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## **Brevard Schools Announces District Winners at 8th Annual ABC Awards**

BREVARD COUNTY, FLA. – The ABC (Applauding Brevard’s Champions) Awards Gala, presented by Community Credit Union and hosted by Brevard Schools Foundation was held on January 23, 2019 at the King Center for Performing Arts in Melbourne. During the gala celebration, Brevard Public Schools announced the winners from various categories including: Administrators of the Year, Volunteers of the Year, Foundation Awards of Distinction, Employee of the Year (EOY), and the Teacher of the Year (TOY).

“The ABC Awards is such an honor to host and allows us to come together with our community and celebrate the many incredible people who make lasting impacts in the lives of students each day” said Janice Kershaw, president and CEO of Brevard Schools Foundation.

### **2019 Teacher of the Year**

**Shannon Kraeling**, ceramics teacher and department chair for the fine arts program at Eau Gallie High School, won this year’s noteworthy title of Brevard Schools Teacher of the Year (TOY). As a fine arts school of choice, Mrs. Kraeling has a great deal of responsibility to develop and implement rigorous standards based curriculum for her classes. The method in which she organizes lessons, units and daily activities has served as a model for other teachers in the district.

Her students are willing to take risks because they know she values them from the moment they step into her classroom. Mrs. Kraeling makes a welcome call at the beginning of the school year to every parent and stays in frequent contact with them throughout the year.

Kraeling provides training on how to integrate fine arts into curriculum and co-teachers a biology unit on cells where students use impressionism techniques to paint cell tissues. She is a BPS intern supervisor and mentors new teachers on classroom management and technology use.

Outside of her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. Kraeling organizes an annual holiday store where people donate new or gently-used items, so parents in need can “shop” for gifts free of charge.

She is a faculty member for the University of Phoenix, supervising local interns and teaching arts integration classes for the College of Education.

### **2019 Employee of the Year**

**Heather Spinneweber**, school secretary at Rockledge High School was named Brevard Schools Employee of the Year (EOY). Spinneweber ensures that all Rockledge High staff have the support they need to serve students with excellence. From covering a teacher’s class at a moment’s notice, to managing staff Benefits, and overseeing school improvements, Mrs. Spinneweber’s contributions to Rockledge High are immeasurable and a constant example of her unwavering commitment to the school. She works with students in the lowest 25 percent and Rockledge’s EBD students, providing reading support or just a listening ear. She provides leadership to support staff and sets a clear vision that allows them to meet the needs of teachers and staff, and she works hard every day to keep morale high.

“It is a privilege to work with such an incredible wealth of talent -- from those we honor here tonight, to all our unsung heroes across the district -- who bring their ‘A’ game every day to teach, support and inspire future generations,” said Brevard Schools Superintendent Mark Mullins. “Their dedication flows genuinely from the heart and is measured by the number of lives they help to shape. We have much to celebrate and far more to be grateful for, as we consider the contribution and sacrifices that are made in selfless service to this profession and ultimately to our kids.”

Other winners honored during the evening included:

### **Administrators of the Year**

The Principal’s Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership and the Outstanding Assistant Principal Award recognizes exemplary principals and assistant principals for their contributions to their schools and communities. Awards were announced at the school district's annual summer leadership conference. Brevard’s representatives are:

- **Catherine Murphy**, Fairglen Elementary, 2019 Assistant Principal of the Year
- **Ena Leiba**, Sea Park Elementary, 2019 Principal of the Year

### **Volunteers of the Year**

The Outstanding School Volunteer Award recognizes school volunteers who have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to their school through volunteer service. This award has three categories –youth, adult, and senior.

Brevard’s winners are:

- **Logan Colangelo** Volunteer of the Year – youth, nominated by Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr.
- **Tabitha Braddock**, Volunteer of the Year – adult, nominated by Roosevelt Elementary
- **Linda Cowart**, Volunteer of the Year – senior, nominated by Port Malabar Elementary

### **Brevard Schools Foundation Awards of Distinction:**

- **Propeller Club of US Port of Canaveral**, Group Champion
- **Wells Fargo**, Corporate Champion
- **Lila Buescher**, Individual Champion
- **The Phoenix Foundation of Central Florida**, Family Champion
- **Parrish Medical**, Local Business Champion
- **Dr. Synthia Doaks**, Take Stock in Children Champion
- **Georgianna United Methodist Church**, Faith-based Champion

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