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# *Celebrating Excellence*

June 8, 2026



## *Celebrating - Newly Certified Educators*

| Staff Member          | Certifications                                                    |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Laiza Melendez        | 068 – School Counselor                                            |
| Nataly Pena           | 305 – Elementary, PK – 6<br>902 – Elementary Education: Bilingual |
| Kristea Francolino    | 085 – School Business Administrator                               |
| Lori Sanfratello      | 112 – Integrated Early Childhood / Special Education, Birth – K   |
| Thomas “Ben” Young    | 098 – Occupational Subjects in Comprehensive High School          |
| Linda Moran           | 098 – Occupational Subjects in Comprehensive High School          |
| Megan Griffin – Casey | 023 – Spanish, 4 – 12<br>049 – Music, PK – 12                     |



***Congratulations to Our Newly Certified Educators***

# Class of 2026: Sacred Heart University Graduates

## Master of Arts in Teaching



Awilda Cabrero - Cortes

Joshua Ford

Candice Jantzen

Angela Marrero

Donovan McClean

Michael Morgan

Tayah Perry-Smith

Jade Sailor

Leilani de Armijo Sanchez

Chenet Torres



*We are extremely proud of your excellence and wish you all the best as you begin this next phase in your career with NLPS.*



***Congratulations to Our Sacred Heart University Cohort and Program Graduates***

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# Teacher of the Year



| Name            | School/Program                                         |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Kathy Loukoumis | Early Childhood Center at B.P. Learned                 |
| Meegan Bunch    | C.B. Jennings                                          |
| Eileen Lamb     | Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School                         |
| Juliann Walenda | Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School                 |
| Sara Kelly      | Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus |
| Darcy Collins   | New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus             |
| Cesar Llontop   | New London Adult Education                             |



***Congratulations to Our Teachers of the Year***



| Name              | School/Program                                         |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Madeline Barberan | Early Childhood Center at B.P. Learned                 |
| Damani Thomas     | C.B. Jennings                                          |
| Jerry Medina      | Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School                         |
| Carol Silva       | Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School                 |
| Elijah Qadir      | Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus |
| Isis Aracena      | New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus             |



***Congratulations to Our Paraeducators of the Year***

# 30 Years of Service



*Margaret Lewis – ESOL / MLL Teacher  
C. B. Jennings Elementary School*

*Paige True – Speech and Language  
Early Childhood Center of B.P. Mission*



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*Thank you for your years of service  
and commitment to our students  
and community.*



*30 Years of Service*

# 25 Years of Service



*David Bridges – English Teacher  
New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus*



*Mandy Delloiacono – Art Teacher  
Winthrop STEM Magnet Elementary School*



*Kelly Avery – Cafeteria Worker  
C. B. Jennings Elementary School*

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*25 Years of Service*

# 20 Years of Service (1)

Erin Arzamarski

Social Studies Teacher

New London High Multi – Magnet Campus

# 15 Years of Service (7)

Iris Dones

Secretary

C. B. Jennings

Kristea Francolino

Executive of Support Services

Shaw's Cove – Central Office

Miguel Gautier

Custodian

New London High Multi – Magnet Campus

Debra Huntington

Cheerleading Coach

New London High Multi – Magnet Campus

Mildred Lopez

Secretary

C. B. Jennings

Angela Maurice

Elementary Teacher

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School

Evan O'Neill

English Teacher

New London High Multi – Magnet Campus



## 20 and 15 Years of Service

# 10 Years of Service

Catherine Arrigoni

Mamie Bauduccio Rock

Melanie Bernal

Altagracia Dube – Colin

Robert Funk

Shelia Gomez

Chyna McKoy

Laiza Melendez

Wanda Morales

Kirstin Powers

Ana Rodriguez de Reyes

Everett Scraders

Sandy Scarpa

Jean Searle

Jean Spreccace

Christopher Warner

Math Teacher

Library Media Aide

Teacher

Paraeducator

Chief Financial Officer

Paraeducator

Safety Officer

School Counselor

Paraeducator

ESOL / MLL Teacher

Paraeducator

Cafeteria Worker

Elementary Teacher

ESOL / MLL Teacher

Hybrid Teacher Substitute

Custodian

Bennie Dover Jackson Middle Multi – Magnet Campus

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School

New London Adult Education

Bennie Dover Jackson Middle Multi – Magnet Campus

Shaw's Cove – Central Office

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School

New London High Multi – Magnet Campus

New London Adult Education

New London High Multi – Magnet Campus

Winthrop STEM Elementary School

New London High Multi – Magnet Campus

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School

Winthrop STEM Elementary School

New London High Multi – Magnet Campus

Winthrop STEM Elementary School

Bennie Dover Jackson Middle Multi – Magnet Campus

- 6 – Teachers
- 4 – Paraeducators
- 2 – Central Office
- 1 – Cafeteria Worker
- 1 – Safety Officer
- 1 – Library Media Aide
- 1 – Hybrid Teacher Substitute



*United In Excellence for 10 Year (16)*

# 5 Years of Service

|                           |                                  |                              |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cristiann Aguilar         | Interim Director                 | NLAEA                        |
| Jorge Alcoba              | Behavior Motivator               | NLHSMC                       |
| Kimberly Barcelona        | Teacher                          | C. B. Jennings               |
| Kathryn Bellas            | Physical Therapist               | Special Services             |
| Catherine Cindrich        | Teacher                          | NLHSMC                       |
| James Childs              | Lead Behavior Motivator          | BDJMMC                       |
| Kyle Choisy               | BCBA                             | Special Services             |
| Diana Comfort             | Teacher                          | Nathan Hale                  |
| Christie Dean             | Cafeteria Systems Coordinator    | Shaw's Cove – Central Office |
| Towoudjeba Dolou          | Math Teacher                     | NLHSMC                       |
| Kiana Foster – Mauro      | Elementary Teacher               | Nathan Hale                  |
| Ashley Heroux             | Occupational Therapist Assistant | Special Services             |
| Haley Herring – Sylvestre | Teacher                          | NLHSMC                       |
| Claudia Hodderson         | Teacher                          | BDJMMC                       |

|                            |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| David Logan                | Teacher                          | NLHSMC                       |
| Sarah Marvin               | Teacher                          | NLHSMC                       |
| Kenneth Morris             | Teacher                          | C. B. Jennings               |
| Yudis Pimental             | Secretary                        | Shaw's Cove – Central Office |
| Krista Pulie               | Teacher                          | NLHSMC                       |
| Damayanti Rane – Castrodad | Teacher                          | Winthrop                     |
| Joel Reinholtz             | Physical Therapist Assistant     | Special Services             |
| Nicole Roberts             | Occupational Therapist           | Special Services             |
| Alicia Ross                | Secondary Assistant Principal    | BDJMMC                       |
| Maria Santini              | Custodian                        | C. B. Jennings               |
| Willian Silva              | Teacher                          | BDJMMC                       |
| Krista Verno               | Occupational Therapist Assistant | Special Services             |
| Elizabeth Villar Sanchez   | Cafeteria Worker                 | NLHSMC                       |



## Retirees 2025 – 2026 School Year



*Denise  
Spellman –  
Director of  
Adult  
Education*



*David Bridges –  
Teacher NLHSMC*

*Lisa Marien-  
Teacher  
NLHSMC &  
BDJMMC*



*Elizabeth Russell-  
Teacher BDJMMC*



*David Bridges –  
Teacher NLHSMC*



*Dawn McNally-  
Teacher Winthrop*



**Happy Retirement to Our Staff Members 2025 – 2026 School Year**

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## Retirees 2025 – 2026 School Year



Jeanne Wilson  
– Teacher  
Winthrop



Karen O'Connell –  
Guidance Counselor  
Adult Ed



Kimberly Stefanski  
Special Education Teacher NLHSMC  
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Willie Carter  
– Custodian  
Winthrop



Wendy Purvins  
– Secretary  
Operations



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