Glassboro Public Schools



MEMO

To: Dr. Al Lewis, Superintendent of Schools

From: Craig Stephenson, Assistant Superintendent

Date: December 11, 2025

Re: Action Memo

December 17, 2025 Board Meeting

Informational:

The following district 2025-2026 Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) recipients will attend the first annual Gloucester County Teacher Leader Summit on January 14, 2026 at Rowan University. It is offered at no cost to districts or attendees through the sponsorship of Glassboro School District and the Rowan University College of Education. The recipients are Alicia Smith, Anthony Corma, Ilisa Noble, and Elisa Contrevo.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY EDUCATORS' NETWORK



December 1st, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great enthusiasm that I invite your district's 2025–2026 Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) recipients to attend the first annual Gloucester County Teacher Leader Summit on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. The all-day professional development conference will be held at Rowan University from 8:30am to 2:30pm. It is offered at no cost to districts or attendees through the generous sponsorship of the Glassboro Public School District and the Rowan University College of Education. Breakfast, lunch, and professional development certificates will be provided for attendees.

Every fall, districts across the county dedicate time and effort identifying a teacher who goes above and beyond their core responsibilities. The goal of this event is to celebrate and inspire these dedicated educators, promote collaboration between districts, and empower teachers to expand their leadership within their schools, districts, and communities.

The program of events includes:

- Welcome remarks from local educators and leaders
- Keynote address by Dr. Lindsay Jablonski, Principal, Moorestown Twp Public Schools
- Breakout sessions that focus on leadership development, collaboration, and innovation
- Teacher Hall of Fame activity to reflect on what defines participants as educators
- Best Practices Showcase to exchange strategies for instruction and school culture
- Networking opportunities to spark collaboration between districts

The conference is modeled after the Ocean County Colloquium, an annual event started by NJ State Teacher of the Year, Christine Girtain, and will be a model event for other counties through the New Jersey County Teachers of the Year organization. Although taking teachers out of the classroom is always a challenge, we are confident that the Teacher Leader Summit will energize and inspire your GEOY recipient long after it is over.

We invite each district/school leader to share this flyer with their GEOY honorees. From there, teachers can access this Google form to register, share dietary restrictions, and access instructions for the prework for the Summit. Registration forms are due by January 2nd.

The best part of being honored as the 2025 Gloucester County Teacher of the Year has been the chance to join forces with other passionate, dedicated teachers to create change. I am thrilled that we are able to extend that opportunity to teachers in Gloucester County. I appreciate your commitment to supporting teacher leadership and professional collaboration and look forward to hearing from you.

With appreciation and enthusiasm,

Sincerely,

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