



J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy

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Dear J. Christian Bollwage Finance 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 the 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year for J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy was awarded to Mr. Marvin Randle. Every second in Mr. Randle's science class is maximized to support engagement and student learning. He makes the content authentic and relevant to the students; and at times, learning is not about biology or forensics. Mr. Randle is notorious for his life lectures; students and colleagues alike are mesmerized by his fiery passion with which he shares life lessons and teaches us how to behave with the utmost respect. Mr. Randle's door is always open and he is always willing to lend an ear and provide perspective. He is 200% invested in his students and strives for others to care too. When asked who should be teacher of the year, students unanimously declared: Mr. Randle! They explain: "Mr. Randle gets us"; "Mr. Randle really, really cares; he relates to us and genuinely tries to get to know us and understands where we are coming from".

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy was awarded to Mrs. Safiyyah Howell. A guidance counselor since 2012, and for the last three years with Bollwage Finance Academy, Mrs. Howell is an advocate for students in their academic, social, and professional endeavors. She truly has a pulse on the building and works with all school and community members to ensure exceptional services are provided for her students. Mrs. Howell is to be commended for reaching out to the community to connect the students with the right kind of additional support, intervention, and social emotional learning opportunities that students and their families need.

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.

With Celebration,

Dr. Megan Marx