

# Governors Educator of the Year

January 6, 2022

Dear Glen Ridge School Community,

Each school building in the Glen Ridge School District participates in the Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Program to select a classroom teacher and an educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the lives of children.

Nominations are accepted from students, parents, community members, and staff members. GEOY committees were created at each building that comprised at least four members, including administrators, board members, teachers, educational services professionals, and parents. The committees review and score the nomination forms based on the criteria below:

- Serves as an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom;
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators, and colleagues; and
- Plays an active role in the community as well as the school

It is my honor to announce this year's recipients of the Governor's Educator of the Year Program:

**RoseMarie Cancelliere** - Linden Avenue School, Education Services Professional  
**Helene Maia** - Linden Avenue School, Classroom Teacher

**Heather Goss** - Central School, Education Services Professional  
**Kelly Kren** - Central School, Classroom Teacher

**Sherilyn Nuguid** - Forest Avenue School, Education Services Professional  
**Alyssa Chernego** - Forest Avenue School, Classroom Teacher

**Jill Szalony** - Ridgewood Avenue School, Education Services Professional  
**Christine Coppola** - Ridgewood Avenue School, Classroom Teacher

**Victoria Ramirez** - Glen Ridge High School, Education Services Professional  
**Shihong Zhang** - Glen Ridge High School, Classroom Teacher

Congratulations to each recipient. These individuals have the opportunity to apply for the County Educator of the Year Award.

Sincerely,

