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YEAR



**Name:** Norma Morales

**College/University:** Rowan University

**Years in Education:** 26

**Favorite Book:** How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez

**Favorite Quote:** "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today" - Malcolm X

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**Name:** Courtney O'Brien

**College/University:** William Paterson  
University of New Jersey

**Years in Education:** 8

**Favorite Book:** The Hunger Games  
Trilogy

**Favorite Quote:** "If you don't like  
something, change it. If you can't change  
it, change your attitude."

- Maya Angelou



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**Name:** Katelyn McLaughlin

**College/University:** Stockton University

**Years in Education:** 6

**Favorite Book:** All the Colors of the Dark  
by Chris Whitaker

**Favorite Quote:** "I once had a garden  
filled with flowers that grew only on dark  
thoughts but they need constant  
attention & one day I decided I had  
better things to do." - Brian Andreas

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**Name:** Anna Maria Browne  
**College/University:** Attended Atlantic  
Cape Community College and  
Stockton University  
**Years in Education:** 28  
**Favorite Book:** The Bible  
**Favorite Quote:** Yes I/We Can !!!

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**Name:** Teonah Hannibal

**College/University:** Rowan University

**Years in Education:** 28

**Favorite Book:** The Miseducation of  
the Negro by Carter G Woodson

**Favorite Quote:** "Real education  
means to inspire people to live more  
abundantly, to learn to begin with life  
as they find it and make it better."

- Dr. Carter G. Woodson



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**Name:** Michael Turner

**College/University:** Rowan University

**Years in Education:** 24

**Favorite Book:** The Bible

**Favorite Quote:** "The measure of who we  
are is what we do with what we have"

- Vince Lombardi



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**Name:** Peona Harrington

**College/University:** William Paterson University

**Years in Education:** 22

**Favorite Book:** In The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

**Favorite Quote:** "Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend."

- Albert Camus

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**Name:** Maria L. Brooks

**College/University:** Atlantic Cape  
Community College

**Years in Education:** 26

**Favorite Book:** The Bible

**Favorite Quote:** "I can do all things  
through Christ who strengthens me."

- Philippians 4:13

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**Name:** Chalón Anita Eberhart

**College/University:** Hampton  
University (The Real HU)

**Years in Education:** 35

**Favorite Book:** I Know Why the Caged  
Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

**Favorite Quote:** "Straight is the gate  
and narrow is the way which leads to  
life, and there are few who find it"

– Matthew 7:14

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**Name:** Laurie Egrie

**College/University:** Richard Stockton  
State College

**Years in Education:** 20

**Favorite Book:** Big Magic by Elizabeth  
Gilbert

**Favorite Quote:** "Wherever you go, go  
with all your heart." - Confucius

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**Name:** Ceceilia Antoinette DiFabio

**College/University:** Stockton University

**Years in Education:** 25

**Favorite Book:** The Prophet by Kahlil  
Gibran

**Favorite Quote:** "Every Child deserves a  
champion: an adult who will never give  
up on them, who understands the power  
of connection and insists they become  
the best they can possibly be."

- Rita Pierson, Educator

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**Name:** Gloria Small

**College/University:** Attended Atlantic  
Cape Community College

**Years in Education:** 36

**Favorite Book:** The Bible

**Favorite Quote:** "Never look down on  
a man, unless you are picking him  
up." - The Rev. Jesse Jackson



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**Name:** Regina Farias

**College/University:** Stockton  
University

**Years in Education:** 13

**Favorite Book:** Charlotte's Web by  
E.B. White

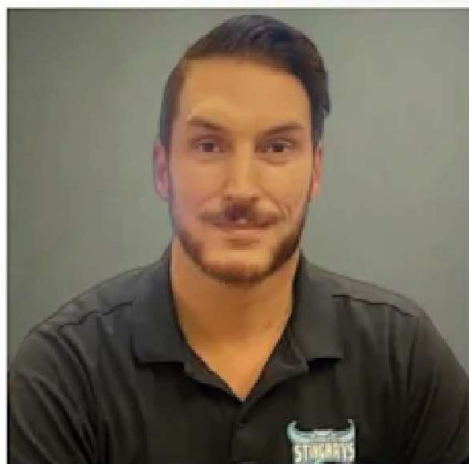
**Favorite Quote:** "Nobody can make  
you feel inferior without your  
consent." - Eleanor Roosevelt

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**Name:** Ryan Mulholland

**College/University:** Stockton  
University & Wilmington University

**Years in Education:** 10

**Favorite Book:** Where the Wild  
Things Are by Maurice Sendak

**Favorite Quote:** "Happiness is only  
real when shared."

- Christopher McCandless



## TEACHER OF THE YEAR



**Name:** Modesta Bozzi

**College/University:** Stockton University, Grand Canyon University, Rowan University, Atlantic Cape Community College

**Years in Education:** 25

**Favorite Book:** One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez

**Favorite Quote:** "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." - Aristotle

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**Name:** Alanna Young

**College/University:** Rowan University  
and Montclair State University

**Years in Education:** 17

**Favorite Book:** Their Eyes Were  
Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

**Favorite Quote:** "My mission in life is  
not merely to survive, but to thrive; and  
to do so with some passion, some  
compassion, some humor, and some  
style." - Maya Angelou



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**Name:** Andrew Ludwig

**College/University:** Temple University

**Years in Education:** 16

**Favorite Book:** The Silk Roads by Peter Frankopan. Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Chesapeake by James A. Michner and Shadow Country by Peter Mathiessen.

**Favorite Quote:** "As long as you tried your best, no one can do better than you." - John Wooden

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**Name:** Jasmine Nieves

**College/University:** Rutgers University

**Years in Education:** 4

**Favorite Book:** Small Great Things by  
Jodi Picoult

**Favorite Quote:** "No act of kindness no  
matter how small is ever wasted."

- Aesop



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**Name:** Pamelar Jean-Baptise

**College/University:** Queens College  
and Walden University

**Years in Education:** 23

**Favorite Book:** Blackness in Western  
Europe by Dienke Hindus

**Favorite Quote:** " Teachers open the  
door but you must enter by yourself."  
- Chinese Proverb

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**Name:** Nicole Casamento

**College/University:** Western Maryland  
College

**Years in Education:** 27

**Favorite Book:** To Kill A Mocking Bird by  
Harper Lee

**Favorite Quote:** "Our greatest natural  
resource is the minds of our children."  
- Walt Disney



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**Name:** Lori Dean

**College/University:** Rowan  
University

**Years in Education:** 18

**Favorite Book:** Today I feel Silly &  
Other Moods That Make My Day by  
Jamie Lee Curtis

**Favorite Quote:** "Speak softly and  
carry a big stick."

- Theodore Roosevelt

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**Name:** Rosa Vasquez

**College/University:** Atlantic Cape  
Community College & Stockton  
University

**Years in Education:** 15

**Favorite Book:** The Bible

**Favorite Quote:** "A person's a person,  
no matter how small." - Dr. Seuss.