

Orange County Public Schools



Crystal *Awards*

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Letter of Congratulations

Dear OCPS Volunteers & Partners,

Welcome to the inaugural Crystal Awards, recognizing Orange County Public Schools' outstanding ADDitions School Volunteers and Partners in Education. This 2021 event is our opportunity to highlight and thank you for your extraordinary service and commitment to the children of Orange County.

At OCPS, our vision is to ensure every student has a promising and successful future. Despite the challenges caused by a worldwide pandemic, you have continued to step in and provide our students, schools and district immeasurable support and resources.

Today we are pleased to celebrate each of you for the critical roles you play in helping to lead our more than 206,000 students to success. Every unique interaction you have with our students and schools continues to move us toward our vision.

While we are unable to gather in person this year, we hope this virtual celebration showcases how much we value your support.

On behalf of our school board members and the OCPS staff, thank you for being outstanding supporters of our students and school communities. You truly are invaluable parts of the OCPS team!

With sincere appreciation,



Teresa Jacobs
Chair
School Board of Orange County



Teresa Jacobs



Barbara M. Jenkins, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Barbara M. Jenkins

Show Host



Jamie Holmes

News Anchor

WFTV Channel 9

Jamie Holmes started in a newsroom when he was 15 years old, writing copy and grabbing coffee for anchors at the former CBS affiliate in Fort Pierce, Fla. He knew he was hooked after a drug deal went down in the station parking lot, and he and the photographer chased after police as they cornered the suspects in the woods behind the station.

Holmes graduated from the University of Florida and landed his first job at WSLS in Roanoke, Va. Afterward, he moved back to South Florida and worked at WPTV in West Palm Beach for more than a decade. There, he covered the 2000 presidential election, anthrax attacks and countless hurricanes.

Holmes started at WFTV in January 2011 and is excited to cover Florida stories that matter. His philosophy in reporting the news is simple: Be honest, be fair and uncover the truth.

When not working, Holmes and his wife spend every moment with their three children.

He welcomes comments and story ideas via email at Jamie.Holmes@wftv.com.

Show Agenda

Host

Jamie Holmes
News Anchor, WFTV Channel 9

Recognition of Honorees

Teresa Jacobs
Chair, Orange County School Board

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Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools

Acknowledgements

Pam Carson
Assistant Director, Foundation for OCPS and Community Outreach

Remarks

Michelle Brady-Palmer
Corporate Manager, External Affairs, SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment

Debi Pedraza
Executive Director, Foundation for OCPS

Partners in Education of the Year

Orlando Magic and the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation

Winter Park Health Foundation

Lockheed Martin

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Lockhart Middle School

Sandra Fatmi-Hall

Evans High School

Wilson Martinez

Oakshire Elementary School

ADDitions School Volunteers Spotlight

Outstanding Learning Community ADDitions School Volunteers

Congratulations

School Board Members

Coordinator Recognitions and Closing Remarks

Pam Carson

Don't Miss Top Talent 2021!

Reflections



Pam Carson

Assistant Director
Foundation for OCPS and
Community Outreach

For 23 years, OCPS has entrusted me and my team members with managing the ADDitions and Partners in Education programs. This amazing journey continues with the Foundation for OCPS and its Community Outreach managers, Ermelinda Rolon (ADDitions — 26 years) and Kathleen Wright (Partners — five years). Our fellow pioneers began programs in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s that have either lasted (ADDitions School Volunteers and Partners in Education) or were ahead of their time (Cultural Diversity, Volunteer Listeners and more).

As we celebrate the 50- and 40-year anniversaries of the ADDitions and Partners in Education programs, respectively, we should also examine our full journey. Our progress would not be possible without caring volunteers, community businesses and organizations that give freely of their time, talent and treasure. Our wonderful school and department coordinators provide the constant connection for volunteers and partners, creating lifelong relationships.

I will never forget celebrating individuals like Grandma K., who at 90 years old, found daily energy to volunteer at Magnolia School, one of our ESE school sites; or celebrating the partnerships of Pineloch and Mollie Ray elementary schools with St. Luke's United Methodist Church, whose members became volunteer classroom assistants for every teacher at both schools. Thanks to that support, Mollie Ray's school grade moved from an "F" to an "A" in a single year. Another wonderful memory comes from 2004: I received a call from Palm Lake Elementary Principal Wayne Shear, who encouraged the Central Florida Hospitality and Lodging Association to become a district Partner in Education. In its first partnership year, CFHLA adopted 14 schools; since then, it has adopted as many as 125 schools in Central Florida.

Annually, OCPS graduates more than 14,000 students. In the near future, I suspect a few of them will join us in this journey and take OCPS programs to greater dimensions. As you review this year's program, I encourage you to look closely at the "Our Journey" timeline (page 10) and enjoy all of the wonderful stories and quotes commemorating our outstanding district and learning community honorees.

Since 1994, George Fournier has served as our "voice," either as a scriptwriter, video producer or announcer. In this year's program he shares why!

Congratulations to everyone, and thank you: We truly value your lasting impact on our students, families and schools!

Virtual Wall of Distinction Honorees

Business and organization partners whose commitment and generosity to our schools have made a notable impact, and people who are pioneers of past and/or current ADDitions School Volunteers community involvement programs.

Business and Organization Partners

Addition Financial
Financial Partner

Baptiste Orthodontist
Health Partner

Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association
Hospitality Partner

Junior League of Greater Orlando
Nonprofit Partner

Orlando Regional Chamber
Professional Partner

SeaWorld Orlando
Hospitality Partner

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Faith-Based Partner

Strawbridge Studios
Professional Partner

Community Outreach Program Pioneers

Joan Ruffier
Junior League of Greater Orlando - started
ADDitions School Volunteers Program

Yvonne Traylor
Arty Facts

Jean Yothers
Named the volunteer program "ADDitions" since
volunteers would be a "plus factor"

Kenneth Murrah
ADDitions Program Board of Directors –
first board president

Eleanor Fisher
ADDitions School Volunteer Program – first director

Judy Gordon
Schools of Light and Five Star Schools programs

Mimi Candedo
Community Resource Volunteers

Margaret Mabry
Un Poquito de Español

Betty Martinez Lowery
Language Bank and Green Circle

Our Journey

Volunteer Services

1970s

- ADDitions Board of Orange County, Inc.
- ADDitions (200) started by the Junior League of Greater Orlando
- Community Resource Volunteers

1980s & 90s

- Partners in Education (20) – started by Orlando Chamber of Commerce and the Junior League
- ADDitions Recognition Events
- Arty Facts Program
- Black Women: “Achievements Against the Odds”
- Building Inclusive Classrooms training
- College Volunteers
- Cultural Diversity
- Ethnic Achievers
- Green Circle
- Language Bank
- Math Super Stars
- Mighty Mentors
- Minority Role Models Workshop
- Partners in Education Committee
- Partners Recognition Events
- Schools of Lights
- Storytellers
- Un Poquito de Español
- Volunteer Listeners



Ermelinda Rolon

Manager, ADDitions School Volunteers
25 Years

Community Resources

1994 - 2016

- ADDitions screening of volunteers grows exponentially
- Paper application process
- ADDitions Online Volunteer Application Registration in partnership with Seminole County Public Schools
- Be There Campaign
- ADDitions Board & PIE Committee merge with FOCPS Board
- Business Challenge
- Community Groups United/OCPS Gives
- Employee Recognition programs transferred to Community Resources (Discounts and Deals, Retirement Recognition Event, Support Person of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Years of Service Pins)
- Faith-Based Initiative
- Fingerprinting of Volunteers



Kathleen Wright

Manager, Partners in Education
5 Years

Our Journey

- Five Star Schools
- Fuel My Schools
- Golden and Silver Schools
- Hall of Fame
- Let's Do Lunch
- Math Bee
- Mentor Guidelines
- OCCPTA Liaison
- Online Registration for both ADDitions & PIE
- Partners in Education Forums
- Partners in Education Kickoffs
- Partners in Education Online Registration, developed by Universal Studios
- Partnership Networking Events
- Picnic with the Partners
- Protecting Our Children Taskforce
- Reach for the Sky – Pilot Mentoring Program
- Saturday Scholars
- Silver School Awards
- Stay in School JAM
- Teen Trendsetters Mentoring

FOCPS and OCPS Community Outreach

2016 - Present

- Alumni Relations
- Charity Recycling Program
- Communications Division was created
- Community Outreach Schools
- Greenback
- Teach-In
- ADDitions School Volunteers (2020: 56,772)
- ADDitions Coordinators (2020: 415)
- Partners in Education (2020: 2,603)
- Partners Coordinators (2020: 320)



The Voice



George Fournier

For 28 years, I have had the privilege to meet hundreds of inspiring people who have shown a powerful desire to help our schools and our students.

I have met company presidents who adopted individual schools and enabled their employees to share in the experience of making a difference.

I met a retired pastor who now teaches elementary students how to play chess.

I got to know doctors and dentists who offered their services free of charge to ensure the good health and well-being of students.

Over the years, there have been hundreds of people and organizations with valuable skills and talents who have contributed thousands of hours of time and substantial resources. They have all been people of real nobility who do not look for praise or recognition but only want to be part of a teaching and learning environment where people really care about each other.

And I got to meet them all.

George Fournier



Partners

IN EDUCATION

Celebrating 40 Years

Outstanding Partners in Education

Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards and Orange County Public Schools Partners of the Year

Orlando Magic and Orlando Magic Youth Foundation

Foundation for OCPS
Community Outreach
Minority Achievement Office

The Orlando Magic has been working with OCPS since its start in 1989. Not only does the organization and its players volunteer in the schools, they also develop and participate in programs that are pivotal points of inspiration for students.

Magic Mentoring and Her Time to Play programs focus on life and job skills students will need, as well as provide job shadowing opportunities and behind-the-scenes looks into the NBA industry.

Pick, Read and Roll encourages elementary school students to read more books to improve their skills. The program celebrates the top fifth-grade students who improve on their FSA testing and inspires ALL fourth-grade students at schools selected to participate. More than 8,000 students were celebrated in 2019 at a special event at the Amway Center. In December 2020, due to COVID the Orlando Magic sent out video messaging and gifts to 10,000 fifth graders.

Because the Magic believes in being safe, through a partnership with Florida Department of Transportation, it also focuses on the importance of traffic safety, and students understanding that bicycle riders and vehicle drivers all have to share the road.

Winter Park Health Foundation

Foundation for OCPS
Aloma; Baldwin Park;
Brookshire; Cheney;
Dommerich; Hungerford;
Lakemont; and Lake Sybelia
elementary schools; Audubon
Park K-8 School; Glenridge and
Maitland middle schools; and
Winter Park 9th Grade Center
and Winter Park High School.

With a name like Winter Park Health Foundation, one might think health is its only focus. While a primary emphasis, it does more. In 1994, the foundation began a partnership with OCPS focused on inspiring communities and students to be healthy. It supports 13 schools with various programs that address healthy habits and student well-being. Since 2005, the foundation has supported OCPS with more than \$11 million for school nurses, student health centers, student counseling and healthy school teams. Winter Park Health Foundation continues to work closely with OCPS to develop and launch free school-based health and wellness programs designed to help students be their healthiest and most productive.

Lockheed Martin

Foundation for OCPS

Lockheed Martin has a longstanding tradition of volunteering with OCPS. Not only does it team members participate in mentoring, tutoring and coaching for STEAM and robotic clubs, they also inspire students with programs such as Women in Engineering, where local high school students engage face to face and virtually with female engineers who work at Lockheed Martin. The company also has sponsored a STEAM grant for schools to boost its scientific efforts.

Focusing on career paths and science are not Lockheed's only motivation to be involved. This year it also provided financial contributions for 20 high-need schools for the holidays. Priority was given to the nearly 3,500 students experiencing financial hardship, extreme poverty and homelessness. Schools were able to support families in purchasing holiday items, as well as clothing, food and other items for students.

Districtwide Honorees

Panda Express

Restaurant Partner

**Community Outreach,
Independence Elementary &
Wetherbee Elementary**

Panda Express not only supports OCPS events and initiatives, it also partners its stores with several schools across the district. With incentives for students, treats for staff, providing Chinese New Year celebrations at several schools, Panda Express continues to grow its outreach every year.

Silva's Painting

Professional Partner

**Foundation for OCPS,
Ivey Lane Elementary,
Lake Weston Elementary &
Rosemont Elementary**

Founder and CEO Leo Silva of Silva's Painting has been a great partner for the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools. Silva's desire to help resulted in Silva's Painting sponsoring a student "Perfect Attendance" incentive program for three Community Outreach schools: Ivey Lane, Lake Weston and Rosemont elementary schools. During the 2020 testing season (February-May), participating students received multiple chances to win a brand-new bicycle and helmet. Each school held a prize giveaway in May for each K-5 grade level. With Silva's support, the impact was remarkable: Each school's grade improved by at least two grade letters. Teachers also participated, receiving multiple chances to win an iPad or tablet at each school.

Ivey Lane Elementary School Principal Samuel Danner said, "It was a wonderful motivator and encouraged the students to finish strong! We felt very fortunate to have the opportunity to provide this to our students."

Career & Technical Education Honoree

Southeastern Food Bank

Nonprofit Partner

**Orange Technical College -
Westside Campus**

Orange Technical College's Westside Campus has enjoyed a stellar partnership with Southeastern Food Bank. The food bank has assisted the students, faculty and staff for more than 20 years. Its mission: "Feeding the hungry and caring for those in need by sharing life's necessities along with a message of hope."

Founder Mark Anthony and members of his staff are familiar faces on the Westside Campus. These OTC students volunteer at Southeastern, gain experience, learn new skills and market themselves while giving back to their community. A large number of volunteers also serve during the spring, Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives.

Outstanding Partners in Education

East Learning Community Honorees

East River High School Education Partner

Castle Creek Elementary

East River High School goes beyond the OCPS expectation of school partnerships by positively impacting the Castle Creek Elementary School Improvement Plan goals. East River students have produced more than 10,000 flash cards to support Castle Creek students' learning gains in math. East River student volunteers also continue to impact positive data results for all grade levels through a variety of academic activities. The two schools are a family, as the partnership prepares the Dragons to one day become fantastic and successful Falcons.

Hispanic Federation Nonprofit Partner

Engelwood Elementary

The Hispanic Federation and representative Laudi Campo have become an essential partner of Engelwood Elementary School. They are one of Engelwood's first responders, especially when there is a family in crisis. The federation and its partners provided Engelwood \$2,000 worth of groceries for its Back-to-School drive, helping 161 school families affected by the COVID quarantine. Engelwood is always on the federation's radar, and it loves to help any time it can.

Painted Oaks Academy Sports Partner

Riverdale Elementary

Painted Oaks Academy has made outstanding efforts to support Riverdale Elementary School during its Open House, Family Fitness days, and by offering gift certificates for riding lessons to students as incentives. It also has supported Riverdale with toy drives for the highest-need students during the holidays. Painted Oaks and Lisa Ottersen are very reliable and dependable, and are always willing to go above and beyond to help Riverdale students and staff.

Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen Restaurant Partner

Timber Springs Middle

This school year, Dairy Queen was recently acquired by Fourteen Foods and quickly became a stellar partner of Timber Springs Middle School. Its devotion to serving the community and helping local schools is unparalleled. Timber Springs Middle specifically approached Dairy Queen regarding student incentives in an attempt to increase engagement and motivation. Dairy Queen delivered more than 1,000 student incentives, totaling more than \$6,000 worth of donated products. Timber Springs Middle is grateful for the business' generosity and commitment to education.

High School Honorees

Every Kid Outreach

Nonprofit

Edgewater High

Edgewater High School has been blessed to work alongside Every Kid Outreach for more than 20 years. EKO mentors students on campus and provides lessons on conflict resolution; financial literacy; effective communication; positive relationship building; time management; college readiness; and more. Its presence on Edgewater's campus has not only enriched students' lives but also has given them hope and direction for a successful future.

Johnny's Fillin' Station

Restaurant Partner

William R. Boone High

For the past five years, Johnny's Fillin' Station has sponsored numerous charity golf tournaments to help Boone High School meet community stakeholders' needs. It also contributes annually to the holiday toy drive, as well as provides gift certificates for teachers. Located only minutes away from Boone High, Johnny's Fillin' Station has built a strong relationship with Boone High. Having a Partner in Education like Johnny's Fillin' Station helps ensure the school has resources to support the needs of all its students and staff.

Innovation School Honorees

That's the Spot Massage

Health Partner

Arbor Ridge K-8

From volunteering countless hours to contributing funds for whatever the school needs, Arbor Ridge K-8 is proud to select That's the Spot Massage as its Outstanding Partner in Education. That's the Spot Massage has had a hand in constructing and maintaining the school's butterfly garden, giving mask lanyards to more than 300 students, and contributing funds for Thanksgiving feasts and team shirts for events. The vast number of hours spent working for Arbor Ridge has made a huge impact on the students and staff.

Downtown Baptist Church Orlando

Faith-Based Partner

Howard Middle

Downtown Baptist Church Orlando has been an outstanding Partner in Education through its generous gifts — in-kind and from the heart — and that relationship continues to grow as it is an integral part of the downtown Orlando community. It has supported Howard Middle School by organizing an unsolicited school supply drive, being a holiday Angel Tree sponsor and so much more. The church has served a crucial role in the school's outreach efforts for its homeless students and families. It is a tremendous support to Howard Middle teachers and students.

Texas Roadhouse - Orlando Airport

Restaurant Partner

NorthLake Park Community
School

Store Manager Janet Jorden and Texas Roadhouse – Orlando Airport have been incredibly generous to NorthLake Park Community School. They have donated wonderful incentives for students, teachers and staff. Jorden and Texas Roadhouse are an example of what Partners in Education should always be: They enrich the education system, motivate and lift staff morale and encourage students to be better. They are priceless assets to the NorthLake Park community, and the school is grateful to have Texas Roadhouse as a Partner in Education.

Outstanding Partners in Education

North Learning Community Honorees

Above and Beyond for Change

Nonprofit Partner

Pinewood Elementary

Pinewood Elementary School is delighted to have Above and Beyond for Change as its Outstanding Partner in Education. Michelle Sanchez, founder of the nonprofit, is working to bring about positive change in local communities through a variety of initiatives, including food and clothing drives. Pinewood has been fortunate to forge a partnership with someone so committed to making a difference in the lives of its students and families.

Schwenn Services & Contracting

Professional Partner

Spring Lake Elementary

Jeff Schwenneker and his team at Schwenn Services & Contracting have supported several events at Spring Lake Elementary School, including building sets and the Corporate 5K. Schwenneker is so passionate about health that he and Spring Lake Principal Patty Harrelson created a running club. Schwenneker assists the team at its practices and sets up its endurance courses. He also supports the teachers with their coffee bar. Spring Lake Road Runners and their families appreciate the partnership.

Voyage Retirement Solutions - Milner

Financial Partner

Wolf Lake Middle

Financial Agent Lizzy Milner with Voyage Retirement Solutions has made it clear that her goal is to be a part of the school by not only recognizing teachers, support staff and students but also helping to ensure everyone is successful. She puts their needs first without any expectation of reciprocity. To Milner, being a partner is more than providing details on how her business can help Wolf Lake Middle School; it means her incentive programs (Teacher of the Month - Golden Apple traveling award and Support Person of the Month - Mugs and Kisses) inspire and recognize teachers and staff who go above and beyond.

School Choice Honoree

Summit Church

Faith-Based Partner

Project Compass Alternative Education

The staff and students at Project Compass greatly benefit from their partnership with Summit Church. Anytime Project Compass makes a request, whether it's supplies for the teachers' coffee area or donating lunch for Honor Roll students, Summit Church is always eager to help in any way possible. Its partnership helps students feel valued by the school and community.

Southeast Learning Community Honorees

Signature Financial Inc.
Financial Partner

Conway Elementary

Signature Financial Inc. has been a Partner in Education with Conway Elementary for two years. Its support of the school, specifically the Autism Spectrum Disorder classes, has been greatly appreciated. Signature Financial's understanding of Conway's autistic students has been helpful in supplying items for its classrooms. Signature Financial also has helped families who need financial assistance for the holidays, with buying gifts for students and supplying families with gift cards.

**Texas Roadhouse -
Orlando Airport**
Restaurant Partner

Conway Elementary

Texas Roadhouse – Orlando Airport has provided Conway Elementary School overwhelming support throughout this school year, to the tune of more than \$9,000 in material and product contributions. Student incentives, items for staff members and donated food have all helped to keep morale up at the school. Restaurant representative Janet Hynes has gone above and beyond to help the school with any needs that have arisen during the year. Conway Elementary students, staff and community have appreciated the support.

**Keller Williams
Advantage III**
Professional Partner

Odyssey Middle

Monica Ramirez, a Keller Williams Realtor, has been a champion for Odyssey Middle School as a Partner in Education since 2019. Her commitment to supporting the school's goal of improving staff morale and building genuine relationships with staff, students and families is unmatched. She cares about Odyssey staff and students so deeply, and they are grateful for her. Ramirez is not only a hard-working and successful Realtor, her generous investments of time and treasure have made positive impacts on the school.

The Nobile Foundation
Nonprofit Partner

Sally Ride Elementary

The Nobile Foundation has provided the Sally Ride Elementary School community with the most amazing support. Its partnership can be seen in the form of contributions of school agendas, school spirit T-shirts, school supplies, school store incentives and food. The foundation also has provided mentors and volunteers to work with students on a weekly basis, building relationships and helping with academics on a one-on-one basis, as well as providing gift cards just before the holidays to shop for students.

Outstanding Partners in Education

Southwest Learning Community Honorees

Chick-fil-A - Sand Lake

Restaurant Partner

Dr. Phillips Elementary

Chick-fil-A has been a valued partner with Dr. Phillips Elementary School for the past seven years. It motivates and inspires the students to achieve their goals in reading and math, do their best each day, and make the honor roll. Students love seeing Chick-fil-A representative Lydia Sedely and the cow at school, encouraging them to be the best and to attend Honor Roll Night at the end of each marking period. Chick-fil-A is invested in our students' success.

Event Production Technologies

Technology Partner

Palm Lake Elementary

Jose Nazario, CEO of Event Production Technologies, is not just a Partner in Education with Palm Lake Elementary School, he is family. Nazario supports its events and stage productions, which has allowed the school to create and share special experiences and lifelong memories for its students, parents and staff. Palm Lake's gratitude for the positive impact EPT has had on its students is profound.

West Learning Community Honorees

A Childhood for Children

Nonprofit Partner

Ivey Lane Elementary

Ivey Lane Elementary School is very fortunate to have A Childhood for Children as a partner. This year it has provided students with jackets, hygiene products and child-sized masks. When not providing material goods, the members of its board have assisted with Saturday Tutoring and made art kits. The organization has been a tremendous and supportive partner for the last five years in the community, and Ivey Lane is grateful for its contributions.

Lake Highland Preparatory School

Education Partner

Ivey Lane Elementary

From high school students writing pen pal letters to parents organizing annual snack drives, the staff, students and families of Lake Highland Preparatory School have risen to the challenge for the last four years for Ivey Lane Elementary School. They distribute "Bags of Thanks" to Ivey Lane families, and every student receives clothing and books during the holidays. They even honor the staff with goodies and gift cards. There is no student or teacher at Ivey Lane who does not benefit from this partnership.

Greenway Ford

Retail Partner

Oak Hill Elementary

Greenway Ford has provided an overwhelming amount of support for Oak Hill Elementary School. It has answered the call on numerous occasions to support not only the face-to-face students but LaunchED@Home students as well. It adopted students from the holiday Angel Tree, replenished the school clinic with necessary items and contributed supplies to help students start the new year with tools for success.

NYPD Pizza in MetroWest

Restaurant Partner

Thornebrooke Elementary

For nearly a decade, NYPD Pizza in MetroWest has supported Thornebrooke Elementary School, becoming a solid partner Thornebrooke can count on unconditionally. NYPD Pizza consistently goes above and beyond, participating in almost all of the school's events, as well as providing fun student incentives year-round. Thornebrooke is so thankful for the support from Paul Russo and his team, and for always lending a helping hand.

Outstanding Partners in Education

School Level Honorees

Curry Ford Championship Martial Arts
Andover Elementary

University of Florida IFAS Extension
Castle Creek Elementary

Summit Church
Colonial High

Conway United Methodist Church
Conway Elementary

Kensington Church Orlando
Dillard Street Elementary

McDonald's Maitland
Dommerich Elementary

MRM Promotions
Dommerich Elementary

PDQ Waterford Lakes
East River High

Tacos My Guey at The Villages
Endeavor Elementary

Orlando Baptist Church Semoran Blvd
Engelwood Elementary

Equitable Advisors
Freedom High

Club Z Tutoring
Freedom High

Horace Mann – Esteban Yepes
Freedom High

Lantower Grande Flats
Freedom High

Modern Marlowe
Freedom High

Central Florida Community Arts
Howard Middle

Lift Orlando
Jones High

West Orange Cinema
Lake Whitney Elementary

Greater Glory Life Center
Lancaster Elementary

Simon Group - Florida Mall
Lancaster Elementary

Bahama Bucks Original Shaved Ice Company
Meadow Woods Elementary

Nona Church
NorthLake Park Community School

Sakowitz Smiles Orthodontics - Lake Nona
NorthLake Park Community School

Marco's Pizza Hiawassee
Oak Hill Elementary

Bears Who Care
Oak Hill Elementary

City of Orlando
Orange Technical College - Orlando Campus

Aloft Orlando Downtown
Pershing School K-8

Burlington Coat Factory #425
Riverdale Elementary

Guang Ming Temple/Buddha Light International Association
Rock Lake Elementary

Foster Grandparents Program
Rosemont Elementary

Winn Dixie Grocery at Lake Avenue
Sand Lake Elementary

Championship Martial Arts Avalon Park
Stone Lakes Elementary

Faith United Methodist Church
Union Park Elementary

Little Caesars Pizza - Walmart Super Center
University High

University of Florida Orange County IFAS Extension
Ventura Elementary

Washington Shores Presbyterian Church
Washington Shores Elementary

Wedgefield Firewise
Wedgefield School

Ignite Martial Arts in Ocoee
Westbrooke Elementary

Burntwood Tavern, Windermere
Windy Ridge K-8

Target Terrace at the Florida Mall
Winegard Elementary



ADDitions

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Celebrating 50 Years

Outstanding ADDitions School Volunteers

Districtwide Honorees

Camryn James

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Lockhart Middle

North Learning Community

Camryn James shares her love of math by volunteering at Lockhart Middle School and helping students in content areas ranging from pre-algebra to geometry. James believes her purpose is to help students reach their mastery learning levels in each content area and increase gains on the end-of-year FSA testing and end-of-course exams. She volunteers with Saturday School Tutoring, Math Night functions and special in-class projects. Her involvement in these activities has assisted teachers in identifying additional learning styles among Lockhart students.

One teacher describes James as being warm, friendly, knowledgeable and “always willing to support me with meaningful suggestions that I have taken and shared with my math team. Camryn asks for guidance in a way that makes each student she helps feel they are important.”

In her first year in college, James still has found a way to volunteer regularly from more than 300 miles away. She tutors virtually and often travels home to assist with Saturday Tutoring.

“Volunteering has a positive effect on your community — and it’s good for you, too! You feel good because you’re helping others, and the others feel good because they’re getting help,” she said. “I feel like everybody has a purpose. And I feel like my purpose is just to help people in any way that I can.”

Sandra Fatmi-Hall

Adult Volunteer of the Year

Evans High

High Schools

Sandra Fatmi-Hall is not just a provider of an enrichment program at Evans High School, she provides opportunity. Her ability to support students during high school and into adulthood speaks to her character and mission to positively transform families and students, using early intervention and education resources. Her foundation, United Foundation of Central Florida, benefits 300 students through mentoring and has given \$121,250 in scholarships to Evans Trojans. She influences the Pine Hills community through the empowerment of youth, for which the school is grateful.

“I started volunteering seven years ago so that we can positively change the lives of young people and families in the Pine Hills community as it became clear when we saw the high crime numbers and the potential correlation to our graduation rate that we needed to join the conversation to help make a positive difference and in doing so, created the United Foundation of Central Florida. More importantly, the program that formed outside of United Foundation of Central Florida was Future Leaders United, because we serve the students so that we can positively impact our entire community, and we start that by doing it one family at a time.”

Wilson Martinez

Senior Volunteer of the Year

Oakshire Elementary

Southeast Learning Community

Wilson Martinez is every school's dream volunteer. Oakshire Elementary School does not have to imagine finding a volunteer who is willing to be on campus every day of the week, eight hours per day. Martinez has logged more than 6,500 volunteer hours at Oakshire, in a four-year timeframe. He comes to school every single day to help the Custodial crew. Martinez says he solves problems, and that it's his great pleasure to collaborate, clean tables, throw out the garbage and help in any way he can. He also assists the teachers and staff with all their needs and does it all with a smile and humbleness.

Custodial Crew Leader Breily Garcia-Rodriguez said, "Wilson has been amazing, and he's an amazing guy! I have seen him do everything from changing tires for staff members to doing a job before being asked."

Although Martinez began volunteering because his wife works at Oakshire, it has become known that even when she takes a day off, Martinez will be on campus.

"I just want to help the school and students," he said.

Youth Volunteer Honorees

Elizabeth Michalski

Columbia Elementary
East Learning Community

"I volunteer as an ADDitions volunteer because helping others is what I enjoy. When it involves children, that makes it even better!"

Dennis Warner, Jr.

Eccleston Elementary
Southwest Learning Community

"I volunteer as an ADDitions volunteer because I know the importance of giving back to the community. It is important for me to be a positive example to other youth."

Arianna Chunoo

Gotha Middle
West Learning Community

"The most important thing one can do is give back to your community. Never forget from where you came."

Patricia Gonzalez

NorthLake Park Community School
Innovation Schools

"I love to help the children, especially those who are learning English. This is because I was in their shoes when I was their age, and I want to remind them that they're not alone while they are going through the language barrier. It's easy for [children] to feel like something is impossible and for them to give up easily. However, I want to make them see that they can do it; Whatever they want to achieve is possible; and that process doesn't have to be burdensome. It can be an exciting experience that opens a door of opportunities for young children like them."

Savannah Sauma

Orange Technical College - Orlando Campus
Career and Technical Education

"I volunteer because of the satisfaction it brings me to provide my services and support to students, teachers and the school. I have been a volunteer with OCPS since I was in elementary school, and I enjoy being able to help."

Brooke Sharifzadeh

Vista Lakes Elementary
Southeast Learning Community

"I volunteer as an ADDitions volunteer because I like to give back to my community and hopefully provide students with the best opportunities."

Adult Volunteer Honorees

Tessie Touelle

Blankner School
Innovation Schools

"I love being able to decorate at events; help at all the fundraisers; mentor; volunteer; participate in Teach-In; and to help Blankner thrive in any way I can. To sum it up in three words: I Love Blankner!"

Anita Atkinson

Corner Lake Middle
East Learning Community

"My goal has been to support the needs of the school staff in providing memorable and meaningful experiences that positively impact Corner Lake Middle students. I believe in the importance of building a stronger sense of community by showing gratitude for what life has provided me and generosity to those [who] might benefit from my assistance."

Tara Weathers

Dr. Phillips Elementary
Southwest Learning Community

"I love being a part of Dr. Phillips Elementary, where my children go to school. This is a fine community and school, and I feel blessed to be a part of it and give what I can to help others."

Luana Folse

East River High
High Schools

"I have a heart to serve my community. I love East River High and cannot wait to see how it continues to grow."

Lindsey Barnett

Lake Sybelia Elementary
North Learning Community

"Commitment to the well-being, safety and enjoyment of the Lake Sybelia Elementary students are some things I've been passionate about since becoming a mother. I'm blessed to be able to help the school; I'm grateful for the hard work of the teachers and administrators; and I am proud to be part of the LSE Dolphin family!"

Karissa Martin

Thornebrooke Elementary
West Learning Community

"I volunteer as an ADDitions School Volunteer to get to see the students learning in real time. It's a different experience to see them have an 'a-ha moment' in person, rather than just hearing about it after the fact. The warmth and caring you see from the teachers and faculty is difficult to put into words. But when you see it, you feel it. Volunteering helps you feel like a part of a close-knit community."

Brian Norberg

Vista Lakes Elementary
Southeast Learning Community

"Helping a child learn is one of the greatest accomplishments of my life!"

Senior Volunteer Honorees

Rose Rodriguez

“I find joy and satisfaction in knowing that I am able to help a child who needs my help, whether it be in reading or math.”

Chickasaw Elementary
East Learning Community

Candi Covell

“I became an ADDitions volunteer to lend a helping hand in whatever way that will assist the school and students to become the best they can be.”

Endeavor Elementary
Southwest Learning Community

Frances Lundell

“I like to volunteer because I like to show my love and support for Keene’s Crossing and for my grandchildren.”

Keene’s Crossing Elementary
West Learning Community

Clement Ellis

“It is what I can do to honor my late wife, as she worked in the library at a public school before her untimely death.”

Windy Ridge K-8
Innovation Schools

Donald Dudley

“‘Be the change you wish to see in this world,’ — Mahatma Gandhi. I want to see our youth equipped with the skills needed to be confident, courageous ambassadors of change for the earth and humanity.”

Winegard Elementary
Southeast Learning Community

Mentor Volunteer Honorees

Victoria Hamer-Hodges

Blankner School
Innovation Schools

"I enjoy making Blankner K-8 a fun experience for the students with whom I'm in contact and for them to look forward to school instead of feeling like it's a chore. I love to see the smiles on the students' faces when I am mentoring, helping in the classrooms and chaperoning field trips!"

Mary Johnson

Catalina Elementary
Southwest Learning Community

"I volunteer as an ADDitions school volunteer because I love children, and I am passionate about the importance of literacy."

Bibi James

Pinewood Elementary
North Learning Community

"As an ADDitions School Volunteer, it brings me deep satisfaction seeing the growth in the students as they progress, and it is very gratifying to see the joy in the students' faces as they develop."

Essential Volunteer Honorees

Kimberly Lyons

Blankner School
Innovation Schools

“I feel complete when I am helping others. I have missed not being able to volunteer inside the school but feel I am helping as best I can during this different time.”

Jaime Young

Columbia Elementary
East Learning Community

“It’s all about the kids! It’s ALL about the kids!”

Thalita Alonso and Carolina Nigro

Sand Lake Elementary
Southwest Learning Community

“We volunteer to make an impact on the students in our Sand Lake community.”

Dena Reyes

Thornebrooke Elementary
West Learning Community

“I volunteer as an ADDitions School Volunteer because I believe it takes a village to raise and educate children. Teachers, administrators and staff work so hard, and if there are things that I can do to support them as they support our children, I am honored for the opportunity.”

Jacqueline March

Vista Lakes Elementary
Southeast Learning Community

“The reason I volunteer is because I love seeing the children’s faces light up in the hallways. Seeing those huge smiles (even behind their masks) makes my heart happy!”

Outstanding ADDitions School Volunteers

School Level Honorees

Donna Joiner

Azalea Park Elementary

Saralyn Rodriguez

Baldwin Park Elementary

Jana Dascoli

Blankner School

Maggie Hawkins

Blankner School

Amy Byrd

Brookshire Elementary

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Camelot Elementary

Julie Pickren

Castleview Elementary

Deloris Crosby

Catalina Elementary

Scheentee Rodriquez

Cherokee School

James Monk

Colonial High

Keri Roman

Columbia Elementary

Sylvia Baer

Conway Elementary

Brendan Muina

Conway Elementary

Erin Weber

Dommerich Elementary

Ray Uren

Dream Lake Elementary

Sharon Warner

Eccleston Elementary

Darcy Ravndal

Edgewater High

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Engelwood Elementary

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Gina Waldron

Stone Lakes Elementary

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Sunrise Elementary

Melissa Sposato

Sunrise Elementary

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Walker Middle

Corrine Grady

Walker Middle

Melissa Shadle

Waterford Elementary

Alice Batista

Wedgefield School

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Wekiva High

Kristin Chung

Westbrooke Elementary

Leslie Hacha-Rodriguez

Westbrooke Elementary

Ruth Schreiner

Westpointe Elementary

Myesha Murray

Wheatley Elementary

Ariana Santiago

Windy Ridge K-8

Outstanding Volunteer Program Coordinators

Donna Lyle

Community Involvement
Coordinator

Water Springs Elementary
West Learning Community

Water Spring Elementary ADDitions and Partner in Education Coordinator Donna Lyle displays a quality of excellence in her work each and every day, no matter the task. She has built strong, positive relationships with volunteers on and off campus and is in constant communication with partners to ensure they are provided multiple opportunities to connect and support the school and community. Lyle has played a vital role as the primary liaison to the volunteers and partners to help create a quality bond between the new school community and families.

Mary Jackson

ADDitions School Volunteer
Coordinator

Arbor Ridge K-8
Innovation Schools

Mary Jackson has served as the ADDitions coordinator at Arbor Ridge K-8 for the past seven years. She is dedicated to informing parents about volunteer opportunities and making positive relationships with school volunteers. Jackson has spearheaded many Teach-In events and worked closely with community stakeholders to bring rich and exciting opportunities to Arbor Ridge students. Furthermore, Jackson assists all of the teachers to ensure all chaperones are ADDitions-approved and helps recruit chaperones when needed.

Matthew Aliberti

Partners in Education
Coordinator

Timber Creek High
High Schools

Matthew Aliberti is a relationship builder and leader. These two components create a strong bond between the community and school. Without them, there would be a major gap in operations. It takes community partners to make a school stronger, and that is why Aliberti is the perfect person to serve as Timber Creek High School's Partner in Education coordinator. The relationships he has created go beyond Timber Creek and the school's community partners.

Abdias Garcia

Mentor Coordinator

Lake Gem Elementary
North Learning Community

Abdias Garcia is the Lake Gem Elementary My Brother's Keeper coordinator. He volunteers long hours to be able to provide valuable academic and community resources to students and their families. Garcia implements activities that help students achieve high standards, both academically and socially, together with fellow Lake Gem Elementary MBK mentors. His multifaceted communication skills allow him to reach families effectively through multimedia in various languages, including newsletters and social media.

Diamond Volunteer Program Coordinators

The following coordinators have managed their school site programs for more than 20 years:

Dr. Monica Johnson

ADDitions and Partners in
Education Coordinator
25+ Years of Service

Castle Creek Elementary

East Learning Community

“I have been a coordinator for so many years because working with business partners reminds me of how much our community cares about the education of our children. Business partners give teachers and staff an opportunity to enrich learning, and give students a real-world academic opportunity to learn and achieve. It has always been a blessing to be able to coordinate the needs of the school with the amazing support that businesses offer to our schools.”

Betty Chandler

ADDitions and Partners in
Education Coordinator
25+ Years of Service

Eccleston Elementary

Southwest Learning Community

“My favorite delight about being a coordinator is that it helps me serve and meet the needs of the people [who] are in my community area. I remain and grow because of the opportunities provided which grow greater as the needs grow more and more challenging daily. I am proud of my role as a coordinator in making accessible human and material resources to my school, families and community.”

Leah Slaughter

Partners in Education
Coordinator
20+ Years of Service

Lake Weston Elementary

North Learning Community

“I’ve been a coordinator for Lake Weston Elementary for over 20 years due to the school needs and to help connect the community business partners who wanted to give to the school. My favorite thing about being a coordinator is sharing the needs of the school to community businesses, brainstorming how to fill the need of the school and then seeing the end result — so fulfilling! I did know that I would be doing this over 20 years as family, friends and colleagues have said I have a “Gift” — the ability to gain goods and services, as well as build a strong relationship with community businesses to meet the needs of Lake Weston Elementary.”

Colita Smith

ADDitions and Partners in
Education Coordinator
25+ Years of Service

Pine Hills Elementary

West Learning Community

“My favorite thing about being a coordinator is cultivating new relationships that provide dynamic enrichments, incentives and resources that help meet the needs of our students. I enjoy recruiting community partners willing to collaborate and share ideas that help support student success.”

Denise Bainbridge

Partners in Education
Coordinator
20+ Years of Service

Sunrise Elementary

Innovation Schools

“When I first started being a coordinator, I had no idea that I would love it so much. I truly enjoy working with businesses, trying to help my school be a place where students and staff members want to be. PIE is critical to helping schools be successful!”

Martha O’Connell

Partners in Education
Coordinator
25+ Years of Service

Wedgfield K-8

East Learning Community

“I’ve been a coordinator for as long as I’ve been teaching — 25 years. I came from the business field, so I understand the businesses bottom line; They are in business to make money. I’ve always respected their bottom line and strived to make it a mutually beneficial relationship. I love that I’ve been a coordinator in the same area for all 25 years, so I’ve developed a great rapport with the longstanding management of my local businesses. Due to my love and experience in the business field, I did think this would be a passion of mine in addition to teaching kindergarten for the last 25 years.”

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Notable Moments in Time

In 1985, the ADDitions lapel pin traveled to space aboard the Discovery Shuttle.



Mimi Candedo (left) and Eleanor Fisher (right)



Nancy and I congratulate you for your outstanding and dedicated volunteer service to your community and fellowman. Our Nation is enhanced because of caring people like you. With our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes,

Ronald Reagan

A special note from former President Ronald Reagan to former ADDitions Director Eleanor Fisher.

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