

R.J. REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024  
CORE Award  
*Winners*



## TEACHER OF THE YEAR (TOY) CANDIDATE



### **Mrs. Stacey Jolly** ESL Teacher

*I am an ESL teacher. I have been teaching here for 23 years. I have loved being a demon since the start and I'm proud of the ESL program we have built here at RJ Reynolds! Helping our ESL students acquire English, graduate from high school, feel a sense of belonging in our RJR community and greater community, and find their paths in this country has been one of my greatest joys. Being able to do this at this historic institution that took a chance on me many years ago is another big part of my "why". It is all about relationship building and growing together. I'm grateful for the opportunities to have met and helped so many amazing young people from all over the world!*



# CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR (CEOY) CANDIDATE



## Mrs. Susan Annas

### Financial Manager

*While my responsibilities are varied and at times challenging, I feel gratified when I can successfully get a teacher to PD with Title I funds; purchase needed items for classrooms; assist athletics, the arts, and other departments with purchasing and funding their different productions and events; and process accurate payrolls for the month (highly important!) 😊*

*I hope that through my efforts, I can support the administration and staff in providing what they need to help make Reynolds "the place where everyone wants to be." It is a privilege to work at Reynolds High School with a such an excellent administration, faculty and staff.*

# CERTIFIED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR (CISPY) CANDIDATE



## **Mrs. Lanette Taylor** Social Worker

*Change is the reason why I became a social worker. Barriers in any circumstance can block a child's vision of change and progression in positive aspects. If I can support any child with assisting them with reaching their goals and potential despite their circumstances, it not only changes their lives but mine as well.*



# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR (APOY) CANDIDATE



## Mr. David Friedman

Assistant Principal

*I believe that we are all capable of growing, together. We have an incredibly dedicated community at RJR that works to allow all to exercise their passions and grow their skills in the direction of their passions. I believe in collective effort to empower our students and teachers to reach their goals and have the impact in this world that they can have. We are the pathway to positive impact.*



# JUDY MONTJOY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (VOY)



## Mrs. Kristen Zaks

PTSA President

### *My Why:*

*Gratitude. This one word summarizes why I want to help support RJ Reynolds High School. I am incredibly grateful for the outstanding Administration, Teachers, Staff and Coaches that we have at RJRHS. In all the years my children have been in school, I have never witnessed a more dedicated and passionate group of professionals who truly care about each and every student. What I have witnessed is that it is more than just providing an excellent education. Rather, it is more of a holistic approach to make sure our students' wellbeing is front and center. As a parent, it is humbling to see this type of commitment and in return I just want to do whatever I can to help and support our incredible community of Administrators, Teachers, Staff and Coaches that serve our students and show my gratitude for all you do.*