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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 2019 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy was awarded to Ms. Katelyn Banks. Ms. Banks is a passionate English teacher who loves to motivate students to succeed in language arts literacy. She has a way of explaining concepts by providing real world examples to simplify the learning process and mastery. In addition, Ms. Banks has established excellent rapport with her students. Ms. Banks has developed strong connections with her colleagues through her role as Hamilton's AVID Site Coordinator, leading professional development opportunities as a specialized coach in the AVID methodologies, and serving as a leadership team member. She is a strong advocate for students to receive the best education to be able to compete when they enter college.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy was awarded to Mrs. Kristy Martinez-Kumar. Mrs. Martinez-Kumar is a key team member to the students of our school in her role as school psychologist and as part of the child study team. She has provided expertise in cognitive development, behavioral, social, emotional, and academic growth. Ms. Martinez-Kumar has done a great job in collaborating with teachers, parents, and guidance counselors to create and provide a safe and supportive learning environment for students. Her laser-like focus in meeting students' needs in the areas of interventions and counseling have only strengthened our students' growth and academic success. Ms. Martinez-Kumar has worked tirelessly to provide support and resources for students that struggle with academics or social and emotional issues. Her open door policy, genuine care, and expertise has provided our students a strong foundational support to move forward and succeed.

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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