



Look What's Happening In Our Schools

March 2017

Superintendent Celebrates 'Bulldogs of the Month'

Dr. Thomasina Jones, Superintendent, honored nine of the district's finest students at the monthly Board of Education meeting on March 14. The Superintendent's "Bulldogs of the Month" for February are: Broad Street School – Tyrone Loatman, grade 3 and Jasmine Luster, grade 7; Buckshutem Road School – Jonathan Galvan Ignacio, grade 5; Cherry Street School – Danny Bell Bryant, grade 3; Indian Avenue School – Diana Morales Aragon, grade 5; Quarter Mile Lane School – Ke'Najia Jamison, grade 7; West Avenue School – Paul Medina, grade 8; and Bridgeton High School – Miguel Perez, grade 11 and Basil Williams, grade 11.



Rowan Urban Teaching Academy Readies Future Bridgeton Teachers

Bridgeton Public Schools is partnering with Rowan University to create a pipeline of Bridgeton students who are interested in becoming teachers.

Bridgeton High School students will work with Rowan faculty to plan and teach mini-lessons and activities to Bridgeton elementary school children in an academic summer program known as "Rowan Urban Teaching Academy."

The program seeks to recruit a diverse group of Bridgeton students with the long-term goal of creating supports for individuals from underrepresented

groups to become teachers.

Registration will be limited to 20 high school juniors entering their senior year.

Program participants will work with K-3 students in an existing Bridgeton summer academic program.

This two-week program will meet Monday – Friday in July from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (8 hours daily). Students are required to attend every daily session. Students and their families will be invited to attend an orientation program in late June and a closing ceremony.

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Teachers, Educators Honored

Bridgeton's "Governor's Teachers of the Year" and "Governor's Educational Services Professionals of the Year" for the 2016-2017 school year were honored recently. Recipients, selected by their peers for their

- exemplary work are:
- Governor's Teachers of the Year:**
- BHS – Ms. Karli Fratz (Teacher of the Handicapped)
 - Broad – Ms. Silvia Darpino (ESL Teacher)
 - Buckshutem – Ms. Stephanie

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Teacher Bill Waterman Nominated For National Life Changer Award



School Superintendent Dr. Jones is proud to announce that William “Bill” Waterman, School-to-Careers counselor at Bridgeton High School, has been nominated for the 2016-17 national LifeChanger of the Year Award.

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, the national LifeChanger of the Year program recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 public and private school educators and employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. Mr. Waterman was nominated by Dr. Jones.

Throughout his 20-year tenure as a counselor, Mr. Waterman has advocated for thousands of BHS students in their quest for employment. Last spring, he was responsible for 23 BHS freshmen receiving full, four-year scholarships. This was an unprecedented gift from the Give Something Back Foundation. Upon graduation

from BHS, these students will be afforded the opportunity to acquire a debt-free bachelor's degree from Rowan University, Montclair State University, The College of New Jersey or Saint Peter's University.

“Mr. Waterman is a LifeChanger in our district because of his perseverance, passion and persistence,” Dr. Jones says. “His dedication has opened the door for many students whose ideas of attending college were only a dream. His work also relieves a heavy financial burden for scholarship recipients and their families.”

Each school year, the LifeChanger of the Year program receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For 2016-2017, there will be a total of 15 individual LifeChanger of the Year awards. In addition, a 16th prize, the “National Spirit Award,” is given to the school and nominee

whose community demonstrates the most support for their nomination. Each winner will receive a cash award that is split between the individual winner and their school. The national Grand Prize award is \$10,000. Winners are announced via surprise award ceremonies held at their schools. The top five winners will also be honored at a national awards ceremony in Naples, Florida. Winners will be announced in Spring 2017.

Teaching Academy — Educators Honored

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ny on the last day of the program.

Space in schools will be provided by Bridgeton Schools.

Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging transportation for students to and from the program. With written permission students may drive or take public transportation. Transportation will be provided for three days of activities on the Rowan campus. Faculty will include Rowan professors.

Applicants must be Bridgeton High School juniors that are entering their senior year. Applications will not be processed until all materials have been received. Letters of acceptance will be sent directly to participants.



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Lopez (Kindergarten Teacher)

Cherry – Ms. Mary Wilks (Grade 3 Teacher)

Dr. GOFECC – Ms. Denise Riley (Teacher of the Handicapped)

ExCEL – Ms. Deena Osmer (Science Teacher)

Indian – Ms. Carol Hoblitzell (Music Teacher)

QML – Ms. Nicole Wright (Grade 5 Teacher)

West – Ms. Lindsey Willett (Grade 1 Teacher)

2016-17 Governor’s Educational Services Professionals of the Year:

BHS – Ms. Kristen Marroquin (Social Worker)

Broad – Ms. Della Raybould (Instructional Aide)

Buckshutem – Ms. Maria Martini (Guidance Counselor)

Cherry – Ms. Lynne Hallanan (Guidance Counselor)

Dr. GOFECC – Ms. Tabitha Cassidy (Instructional Aide)

ExCEL – Ms. Marie Keith (Guidance Counselor)

Indian – Ms. Mary Anne Keyes (Master Teacher)

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