



John E. Dwyer
Technology
Academy

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Dear John E. Dwyer Technology 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 John E. Dwyer Technology Academy was awarded to Ms. Melissa J. Wells. As an advocate for teaching and learning at our school, Ms. Wells has proudly taught Italian and AVID classes since 2009. Her compassion for our students to succeed, both in high school and beyond is unsurpassed. Ms. Wells is an active member of Dwyer's AVID site team, and is the founder and adviser of the National Honor Society JEDTA Chapter. She also serves as an important member of our "Vanguard" technology team. Her willingness to promote and take full responsibility for various school activities such as bake sales, movie nights, and school trips in conjunction with continually motivating our students to volunteer for all events is always evident. She has served her colleagues as a building and head rep for the Elizabeth Education Association and continues to be a lifelong learner. Additionally, she is a member of various professional organizations, such as the Italian Teachers Association of NJ. She is highly regarded by all and is a tremendous asset to our academy and to the Elizabeth Public Schools community.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for John E. Dwyer Technology Academy was awarded to Ms. Jessy Mathew. Ms. Jessy Mathew has proudly served the Elizabeth Public Schools as a teacher and Math Instructional Coach since 2002. As the current Math Instructional Coach at John E. Dwyer, Ms. Mathew is an integral part of daily math instruction in our classrooms. Ms. Mathew continuously provides our teachers with support for lesson preparation as well as promoting our students' learning and success. She is warm and supportive nature always helps students to see the positive in all situations. In addition to her dedicated work at Dwyer Technology Academy, Ms. Mathew is involved in various district programs while maintaining her professional responsibilities. She works collaboratively with other district math coaches and provides integral input in designing the high school math curriculum. She has worked extensively with the Pearson Math program and has led our school to achieve higher math scores this year. Ms. Mathew has an unparalleled level of expertise, which has been a tremendous asset to Dwyer Technology Academy.

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,

Sulisnet Jimenez