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Dear Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy Family,

The Governor's Educator of the Year Program highlights educational innovation, student achievement, exemplary teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success. This celebratory program recognizes our state's best teachers and educational services professionals who will be recognized at the Union County Office of Education.

We are proud to announce that the 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy was awarded to Mr. Brendan Meade. He is an exceptional teacher who loves to motivate students to succeed in Social Studies by providing exceptional lessons and learning experiences. Mr. Meade has enjoyed positive working relationships with students and staff members while serving the Hamilton Preparatory Academy learning community as the Social Studies Chairperson; an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) trainer, particularly in relation to history; and as a curriculum writer. He has taught several sections of AP US History due to his mastery of the content area along with his solid experiences in education. Overall, Mr. Meade is an exceptional educator and a strong advocate for students to receive the best education to be able to compete when they enter college or the workforce.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy was awarded to Ms. Wendy Maravi. Ms. Maravi is a dedicated counselor who has devoted herself to enriching the lives of our students and staff while displaying a genuine compassion and commitment to our core values. As Chair of the Guidance Department, Anti-Bullying Specialist, and Coordinator of Testing, Ms. Maravi ensures that all requirements are met according to established guidelines. Ms. Maravi has demonstrated exceptional knowledge and skill in assisting students with course selection geared towards college ready skills, community service projects, onsite and college admissions, and scholarships. She has demonstrated the ability to work effectively with students, parents, staff and community members, working tirelessly to provide needed support and resources to students. Overall, Ms. Maravi's genuine care and expertise has provided our students a strong foundation to succeed in all their future endeavors.

Please join us in celebrating these two amazing professionals for the work they have done, and continue to do, for our school community and district.

Sincerely,

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