



Elizabeth High School

Frank J. Cicarell Academy

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Dear Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy Community,

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 Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy was awarded to Mrs. Anila Eugene. Mrs. Eugene has been on staff at Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy since the program's beginning at Upper Academy in 2006. She has earned a reputation for high academic standards teaching chemistry and Advanced Placement Chemistry, during which the hands-on tasks and experiments she assigns help students to glimpse the wonders of nature revealed by understanding chemistry. Though she only accepts the best from her students, Mrs. Eugene consistently makes herself available during lunch and after school for tutoring. She is also generous to her colleagues and regularly mentors new science teachers. As a member of the Merck Institute for Science Education, Mrs. Eugene spoke at the National Science Teacher Association conference in 2011. Mrs. Eugene, a wife and mom to three lovely daughters, loves the profession of teaching and is revered by her students and colleagues.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy was awarded to Mrs. Jecenia Solorzano-Castro. Mrs. Solorzano-Castro has been on staff at Elizabeth High School as a counselor for the past six years. As an aspiring educational leader, Mrs. Solorzano-Castro enjoys aspects of counseling that influence student success and bring continuous new challenges. She has proven to be an indispensable member of the school's leadership team, providing college counseling to students and families and recommendations of coursework, based on student strengths. Mrs. Solorzano-Castro is a generous team member who, as part of our school's leadership team, lends her considerable organizational abilities to the monumental tasks associated with student scheduling and nurturing additional course offerings. Mrs. Solorzano-Castro, a wife and a soon to be mom, has a passion for counseling and serving the school community that makes her a valued member of our school's team.

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,

Michael Cummings
