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NJPCSA Celebrates National Teacher Appreciation Week Honoring Public School Teachers in New Jersey

HAMILTON, NJ - May 2, 2022 - In honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6), the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association (NJPCSA) thanks all teachers for their commitment and dedication to helping students in public charter schools reach their full potential. To showcase the diversity and dedication of public charter school teachers throughout the state, the association held a call-for stories and from the submissions selected a number of teachers to feature in videos to recognize their work with students, families and communities.

Congratulations to the following New Jersey Public Charter School Teachers for being selected to represent teachers from across the state:

- Leisa Leona Brown, Philip's Academy Charter School, Paterson
- Danielle Bruno, Queen City Academy Charter School
- Kevonte Bryant, Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology
- John Chestman, Red Bank Charter School
- Jazmine Cruz, Camden's Charter School Network, Katz Dalsey
- Equel Easterling, North Star Academy, Clinton Hill Middle School
- Lisa Edwards, Vineland Charter School
- Luis Guevara Palacios, Ocean Academy Charter School
- Jayce Lebon, Roseville Community Charter School
- Jaleel Ritchwood, Marion P. Thomas Charter School
- Cheryl Seldon, Bergen Arts & Science Charter High School
- Dleta Sweat, Great Oaks Legacy Downtown Middle School
- Jennifer Tarangelo, Hoboken Charter School

"New Jersey charter schools are as diverse and unique as our state and we wanted to recognize and thank public school teachers by asking them to share what makes their school a great place to work, learn, and thrive" said **Harry Lee, President and CEO of the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association (NJPCSA)**. "These videos showcase the diverse teachers in public charter schools who help create nurturing places that were able to accelerate learning during the pandemic."

The call-for-stories garnered a significant number of compelling stories from public charter school teachers from across the state. After weeks of careful review, 13 teachers were selected and have been awarded a \$2,000 cash prize in addition to being featured in a video to tell their unique stories. To view the videos, visit [here](#).

About New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association

The New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association (NJPCSA) is the non-profit membership association that represents the state's charter school community and, by extension, charter school students and their parents. There are currently 87 charter schools in New Jersey serving approximately 60,000 students. We are committed to advancing quality public education for New Jersey's children through the cultivation of excellent public charter schools. The Association seeks to influence legislative and policy environments, leverage collective advocacy, and provide resources to support our members in developing and operating high quality, public charter schools. For more information, visit www.njcharters.org.

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