

NJLA's 2018 New Jersey Literacy Leaders

Janice Alvarez- Jersey City Public Schools

"It is with the utmost honor that I, Janice Alvarez, accept the 2018 NJ Literacy Leaders award. I am a Reading Specialist at Dr. Michael Conti School, PS #5 in Jersey City, as well as an adjunct literacy professor at New Jersey City University, and have had the privilege of working in Jersey City for the past 13 years. I am humbled by this nomination and will continue to work diligently to promote literacy within my community, district, city, and state. In the very wise words of Malala Yousafszai, "One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world..." I hope to continue to use the power of literacy to inspire those around me to actively, peacefully, and thoughtfully be the empathetic agents of change needed in the world that we live in. Again, thank you for this incredible honor."

Debbie Reca- Voorhees Public Schools

'I am so filled with gratitude and delight! Thank you, NJLA, for selecting me to be the finalist for the ILA Regie Routman Grant Award. I appreciate you for recognizing the literacy efforts of our NJ teachers. I am honored to be considered for this award and represent NJ as your literacy leader."

Lisa Rosenfeld – Edison Public Schools

"Thank you so much for this tremendous honor. It is elating to be recognized by my peers as a Literacy Leader in New Jersey. I have been an educator at Lindeneau Elementary School in Edison, New Jersey since 1999, and I have always been committed to instilling a love of reading in each and every student who crosses my path. "