



We Build Futures Award

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In your nomination, it was noted:

- You embrace new challenges and pedagogy with a voracious quest to improve your teaching skills and knowledge;
- You have mentored formally and informally hundreds of educators within our District;
- You are a leader with a desire to improve student growth and share resources with her colleagues across multiple grade levels;
- You facilitate professional growth amongst your peers by engaging in non-evaluative conversations that promote an atmosphere of harnessing the passion of 21st Century learning skills;
- You have created a multitude of instructional resources, take risks with technology, and strive to educate parents regarding developmental academic, social, and emotional milestones;
- You are a well-respected colleague who is fearless in sharing failure, applying the mindset of professional inquiry to implement better instructional choices;
- Your kindergarten classroom is a true learning lab where students experience growth and independence; and
- Your students are empowered with executive functioning skills, as they follow a sophisticated schedules that are differentiated to their learning.