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CPS Announces the Certified and Support Employees of the Year for 2013-2014



Each month during the 2013-2014 school year one Certified staff member and one Support staff member were chosen from nominations submitted to be the employee of the month. From those chosen, two people were selected and Charlotte Public Schools is pleased to announce the 2013-2014 Employees of the Year.

The 2013-2014 CPS Support Employee of the Year is Ms. Becky Frazier. She is the administrative assistant to the High School Principal. Ms. Frazier was originally nominated by Ms. Gloria Wilson and Mr. Bill Barnes. In her nomination, Ms. Wilson wrote: "It is not uncommon to see Becky stay late or arrive early to make sure things run smoothly, especially during conferences and graduation time." Mr. Barnes stated: Over the last two and a half years, we have gone through many changes at the high school. If you watch Becky, you would never know anything was different.... She always carries herself in the same professional, friendly, competent, and patient way, regardless of the environment in which she finds herself. She is one of a kind...."

Ms. Lisa Spoelstra is the 2013-2014 CPS Certified Employee of the Year. Ms. Spoelstra was nominated by Matthew and Sandra McDonald. Ms. McDonald in her nomination wrote, "...She (Ms. Spoelstra) is the head of the Links program which is the most wonderful program the schools could provide for the special education students.... She is a mentor to them all and goes way above and beyond her duties as a teacher. She puts so many hours outside of the school time and does not mind spending her personal time helping ones that need it. She has taught him (Matthew) wisdom, self-care, how to understand himself and many more wonderful life skills. Ms. Spoelstra is always looking for opportunities for each student to help them achieve their goals...." Matthew said, "...She is helpful, kind, caring, the coolest teacher out there."

Also recognized at the end of the year was Mr. Tyler Bartolacci as the Neophyte (5 years of experience or less) teacher of the year. Mr. Bartolacci was nominated by another High School teacher, Tara Becker-Utess. In her nomination she recognized him for working tirelessly to ensure his students are engaged with the material he is teaching, his use of the iPads in his classroom, along with his many extra-curricular activities such as coaching.

Employees of the Year were recognized at the end of year retirement recognition and social. They received various gifts which included: 2 season passes to CPAC, a Chamber of Commerce gift certificate for \$100 and a \$100 addition in their classroom or supply budget for the following year.

Charlotte Public Schools is very proud of these employees and appreciative of their "over and above" efforts on behalf of our students and staff.

If you know of a CPS employee who goes above and beyond on a consistent basis, you are invited to nominate them for employee of the month. Information is available on the District's website: www.charlottenet.org or feel free to call 541-5101 for more information.