

2012 District-wide awards

Above and Beyond Awards

Kristie Beckwith – NBHS
Deborah “Debbie” Circosta – Alternative
Center School
Annette Maldonado - Pulaski
Jason Smith - Roosevelt
Jose Lozada – Slade
Adam Mielniczuk – Slade
Lucian “Butch” Malinowski - Chamberlain
Tammy Goodwin - DiLoreto
Moriah Wynkoop – Gaffney

Joan Wilkinson - Holmes
Susan Cayer - Jefferson
Karyn Sisson – Lincoln
Melissa Abate - Northend
Matt Dowling, Ray Arroyo, Dan Witt, Ramyr Gonzalez
& Anita Fazio (Behavioral Team) – Smalley
Todd Hougas – Smith
Eileen Sliwinski – Vance
Dr. Adrienne Schuessler - NBEAC
Ann Rival – Central Registration

Administrative Leadership Mentor

Sharon Locke

Administrator of the Year

Nancy Sarra – Jefferson
Elaine Cabral - Lincoln

“Board Awards”

Certificate of Appreciation

Brian Riley
Beth Mazadoorian
Andrea Ceste
Jamie Giantonio
Tony Cane
April Alston
Daniel Cummings
Janet Rivera
Rha-Sheen Brown
Joseph Dilling
Barbara Clark
Ron Brown
Anna Robbins

Ann Carabillo
Sharon Locke
Mike Foran
Rachel Young
Richard Reyes
Nancy Sarra
Donna Clark
Sue Truglio
Cesar Arroyo
Barbara Lucas
Sara Mangiafico
Rocka Walsh
Karyn Sisson

Friend of the School District

Mitchell Sakofs (Urban Educators Project) – CCSU
Carl Lovitt (Urban Educators Project) – CCSU
Michael Schroeder (Publisher) The New Britain Herald

Above and Beyond
Robert Smedley

Friend of the School

Gail Koerner – NBHS
Zoe Riccio (Whitsons Food Service) - HALS
Eileen Gonzalez - Pulaski
Steve Bugnacki – Roosevelt
Nilda Rosado - Chamberlain
Darren Farrington (NB Youth Theater) - Gaffney
Nicole Bosco – Holmes

Julie Badecker – Jefferson
Risa Sugarman (Hartford Coalition for
Literacy) – Lincoln
Avis Dupont - Northend
Patrice Nelson (CT Center for School Change) – Smalley
Karen Duplin – Smith
Peggy Barron - Vance

2012 Paraprofessional of the Year – Nominees

Rocka Walsh - Pulaski
Marysel Santos - Roosevelt
Aileen Acevedo – Slade
Jason Cyr - Chamberlain
Maria Escudero - DiLoreto
Ana Rivera – Gaffney
Leslie Suydam - Holmes
Wendy Steiner – Jefferson

Roland Centeno - Lincoln
Kim Verrett - Northend
Pamela Shepard - Smith
Carmen Perez – Vance
Hanna Grymek – NBHS (co-winner
of Paraprofessional of the Year)
Damaris Caez – NBHS (co-winner
of Paraprofessional of the Year)

Parent Organization Leadership Award

Lynne Ingenito – NBHS
Beth Mazadoorian – HALS
Douglas Burns - Chamberlain
Robin Washburn (Treasurer of PTA) - Gaffney
Melissa Pavdi - Holmes
Diane Oppel – Jefferson
Sonia Ruiz – Lincoln
Althina Bryant - Northend
Smalley Academy Governance Council – Smalley
Meilene Vereen-Smith – Vance

Service to Youth by Non-Parent Award

Robert Clayton (CCSU IT Department) – NBHS
Lauren Starbola (Trio Tutor) - HALS
Tony Murvin (Shakesperience Productions) – Pulaski
Pastor Thomas Mills - Roosevelt
James Clerkin – Slade
Manny Aviles – Chamberlain
Chris Aviles - Chamberlain
Loretta Cashmon - DiLoreto
Dr. Jerry Butler - Gaffney
Maxine Carey – Holmes
Kathi Holly – Jefferson

Ivana Kirk-Thigpen – Lincoln
Christine Kline – Northend
Allison Urban – Smalley
Anne Dygus – Smith
Patricia Eshoo – Smith
Vivian Garcia – Smith
Eleanor Hayes – Smith
Onelia Procko – Smith
Janet Stefanowicz – Smith
Pamela Tynick – Smith
Deborah McCarthy - Vance

Service to Youth by Parent Award

Agnes Kurzyna – NBHS
Christopher Williams - HALS
Luis Sierra - Pulaski
Shelly Blake – Slade
Thomas Doolittle – Chamberlain
Anna Karzian - Gaffney
Melanie Alvarez - Holmes
Scott Clark – Jefferson
Wendy Valerio – Lincoln
Marilyn Fontanez - Northend
Aimette Lopez – Smalley
Belinda Richardson – Smith
Lisa Ostrout- Vance

Services to Youth by an Organization

Shelly Talley & Judy Resnick (CBIA) – NBHS
Robin Vinci (New Britain City Journal) - HALS
Donna Ellis (Red Robin) – Pulaski
Pastor Thomas Mills (McCullough Temple Church) - Roosevelt
Joseph Verillo (Apple Music) – Slade
Robin Knowles – Tunxis Community College
Dental Clinic - Chamberlain
Barbara Clark or Joss French (– Department of Teacher Education) – Gaffney

Raquel Abbasi (Start Smiling) - Holmes
Chelsey Roberts (Parks and Recreation) – Jefferson
Lynne Fletcher (Allied World Assurance Co.) – Lincoln
Virginia Wilkins (College for Every Student) – Northend
Stephanie Grimaldi & LeQuentez Brown (UCONN, K-5 & College Bound) - Northend
Linda Glick (Urban Oaks) – Smalley
Sara Mogck (Girl Scout Troop 66208) – Smith
Krista Kingsbury (CCSU Mentor Program) - Vance

Star Thrower Award
Michael Peterson - NBHS

2012 Teacher of the Year – Nominees

Darlene Clark – NBHS
Melissa Kidder-Blake - Alternative Center
Kevin Hebert - HALS
Mary Zottola - Pulaski
Eileen Marquez - Roosevelt
Ruth Miller-Serra- Slade* (Finalist)
Gwenn Corey- Chamberlain
Krista Crist - DiLoreto
Ann Marie Stavola – Gaffney
Dawn Stomsky - Holmes
David DeFronzo - Jefferson
Mary Ellen Farrell – Lincoln * (Finalist)
Sandra Dowle - Northend
Mark Meister - Smalley
Erika Sacharko – Smith * (Finalist)
Julie Gillett – Vance (Winner of Teacher of the Year)

Torches to Light the Future

Robert Mercado – NBHS
William White – NBHS
Barbara Lucas - HALS
Janice Rivard – Pulaski
Elizabeth Bligh – Pulaski
Karen Duplin – Pulaski
Sandy Zabala – Pulaski
Heather Whitehead – Roosevelt
Richard Ticotsky - Slade
Carey St. Germain- Chamberlain
Lyn Channey- Chamberlain
Deborah Kennedy - DiLoreto
Heather Bullock - Gaffney
Shelly Bjorklund - Lincoln
Susan Brigandi - Smith
Michele Kushman – Vance