



Serves - Helps - Inspires - Nurtures - Excels

Educator of the Year 2021 Awardees

DAMIAN IRIZARRY

Damian, has been guiding, supporting, and impacting his students and their families for the last 15 years and specifically with the Dover High School Community since 2015.

He received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rutgers University and later attended Interamerican University in Puerto Rico where he received a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. Damian is also a part of the American School Counselor Association and Morris County Professional Counselors Association.

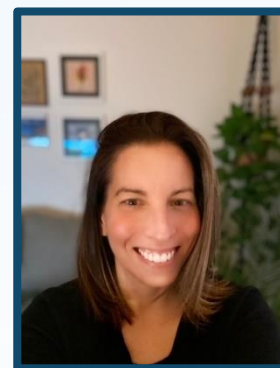


BEA YUAN

Bea has been shaping, nurturing, and supporting young children for several years and specifically at The Greater Morristown YMCA since 2012. Bea is a very active member in her community and is involved in The Morris County Child Care Director's Association, is a NAEYC member, and on The Greater Morristown YMCA Child Care Committee. In 2019, she was also awarded the Angela Lepore Memorial Award for outstanding service in early childhood education.

TRACY KLINGENER

For over 15 years, Tracy has been part of the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris where she now is Director of Suicide Prevention Services. Tracy's commitment and dedication to the community for over 20 years has led to her building relationships and collaborating with Police Departments, School Districts, Hospitals, Rehabilitation Centers, and other agencies. Her role has supported countless individuals in understanding, responding, and educating in suicide prevention. She also works with Ricky's Compass, a non-profit, that specializes in youth suicide prevention.



PATRICIA MCQUADE

Patricia is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at St. Elizabeth's University and has been educating and mentoring future nurses for over 13 years. She is a member of many organizations including but not limited to American Nursing Association, American Association for Critical Care Nursing and Emergency Nurses Association. Patricia also received her Master's degree in Nursing Education in 2009 and then went to receive her Doctorate of education in 2013 from the University of Phoenix.