



Derby High School

2022 Paraeducator of the Year





Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Program

The Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Program recognizes outstanding paraeducator contributions to schools and communities.

The program honors one paraeducator who has demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication in the performance of his/her job, thereby earning them the respect and admiration of students, teachers, administrators, co-workers and parents.

Assisting teachers/providers with building and maintaining effective **instructional teams**.

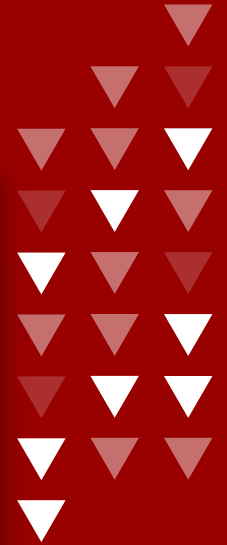
Assisting teachers/providers with maintaining **learner-centered supportive environments**.

Supporting teachers/providers with **planning and organizing** learning experiences.

Assisting teachers/providers with **engaging students** in learning and **assisting in instruction**.

Assisting teachers/providers with **assessing learner needs**, progress, and achievement.

Meeting standards of **professional and ethical conduct**.



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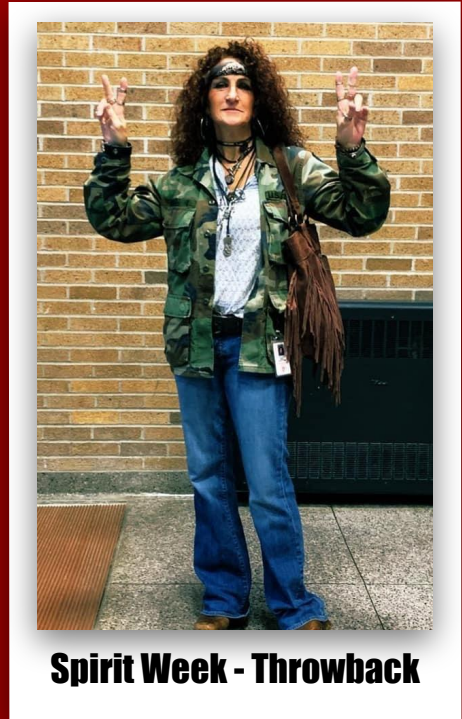
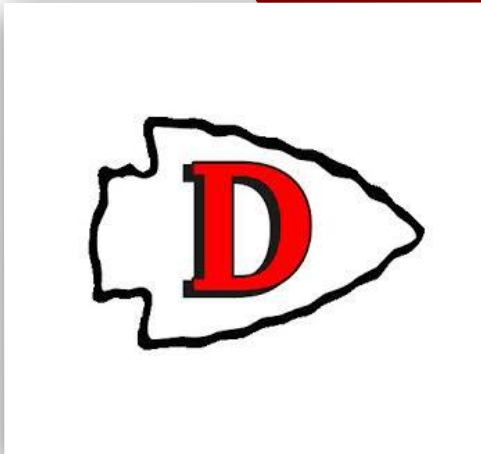
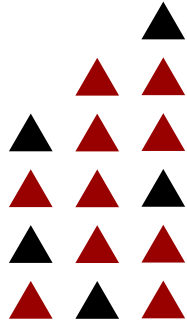
Process for Selecting

- **Our selection committee was comprised of teachers, administrators and PPS members including:**
*Eric O'Toole (Health & DHS Teacher of the Year); Maria Ryan (DHS Paraeducator of the Year);
Cassie Sardo (Resource Teacher); Jennifer Shea (Science); Rachel Minardi (Art);
Gabby Delgado (Social Worker); Jen Ostrosky (School Counselor); Ray Coplin (Assistant Principal);
James Nichols (Special Education Supervisor); Jen Olson (Principal)*
- We received 9 nominations for a group of dynamic and dedicated paraeducators.
- Three of our nominees received multiple recommendations from their peers.
- If you read the letters of support, the common thread you will find is a **commitment to supporting our students academically and socially/emotionally** in and out of the classroom.
- All of the paras are outstanding and deserving of this recognition, but one stands out

Cory Bartone

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Spirit Week - Throwback





Derby Hall of Fame

"Most of my adult life has been dedicated to teaching children, whether a paid position or volunteer."

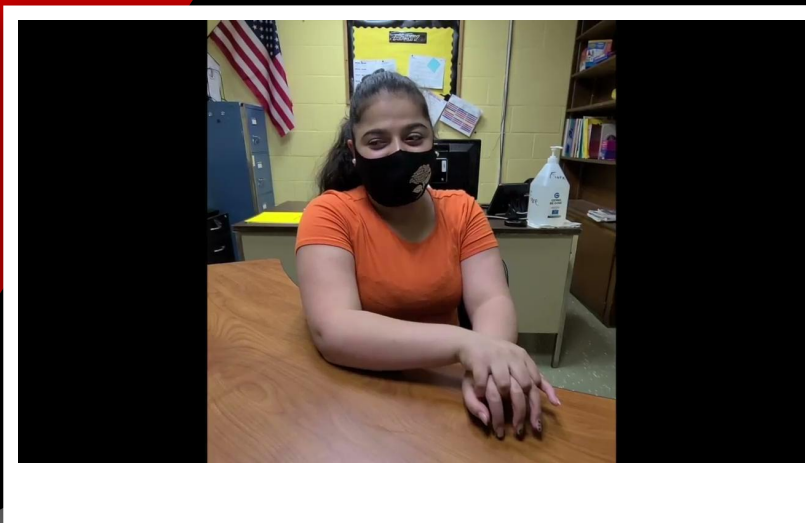
-Cory Bartone

"Cory goes beyond the classroom to connect with the community. Through athletics, fundraisers, and other events, Cory is always willing to get involved." -



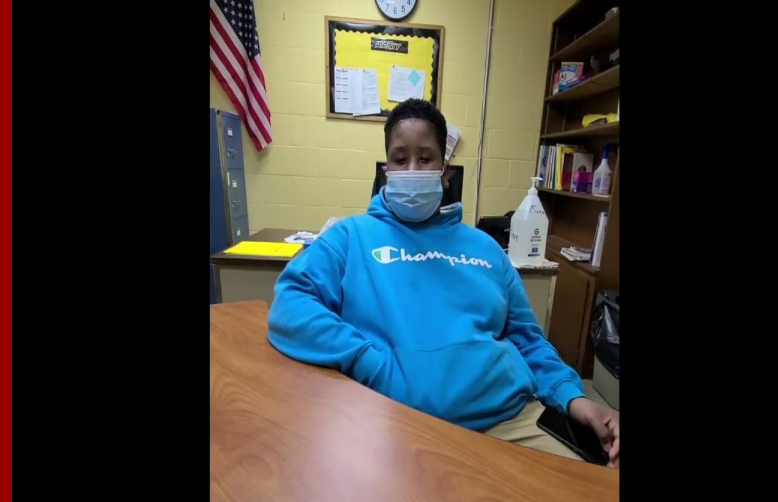
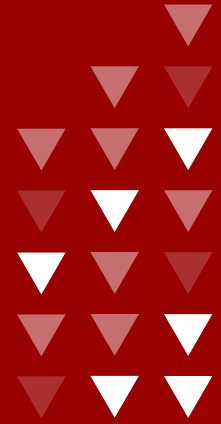
"Orange Out" Anti-Bullying

“Her consistent contact with her students allows her to pick out the strengths and weaknesses of each student.”



*“Cory came into DHS, camera-blazing, with a contagious enthusiasm! She is well-known by everyone in our building and stops at nothing to provide our students with a memorable experience”
- Rebecca Bell*

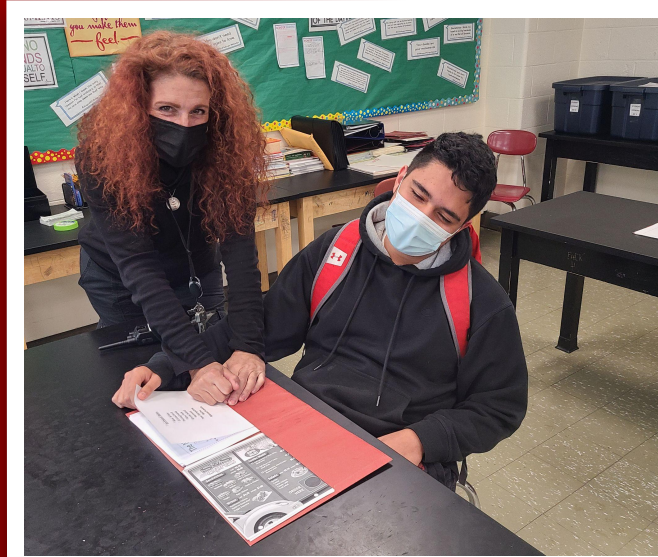
“Cory is a pleasure to work with, has great rapport with the students, and is invested in the well-being of the community and its people. Cory goes way above and beyond to help out the school, and make every kid feel important.”



*-Sean Donnelly,
ADL Teacher*

“Cory exemplifies all the fine qualities that make her the top in her profession. In the beginning of this school year, the DHS ADL program was in its infancy. There was not even a teacher in place for the program, only a substitute. Cory took it upon herself to plan lessons that were geared toward the student population specific to that classroom as well as initiating the teaching of these lessons that would fulfill the high school requirements.”

- Maria Ryan, 2021 DHS Paraeducator of the Year





Lip Sync Challenge



Paraeducator Appreciation Week



Winter 2020 Spirit Week

Hired in November 2018

Attended Derby High School Class of 1983

Earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with a minor in English Literature from NY Academy of Theatrical Arts - New York, NY; She is an avid photographer

Substitute Teacher K-12

Paraprofessional at St Mary St Michael kindergarten (early literacy)

Started a Dance team 2018-19 Started DHS Drama Club 2004-07

2019-20 40-Hour RBT Training Training Course for Physical/Psychological Management Training (To expose to the concepts of crisis intervention)

2019-20 Completed AFIRM Modules from The National Professional Development Center on ASD. American Red Cross Adult & Child CPR Training

11/09/19 Safe Environments Training-Archdiocese of Hartford-Awareness train to Protect Our Children

Have Coached, Assisted or was a member myself on Cheerleading, Pep Club, Pep Assemblies, Pom Pons, Gymnastics and Track. I've been a part in many capacities with Drama Clubs: most recently DHS's drama teacher, also Variety Shows, Theatre trips and Talent Shows--as a judge , help planning, setting up, running auditions and much more. I was involved with the Pop Warner program for 28 years, 6 as the cheerleading coordinator, also the Derby Recreational Baseball, Softball and Basketball programs in charge of sign-ups, paperwork and running drafts