

PARAPROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

At the recent Board of Education Public Recognition Night, nominated paraprofessionals were awarded a certificate to recognize his/her service to the school district. Paraprofessionals are collaborators both in the classroom and in school offices who work in tandem with the teaching staff and administration to provide additional support for our children. Our paras work with individual and small groups of students to facilitate an organized classroom, which allows teachers to increase instructional time. There is no way to capture all of the positive attributes and contributions paraprofessionals add to our school community. We have great paras in the New Britain School District and the following paraprofessionals have been recognized for their excellence in their building:

**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
Damaris Caez – NBHS**

A special congratulations to Hanna Grymek and Damaris Caes for being recognized as the District's Paraprofessional of the Year!

Thank you all for your great work.

Paul Salina