows as well as daily classroom instruction.



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MINI-GRANTS

Awarded monthly: Up to \$500 awarded for a single classroom. At the elementary level - up to \$2,100 awarded for a grade level. At the secondary level - up to \$2,500 awarded for programs that include all students in a grade level or a department.

Lawrence Brook Elementary School - Supporting English Language Development Through Picture Dictionaries for Multilingual Learners

Ereeny Gebraeel

Funds will provide for the purchase of high-quality picture dictionaries to support Multilingual Learners. Each classroom will receive a set of picture dictionaries that reflects a range of language proficiency levels. The dictionaries will serve as accessible tools to support vocabulary acquisition, comprehension, and confidence in English language learning.

Warnsdorfer Elementary School - Sensory Art Materials

Alanna Trainor

This grant will fund sensory-based art materials like: paint rollers, scrapers, wax strings, and adaptive paint sticks. These materials are known to promote creative expression and ensure accessibility for all students, especially those with special needs. In addition to individual projects, students will have opportunities to work collaboratively to create group projects while engaging with the materials.

Hammaraskjold Upper Elementary School and Churchill Junior High School - Harmonizing Success: Empowering Students Through Music, Media, and Multicultural Learning

Eileen Mann

This project will enhance the educational experience for approximately 300 students in grades 5-7 enrolled in digital media production, piano elective, and chorus elective programs at HUES and CJHS. High quality, interactive materials focused on innovation in entertainment, organization, multicultural awareness, vocal technique, assessment, and engaging piano secrets will foster deeper musical understanding, creative expression, and 21st-century skills, ensuring that our students are engaged, empowered, and ready to thrive artistically and academically. Additionally, these materials will allow for differentiated instruction that meets the needs of a diverse student body.

Churchill Junior High School and East Brunswick High School - Safe Space, Strong Minds: Sensory Supports for the Next Self-Contained Autism Cohort at Churchill Junior High

Joseph Mcardle

Many students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and other disabilities struggle to process sensory information. When overwhelmed, they may experience strong emotions or behaviors that interrupt learning. Funds will support the goal of this grant, “to equip CJHS and EBHS self-contained Autism cohorts with essential sensory tools.”



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East Brunswick High School – Empowering Instruction in the Instrumental Music Classroom Through Updated Teacher Technology

Arvin Gopal and Brian Toth

As technology continues to shape modern education, teachers want and need to keep pace. Currently, band and orchestra directors are relying on aging devices that are no longer compatible with key music education software and cloud-based planning tools. Grant funds will provide the means to purchase updated iPad Air devices for the band and orchestra directors, empowering them to meet the evolving demands of music education.

Frost Elementary School – In Rain, Let's Shine

Nyree Delgado and Jennifer Scharf Weber

The primary goal of this project is to foster a strong sense of pride, responsibility, and community among the students who serve in the Student Safety Club. With grant funds, participating students will be provided with identifiable Frost gear (School Safety Club reflective poncho and umbrella), thus fulfilling the secondary goal which is to ensure visibility among School Safety Club members. This project enhances the curriculum by integrating real-world leadership, communication, and social-emotional learning into students' daily experiences.

Churchill Junior High School - Investigative ELA - "Clue"

Stephanie Greene and Dan Moran

This grant will enhance and support a newly established elective titled, *Investigative ELA*. In this course students will be studying literature and film related to mystery and crime. By engaging in critical thinking and applying close-reading skills, they will become better readers, writers, and detectives. While the course will be primarily reading-based, students will also engage in hands-on activities that, along with practicing critical thinking skills, encourages socialization. Five *Clue* games will be purchased with grant funds.

Irwin and Warnsdorfer Elementary Schools – Math and Movement

Marriel Jackson

This grant will allow for the purchase of six different math related floor mats for each of the two schools. While the primary goal is to support struggling math students, the mats can be used to enhance teaching and learning for all students. A movement approach to math connects physical activity with learning, thus making abstract concepts more concrete and easier to grasp. It engages multiple senses, which helps deepen understanding and memory retention.

Warnsdorfer Elementary School – Planet Palooza: Where Earth takes Center Stage!

Kara Johnson

This assembly program promises to deepen students' understanding of our Earth's geography, environmental systems, and geological features. Through a dramatic, interactive presentation featuring an enormous, inflatable model of the Earth students will gain spatial awareness of continents, oceans, and global phenomena such as plate tectonics, time zones, latitude, and longitude.



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Chittick Elementary School – Pollinate, Migrate, Educate! Making Connections Through Monarch Migration, Ecosystems & Native Species

Rachel Solomon, Grade 2 Team, Grade 3 Team

The goal of this project is for students to develop both environmental and global awareness. The 2nd grade science curriculum includes a unit on butterfly migration. To extend their understanding of this phenomenon, 2nd and 3rd graders will participate in hands-on learning experiences as they create butterfly habitats and pollinator gardens in the hopes of attracting real live monarchs and other native butterflies. In addition to providing the dollars to purchase material and supplies for these activities, grant funds will be utilized to bring a whole-school, live animal assembly, presented by *Eyes of the Wild*, to deepen student understanding of animal habitats, adaptations, and conservation.

Churchill Junior High School – Tokaido Board Game Project

Kimberly Lasky, Erica Hristofis, Debra Barbiera, and Amy Brehm

The 7th grade social studies curriculum includes a unit on medieval societies, with a specific focus on feudal Japan. While textbooks and primary source readings provide foundational knowledge, *Tokaido* offers a dynamic and enjoyable way to explore cultural norms, religious practices, economic exchange, and geography in medieval Japan. The game invites students to travel as pilgrims, traders, or travelers along the Tokaido Road, making choices that reflect the values, priorities, and realities of the time. Grant funds will provide for the purchase of eight copies of the game *Tokaido*.

All Elementary Schools - Byrdseed and Breakout EDU Subscriptions

Nicole Gruber

This grant will allow the elementary FOCUS program to challenge and inspire students by equipping teachers with powerful tools to deliver enrichment at the highest level. Together, subscriptions for Byrdseed TV and Breakout EDU will provide a dynamic combination of creative, inquiry-based, and game-based learning opportunities that are essential for meeting the needs of gifted learners.

Central Elementary School - Central's Autism Awareness and Acceptance Assembly

Katie Mercado

The goal of this project is to involve the school community in an inclusive, neurodiverse presentation in recognition of *Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month*. The assembly will allow students and teachers to participate in interactive sensory activities to reinforce social-emotional learning and encourage empathy and understanding.

Frost Elementary School – Rutgers's STEM Science Bus

Kelly Kraemer

The goal of this program, imparted by Rutgers students, is to provide a hands-on experience for 4th grade students in the area of science and engineering practices. Rutgers graduate students will impart a 90-minute interactive lesson titled, The Great Plankton Race, to each of the 4th grade science classes. Together they will explore an array of unique adaptations to help plankton avoid sinking and engage in a fun contest to design the slowest sinking plankton.



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All Elementary Schools - LEGO Education SPIKE

Nicole Gruber

Gifted and talented learners require access to enriched, accelerated, and differentiated experiences that stretch their abilities and foster a love of lifelong learning. The *LEGO Education SPIKE Essential Sets* will provide gifted learners with hands-on opportunities to explore coding, engineering, and collaborative problem-solving, while allowing the teacher to continue infusing various curricula, including STEAM, to foster critical thinking, creativity, and leadership among students who thrive on challenge and innovation.

Memorial Elementary School - Phonological and Language Processing Materials

Nicole De Marco

Children with apraxia of speech (AOS) have trouble controlling their lips, jaws and tongues when speaking. The materials requested related to this grant will allow the speech and language pathologist and her team access to resources that will be used in the treatment of apraxia of speech, speech sound disorders, receptive and expressive language delays, language processing delays, and fluency.

Warnsdorfer Elementary School – SK8 4 Life

Michele Reisbord, Joe Csatari, Nick Candelario and Michele Catanzaro

This grant will provide for two 45-minute, high-energy assemblies led by professional skateboarders to be presented to the entire school. The primary goal of the *SK8 4 Life* program is to empower and inspire students to pursue their aspirations with confidence by promoting holistic wellness and resilience. Through dynamic skateboarding demonstrations paired with powerful messaging, students are encouraged to cultivate positive thinking (Mind), embrace healthy habits (Body), and foster community engagement (Spirit).

Hammaraskjold Upper Elementary School – Chair Pockets

Danielle Liguori, Dana Terpenning, Alicia Jones, Lisa Zaloom, Cassie Namio, Melissa Ritter, Megan Collins, Sarah Demello, and Ashley Eisenberg

In order for students to have adequate table space to work, they need to have a place for their supplies. Rather than having to place their supplies on the floor, the chair pockets requested in this grant will allow students to conveniently store their folders, notebooks, books, and pencil cases. In addition to imparting the curriculum, teachers at this level encourage appropriate work habits; the chair pockets, purchased with grant funds, will help to reinforce this life skill.

Irwin Elementary School – Multisensory Literacy Based Speech and Language Therapy

Marissa Crespo

The goal of this project is to implement literacy-based instruction with a multisensory approach to target speech and language skills for students. Using books and storytelling kits in speech therapy supports and enhances the academic curriculum by reinforcing literacy, vocabulary, and comprehension skills that are essential for classroom success. Grant funds will allow for the purchase of storytelling kits and materials that will complement and support the use of the kits.



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Frost Elementary School – Opportunity Program in ERI

Jaclyn Headlam

Funding will allow for the purchase of a plethora of resources to support students who are determined to be or show signs of being emotional regulation impaired (ERI), among them: flexible seating, fidgets and sensory tools for short-term use, a “Zones of Regulation” bulletin board, visual supports and books that promote emotional literacy and self-awareness, and the “The Zones of Regulation” digital curriculum which provides evidence-based lessons and practical strategies for supporting emotional regulation and coping skills. These resources will support the goal of this project, which is to provide students with a structured, inclusive space to develop emotional regulation skills without disrupting their learning.

Chittick Elementary School - Back to Preschool

Roseann Bracco

Forty plus preschool aged students struggling to grasp linguistic concepts, vocabulary, sensory integration issues, as well as oral motor concerns will benefit from the materials being purchased with grant funds. The items requested will allow for the integration of sensory and oral motor systems, sequence daily living activities, and teach expressive sentence production.

Chittick Elementary School - Essentials for Living

Michele Cittadino

Funds will provide teachers and support staff with the necessary tools and training to supplement the current academic curriculum for preschool students with significant communication and learning needs.

Chittick Elementary School - Giving a Voice

Emma Perrone, Virginia Littlefield, and Michele Cittadino

This grant will directly enable children with significant communication and learning challenges to gain the ability to express themselves, engage in classroom activities, and establish a solid base for academic success.

Hammaraskjold Upper Elementary School - Guiding Growth: Grit, Grace, and Groupwork

Elizabeth Stankiewicz

This grant will allow for the purchase of a one-year membership to *The Counselor Collab*, a comprehensive suite filled with resources including: small group counseling bundles, monthly planners, social emotional learning activities and resources, child abuse prevention materials, goal setting, testing tips, character education, and more. These tools will be shared across the eight elementary schools, HUES, and CJHS, allowing the Student Services Department to deliver consistent, engaging, and trauma-informed interventions.

Irwin Elementary School - Kindergarten Little Voice

Donna Swift, Roseann Pancione, and Vicki Marie Wilkins

This project is designed to foster early literacy, collaboration, and creativity among kindergarten students by engaging them in a partner book-writing activity. The goal is for students to co-author and illustrate their own simple books, helping them develop foundational skills in writing, speaking, listening, and reading, aligned with New Jersey Kindergarten English Language Arts standards. Funds will be used to purchase the materials needed to create the books.



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Warnsdorfer Elementary School - Learning Language Through a Different Lens

Laura D'Onofrio

This grant will provide funds for the purchase of developmentally appropriate materials necessary to support and enhance speech and language instruction for students in five self-contained special education classrooms. The students in these classrooms represent a wide range of ages and abilities that require unique, customized teaching tools and materials.

Central Elementary School – Literacy for All

Madeline Neuman

The materials requested in this grant will enhance the *Orton Gillingham* curriculum that provides students of all learning types the ability to attain foundational skills for literacy. By providing these supplemental materials, students will be able to boost their abilities in independent learning centers with engaging research-based activities.

Lawrence Brook Elementary School – Recess Engineers

JoAnn Peterson

Recess is often the only unstructured time of the school day, yet it plays a vital role in children's social-emotional and cognitive development. Additionally, research shows that building play (constructing and/or erecting) encourages higher-order thinking skills, develops persistence, and sparks early interest in STEM careers. This project will ensure students the opportunity to engage in meaningful, creative play by giving them access to STEM-based building materials including magnetic tiles and cubes, wood planks, and LEGO bricks during recess.

East Brunswick High School - AP Capstone Presentation Tools

Elizabeth Kenny-Stein, Shauna Murray, and Eric Soder

AP Seminar and AP Research, both relatively new courses at EBHS, are designed around performance tasks including a Team Multimedia Presentation and an Individual Multimedia Presentation. It is imperative that the presentations be strictly timed and easy to hear since they need to be recorded and submitted to the College Board. The requested equipment, including a set of microphones, timers, and presentation clickers for each teacher, will greatly enhance the presentation process from practice to final performance, for both teachers and students.

Bowne Munro Elementary School - Kindergarten Café - A Cross-Curricular Dramatic Play Experience

Amy Vidnansky

Young children learn best through meaningful, play-based experiences that connect them to the real world. They absolutely love to use their imagination and act like grown-ups do. The requested materials will transform the kindergarten classroom's dramatic play center into an interactive cafe and store environment where students engage in hands-on, play-based learning that integrates literacy, math, social studies, science, and social-emotional development. This project will foster collaboration, problem-solving, communication, and real-world application of foundational academic skills.

Churchill Junior High School - Science World Magazine

Christina Durando

This grant will allow for the purchase of a one-year subscription to Scholastic's *Science World* magazine. Included with the subscription is a digital edition that will be shared among the grade level team. This resource offers current, engaging content that directly aligns with the district's mission to enhance STEM education and foster a love for science and technology.



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Churchill Junior High School - Study Skills Supplementary Games

Stephanie Greene

Funds for this project will enhance the Study Skills course for a population of 8th and 9th grade students who are being challenged to develop effective study habits, learn time management skills and complete their assignments with greater confidence and independence. Incorporating gameplay into instruction will help students develop and strengthen other essential skills like communication, cooperation, and creative problem solving that will positively impact their academic growth.

Warnsdorfer Elementary School – When Life Gives you Lemons!

Kristina Hoover, Jennifer Traversone, and Rachel Weitzenkorn

The *Lemonade War* books are being reused from a previous *One School, One Book* event funded by the EBEF at another school. Staff members have created a comprehensive plan whereby students will share the book with their families and then participate in associated activities at school with their classmates. As per Principal Csatari, “The lemony themed materials requested in this grant will make the year-long theme come to life! This programming supports reading, math, science, and social emotional learning skills, all while fostering a sense of community throughout the school.”

Central Elementary School - Author and Illustrator Visit

Jenna Klein

This grant will bring New Jersey’s own award-winning author Anna Kang and illustrator Christopher Weyant to Central. Thanks to support from both the EBEF and the PTA, the creators of *You are (Not) Small*, *That’s (Not) Mine*, and others, will provide a school-wide literacy experience that will strengthen the culture of reading, writing, creativity, and joy during three developmentally tailored presentations. A partnership with a local bookseller will offer an optional book sale and signing, allowing students to take home personalized copies and further build excitement around literacy.

Chittick Elementary School – STEP into Learning

Nicole Paster

Chittick’s Multicultural Celebration Committee plans weekly events that highlight the food, dress, traditions, music, stories, art, and dance of cultures from around the world. Grant funds will support this effort by providing for back-to-back assemblies featuring *Young Audience’s Soul Steps*, a dance ensemble whose program combines high-energy performance with interactive instruction to connect movement, rhythm, and historical context. Prior to the performance, teachers will introduce students to the concept and cultural significance of stepping, using materials provided by *Young Audiences*.

Frost Elementary School - Strengthening Literacy Intervention with IMSE LAB Access

Amanda Orlando

Grant funds will be used to purchase a one-year subscription to *IMSE Lab*, an Orton-Gillingham program that allows children to break down how and why letters and words sound the way they do. IMSE LAB includes a robust collection of instructional tools that will allow the reading teacher the ability to select targeted skills, plan instruction efficiently, and adjust lessons based on real-time data. The platform’s flexibility supports both consistency of instruction and differentiation for students with varying literacy needs.



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Frost Elementary School - Moving with Math

Jennifer Scharf Weber

Funds will allow for the acquisition and installation of durable, high-quality multiplication practice strips from the *Sensory Path*. These physical aids will transform passive hallway space in the 3rd and 4th grade hallways into an active learning zone. While all students will benefit, the goal is to provide an inclusive learning environment for visual and kinesthetic learners. These stickers will provide a powerful way to embed core curriculum into the environment and provide structured opportunities for movement during the school day. Students will be motivated and excited to practice their multiplication facts while moving, which will foster rapid recall and help build a strong, collaborative mathematical community.

Warnsdorfer Elementary School - W-ARN Video Newsmakers: Spotlighting Warnsdorfer News by our Bears, for our School

Rachel Weitzenkorn and Lise Noppenberger

The Warnsdorfer Video Newsmakers, also known as the W-ARN Club, delivers daily news via the PA system to the entire school community. On Fridays the team produces a video news segment for all students and staff to watch and enjoy. The W-ARN Club supports student learning well beyond the camera. Through planning and presenting the news, students practice public speaking, teamwork, empathy, and responsible decision-making. The improved equipment being purchased with grant funds, will not only strengthen the technical quality of student created productions, but also expand the ability to engage students, thereby building a sense of community.

Chittick Elementary School - Little Hands, Big Discoveries: Learning Through Nature and Play

Emma Perone, Michele Cittadino, Virginia Littlefield, and Kathleen Parkinson

The primary goal of this project is to promote social-emotional development, creativity, resilience, and physical growth in preschool-aged children through intentional, play-based outdoor experiences. By partnering with *Sticks & Sprouts*, an organization founded by a licensed pediatric occupational therapist, this project will enhance the preschool curriculum. During four grant funded 30-minute sessions, students will be encouraged to connect with the natural world through unstructured, nature-based experiences.

East Brunswick High School - America 250: The EBHS Global Postcard Project

Michael Smith

The goal of this project is to celebrate America's 250th anniversary by connecting East Brunswick High School US History II students with people around the world through a structured *Postcrossing* initiative. *Postcrossing* is a global postcard-exchange project where people send and receive postcards from random participants around the world. Students will create and send American-themed postcards that highlight key events, ideas, and landmarks of the United States. Through these exchanges, students will build historical understanding, communication skills, and global awareness while participating in a meaningful, nationwide commemoration of the United States semi quincentennial.



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Hammarckjold Upper Elementary School – Decodable Chapter Books Grant

Taylor Felicetta

This grant will benefit special education students who have significant reading disabilities and are performing more than two levels below grade level expectations. Most are highly motivated and they very much want to read chapter books like their peers. Grant funds will provide high-quality decodable chapter books aligned with *IMSE Orton-Gillingham* instruction. While these students are receiving explicit, systematic phonics instruction, many lack access to books they can read independently. Access to these books will allow students to apply their learned decoding skills as they engage with meaningful, connected text.

East Brunswick High School - Speech-Language Material for HS Students

Michelle Cieslak

Speech-language therapy services in the high school setting play a critical role in supporting students' academic achievement, social communication, and postsecondary readiness. As language demands increase in complexity during secondary education, students with speech and language impairments require targeted, evidence-based materials to access the curriculum, participate meaningfully in class, and develop essential life skills. Grant funds will allow for the purchase of materials for the Speech-Language Pathologist to utilize during individualized and small-group instruction aligned with students' IEP goals and state academic standards.

Central Elementary School - Strategy and Brain Challenges: Bringing FOCUS into the Classrooms

Shannon Keely, Nicole Gruber, Ami Checo, and Jodi Kroll

The goal of this project is to strengthen tier 1 gifted and talented classroom instruction by providing first-grade students with access to quality games, workbooks, and enrichment materials that promote higher level thinking, problem solving, and social-emotional growth. In small groups and whole-class settings, teachers will use the materials being purchased with grant funds to facilitate opportunities for students to think critically, plan ahead, and adapt their strategies. Additionally, these activities will afford students opportunities to collaborate, discuss strategies, and reflect on their thinking.

Central, Irwin, Chittick, Memorial, and Frost Elementary Schools - Together We Splash: Building School Spirit One Dunk at a Time

Michael Petz, Matthew Sturm, Henry Maldonado, Anthony Alexander, and Erich Rotter

The goal of this project is to encourage outdoor recreation and social connection through engaging, family-friendly activities that support mental and physical well-being in a school wide event - Field Day and other appropriate school and PTA activities – by acquiring a *Dunk Tank* kit for each of the five schools. Each kit will include a splash tower, three splash tower balls with pump, and a carry case for travel and storage.

Memorial Elementary School – Empowering Educators Through IMSE

Kathryn Lehocky

Funds will allow for the purchase of updated IMSE teacher manuals and instructional materials to support high-quality, structured literacy instruction for students receiving reading intervention through the district's basic skills reading program. With these materials the reading specialist will work directly with students who require explicit, systematic, and multisensory instruction aligned to the science of reading. Updated IMSE materials will ensure that instruction reflects current research, best practices, and program enhancements, ultimately improving student reading outcomes.



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Irwin Elementary School – Upgrades, Up Data!

Kimberly Caporaso

The purpose of this project is to update current Orton-Gillingham instructional manuals by obtaining the most current IMSE Orton-Gillingham Plus Teacher Guide and Fidelity Companion for grades K-3. These updated resources will allow the basic skills reading specialist to provide more specific, differentiated, and targeted intervention lessons for students in kindergarten through fourth grade who require additional support in foundational literacy skills.

Lawrence Brook Elementary School - Lego Interactive Learning Walls

Peter DiBernardi and JoAnn Peterson

Why keep learning contained in classrooms when hallways can hold engaging activities for learners? Students in early childhood and elementary settings benefit greatly from opportunities to tinker, build, problem-solve, and collaborate. Grant funds will provide *LEGOS walls* along two hallways, allowing students of all ages access to express themselves outside of their traditional classrooms. Instead of students being told to “keep their hands off the walls”, students will be encouraged to construct, brainstorm, problem solve and work together to generate their ideas onto the LEGO tiled walls.

Central Elementary School - Monthly Magic Reads

Allison Pimentel

The goal of this project is to foster a love of learning through engaging, themed read-aloud experiences for all kindergarten students. Funds will equip each classroom with a comprehensive set of read-aloud books and resources, allowing for seamless monthly themes that align with existing literacy and content curricula. This initiative will greatly enhance the curriculum by integrating essential subjects like Literacy, Science, and Social Studies, making learning interconnected and relevant to the students’ everyday lives. Additionally, the use of differentiated literacy activities will allow teachers to cater to diverse learning styles, promoting a joyful and confidence building learning environment.

Frost Elementary School – Game on! Strengthening our School Community

Minna Kim

The primary goal of this grant is to strengthen the social-emotional curriculum through a shared, inclusive experience in which students (and staff) actively participate in meaningful team building challenges by bringing a *Holly Rock Entertainment* assembly to students in grades 2-4. Prior to the event, teachers will collaborate with the presenters and prepare a pre-assembly lesson on sportsmanship and expectations for a respectful competition.



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The largest donation in EBEF history was made by this EBHS alumni to fund the growth of the IPLE program, Robotics and E Gaming at East Brunswick High School. Michael has previously supported the IPLE "We The People" competition and e-Sports program.



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On an annual basis, the Kabus Foundation provides a significant donation matched by the East Brunswick Education Foundation. To highlight Dr. Kabus' love of the sciences, this donation is directed to the East Brunswick High School's Science Department for programs, equipment and materials that advance learning, research and progress in the sciences. Dr. David Lloyd Kabus graduated from East Brunswick High School in 1981.

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Dr. JoAnn Magistro who served as the first female Superintendent of Schools, retiring in 2013 after a 42 year career in the District.

Holly Howard who served on the Board of Education for over 20 years.

Stephen L. Michaud, a much loved teacher at East Brunswick High School for over 40 years.

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First Lady of the Foundation Grants; for amounts that are more than a mini grant, granted during the fall of the year.

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WAYS TO SUPPORT EBEF

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EBEF EVENTS

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Book Fair: This annual event at Barnes and Noble bring the entire East Brunswick community together for a day of art, reading and performances provided by the students in all of our schools. Barnes and Noble generously donates a portion of the sales proceeds in the store that day, and online for that week, to EBEF.

EBEF Bear Crawl: Rave Reviews have made this the newest East Brunswick tradition! Get ready to lace up those sneakers because once again, this coming November, the East Brunswick Education Foundation will once again be hosting the 5K walk/run and Kids Fun Runs. Get in those steps while meeting new neighbors, supporting school spirit, and funding grants across the district! See information in the ad section for Early Bear Registration.

Apples for Education: To kick off the school year, EBEF along with the EBEF Student Association welcome parents to Back to School Night, offering EBEF swag as well as the opportunity to buy an apple with their child's name on it at the elementary schools. This fundraiser is led by the Student Association who uses the money raised to award grants written by student officers of school clubs and activities.

Cultural Events: Throughout the year, EBEF sponsors a variety of programs that are appropriate for all ages, including the Celebration of the Arts in partnership with the East Brunswick Symphony Orchestra and DeCarolis Night of Jazz.

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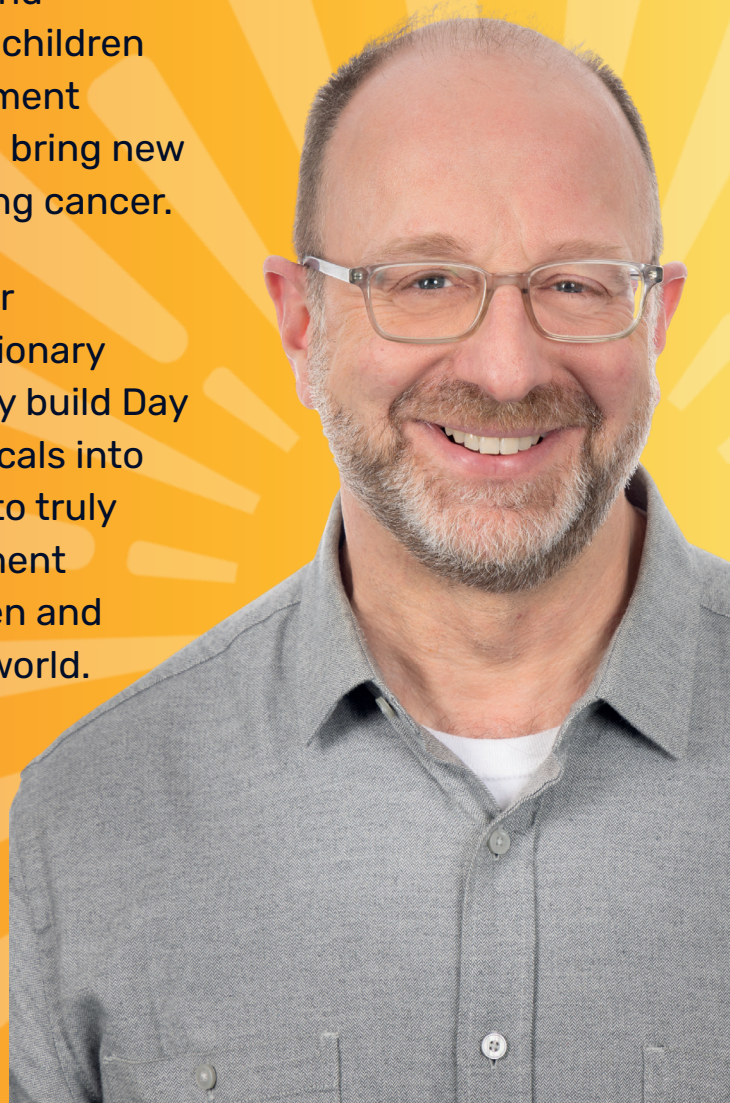
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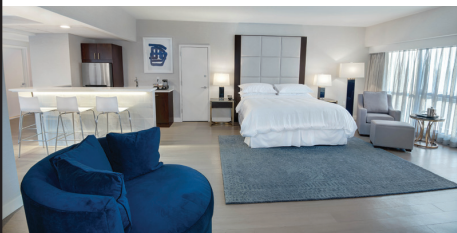
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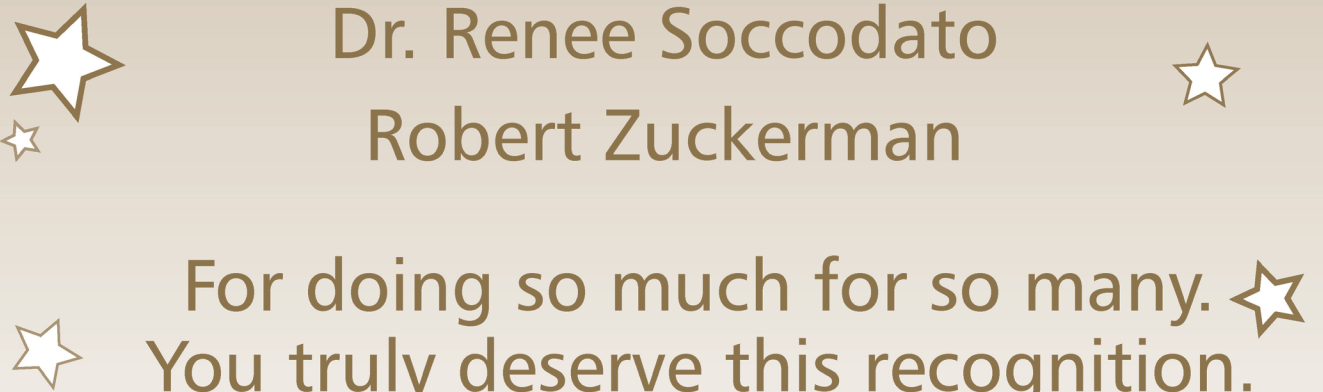
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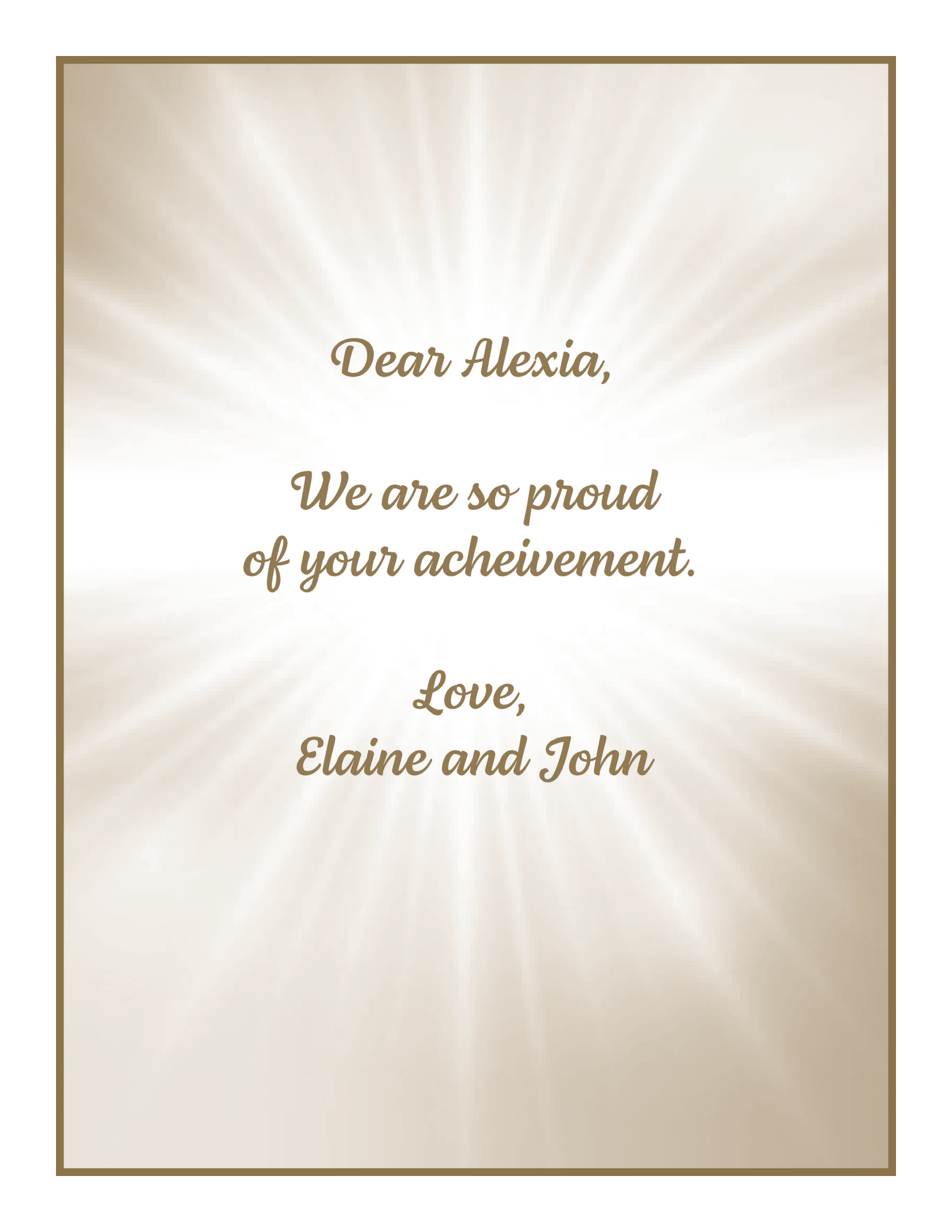
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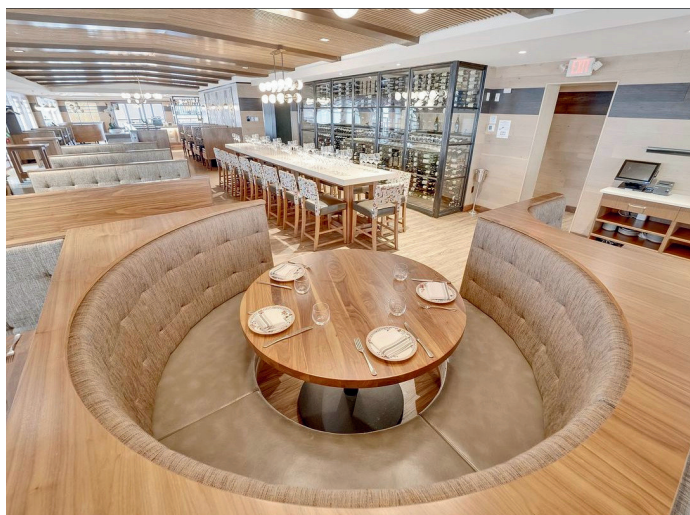
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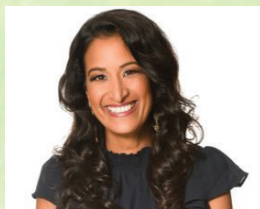
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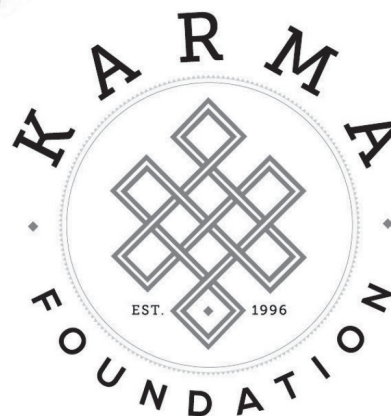
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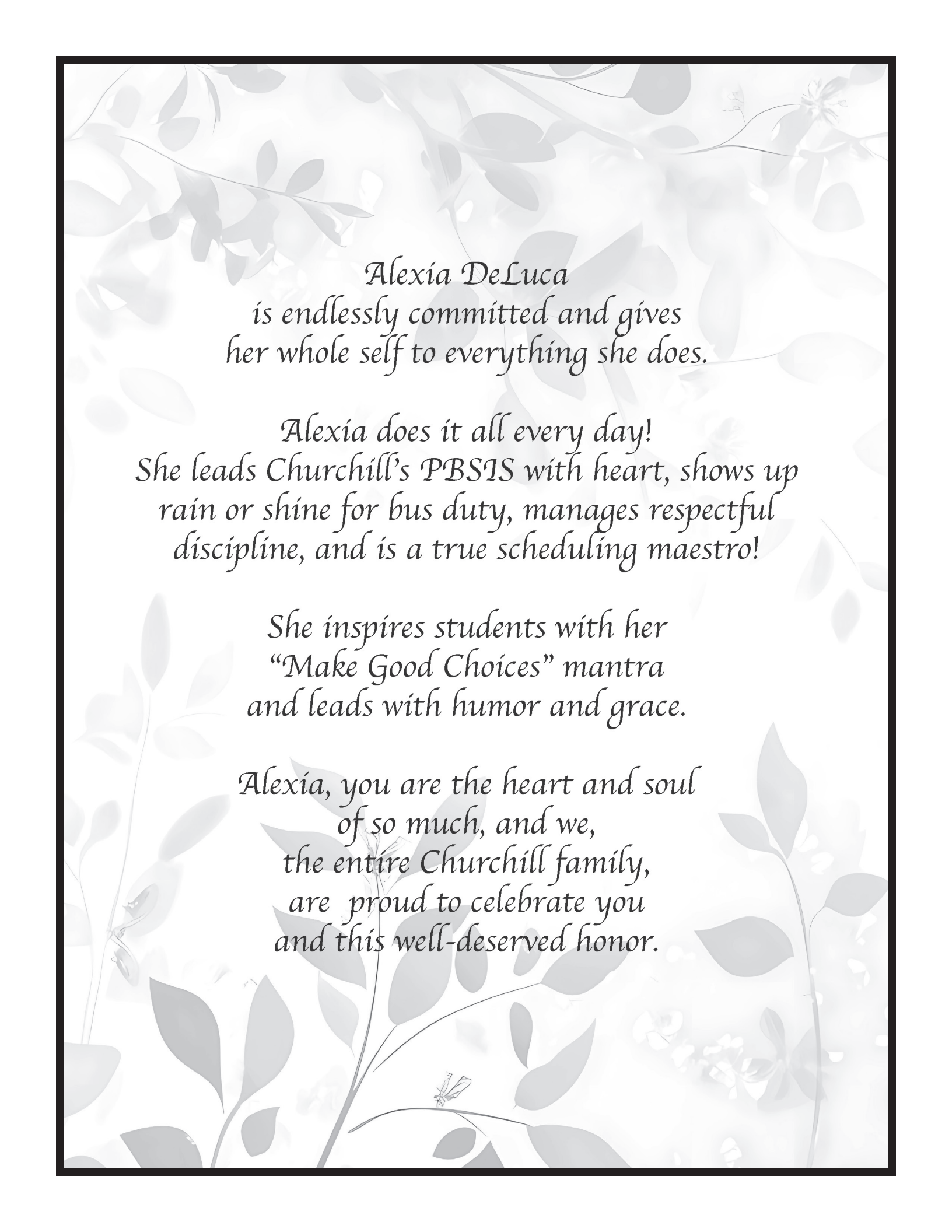
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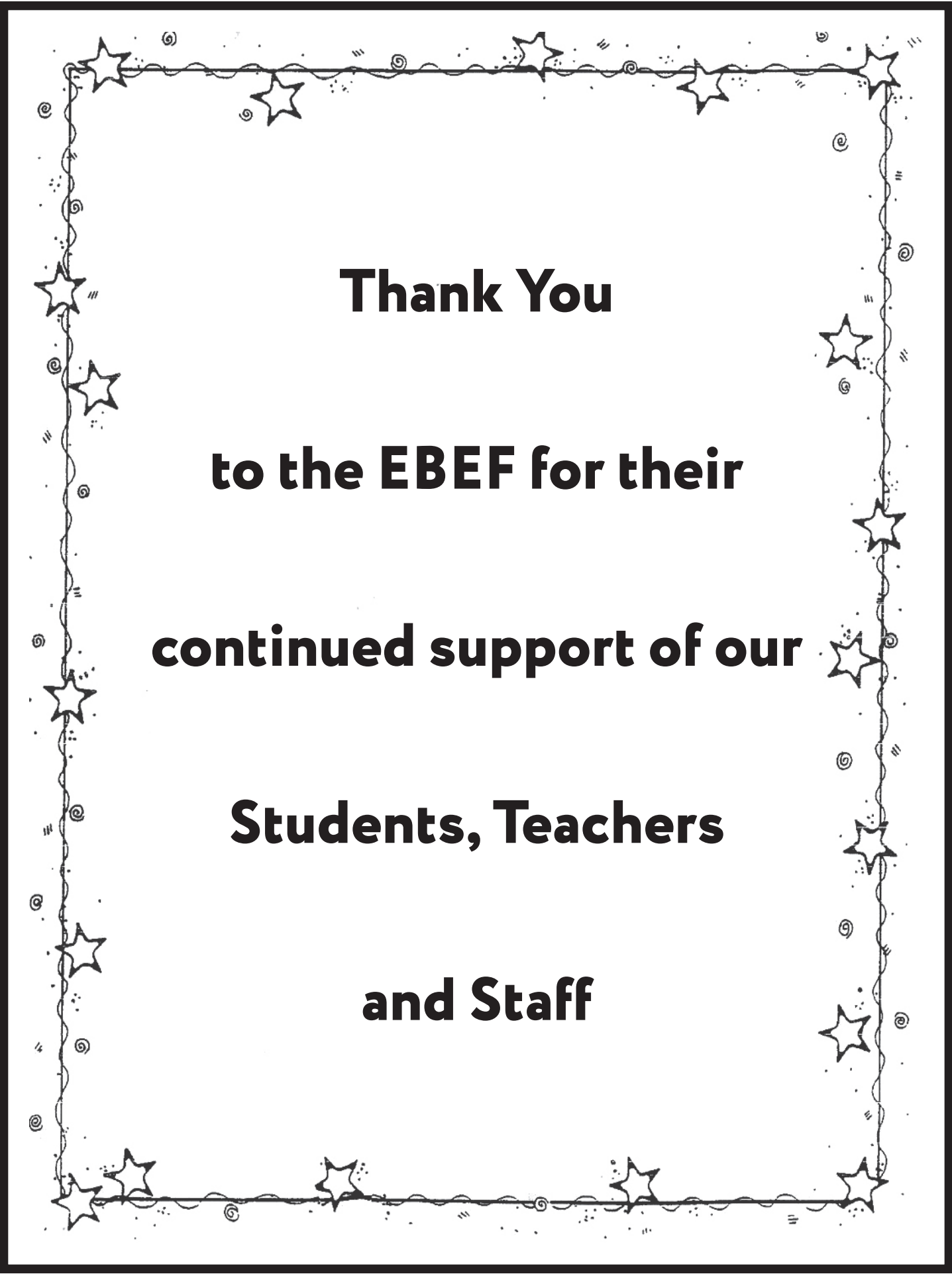


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We are so happy to celebrate
this special recognition with you.

Love,
Michael, Carmine and Elliana

Tonight, we celebrate the honorees of the EBEF's - Partner in Excellence, individuals who should
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Their work reflects what makes East Brunswick strong. A community that shows up, supports one
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Congratulations to all of tonight's honorees. Your impact is felt across our community.

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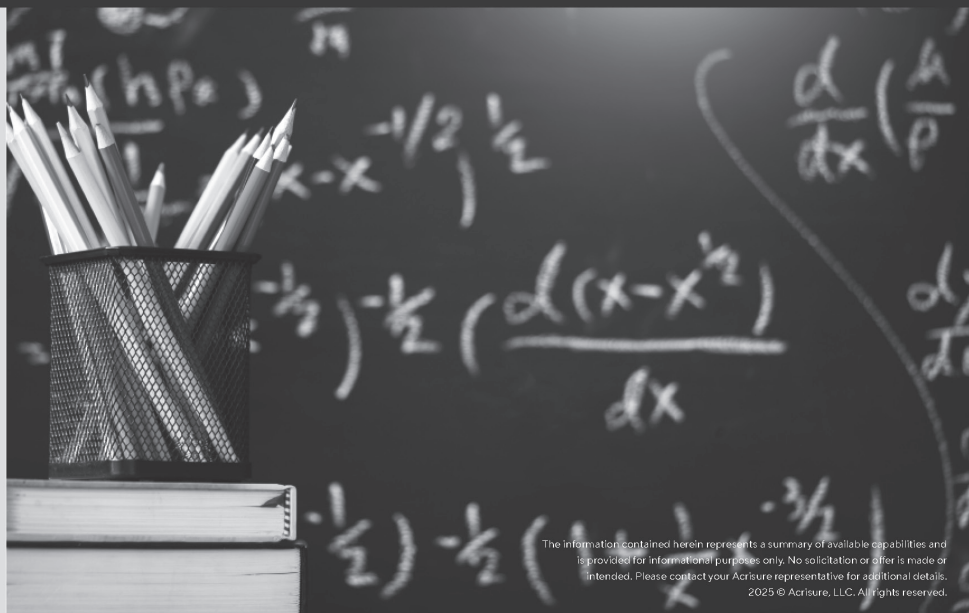


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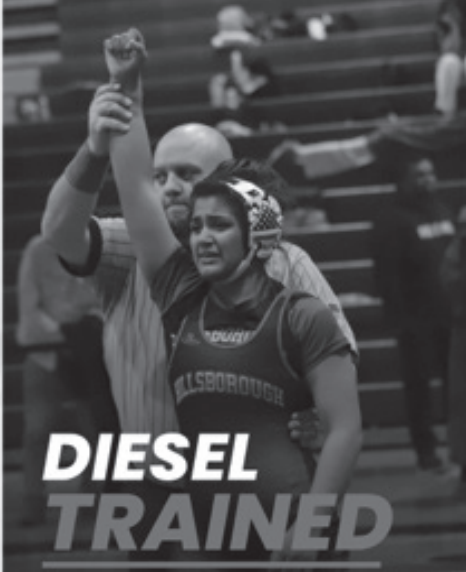
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and the other Honorees
for their contributions to the
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*Robert is a beacon of leadership
who tirelessly devotes himself to the
betterment of our community.*

Congratulations

Robert Zuckerman

**Thank you for your tireless
work and dedication to the
East Brunswick Community**

- The Gurevich Family -

*Congratulations
Alexia DeLuca*

*For being named a
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CONGRATULATIONS
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I am proud to celebrate the achievements of esteemed honorees
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and Robert Zuckerman,
who will be honored with the Partner in Excellence Award.

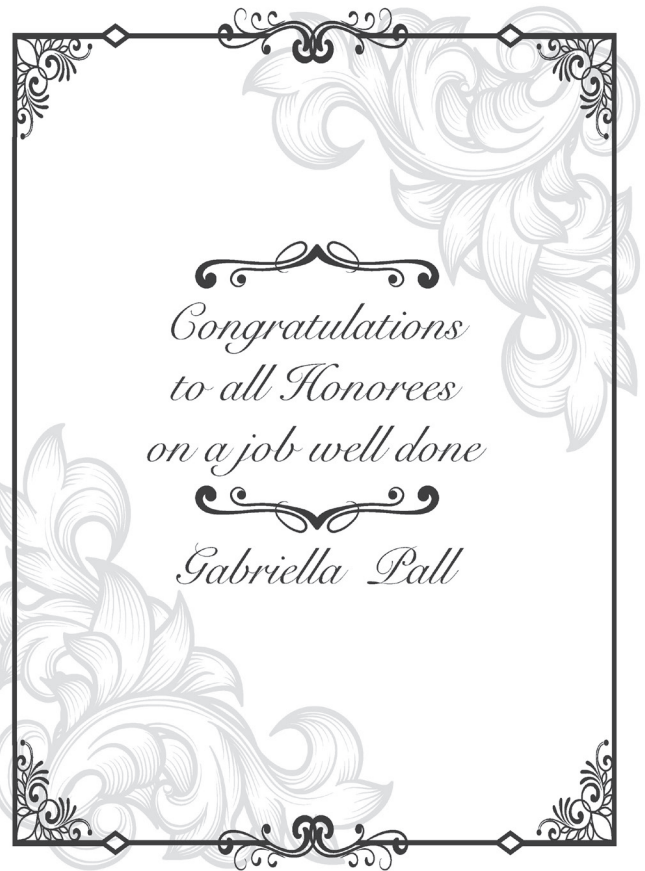
Additionally, I applaud
Dr. Samuel Blackman and Aditi Kinkhabwala
as they are inducted into the Alumni hall of Fame for their
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Congratulations to EBEF Partners in Excellence

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and Hall of Fame Inductees

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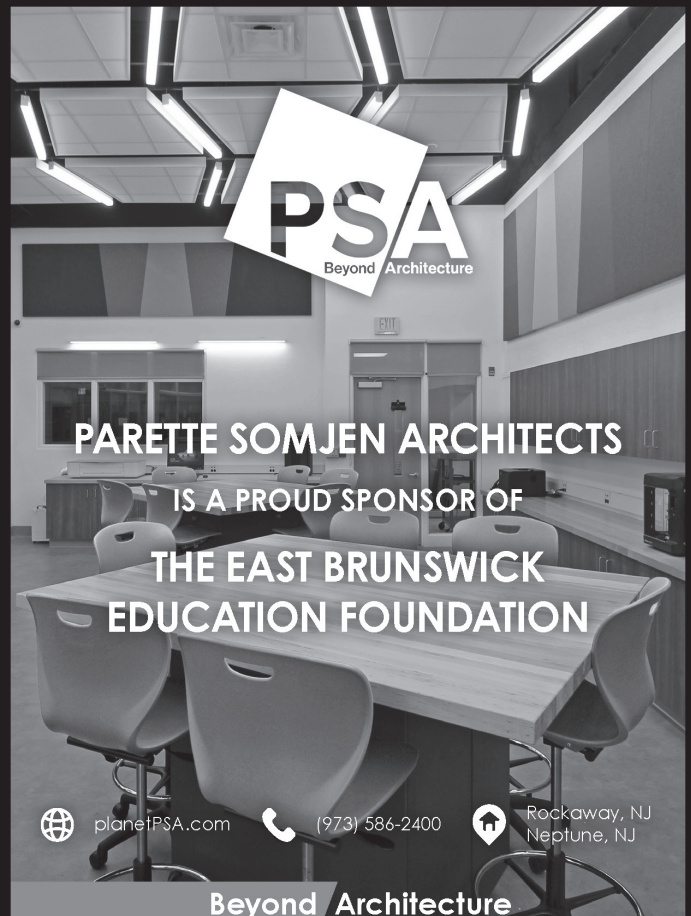
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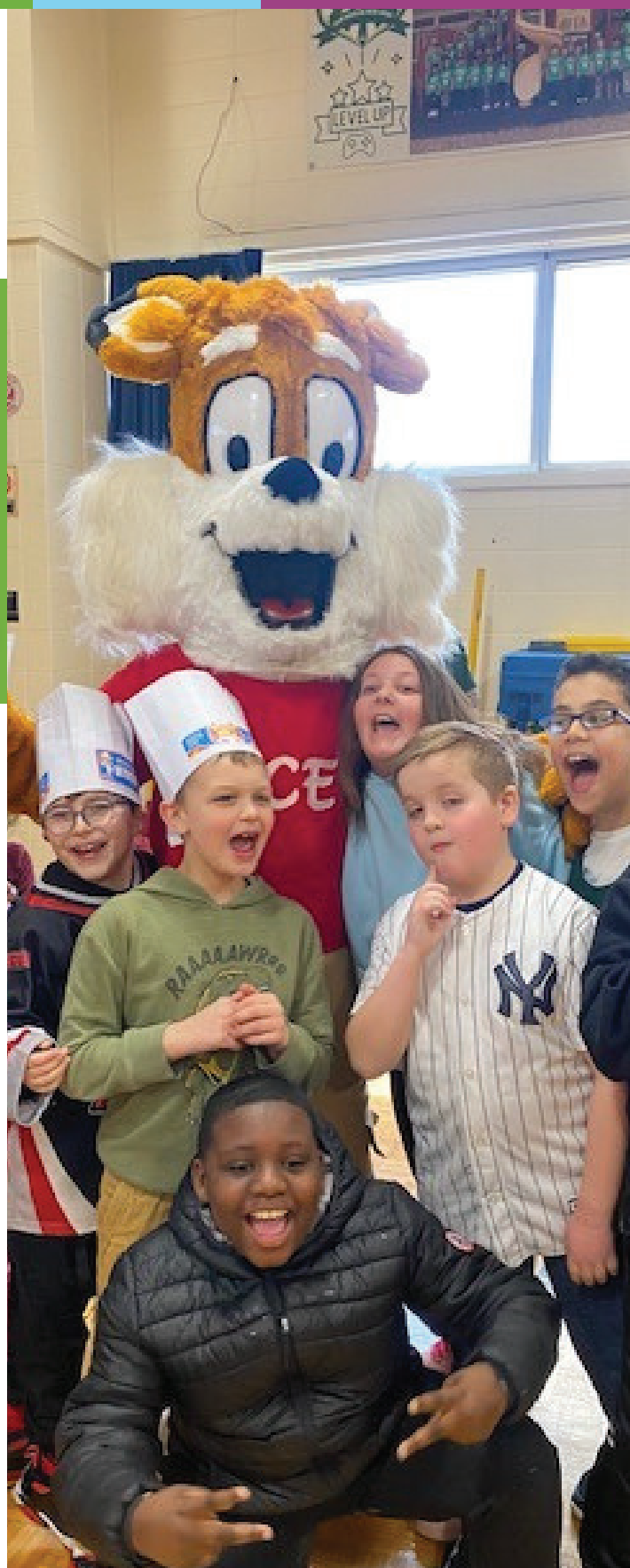
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