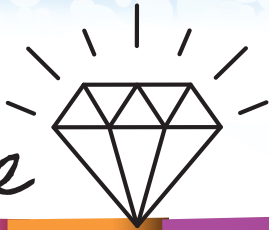




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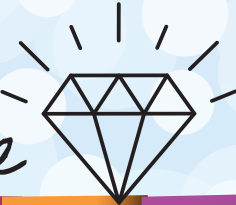
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Dear Teachers of the Year,

It is my honor to congratulate all of you on being selected Teacher of the Year for your school. Your dedication has been recognized by your peers, so now we all celebrate your achievements.

"Teachers Bring Out the Brilliance in Students" is this year's theme; this reflects what you create every day! Just like diamonds, you are valued for your uniqueness and strength.

I am so very grateful for your dedication to teaching in the St. Johns County School District. Thank you for loving and supporting our most precious gifts, our children.

Together,

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Each new year brings an opportunity of reflection and planning. Do our teachers feel supported by INK!? Have we done enough? Can we do more? You are the spark that ignites our flame. You drive us to work hard raising money so we can grow programs and initiatives that, hopefully, make your job easier.

When I visit classrooms and speak with you, I get awestruck. The love and trust reflected in your students' eyes speaks volumes of who you are. Your work is more than a job, it's a passion. Your passion is helping your students succeed and you will do what you can to make that happen even when that means sacrificing your personal time. Your work is as rewarding as it is challenging. You have learned to persevere while navigating new mandates and pandemic challenges. It's no wonder you're exhausted yet you continue to shine like the gems you are.

I am honored to partner with you as you work to ensure your students' success. INK! is here to help you. We want you to know that you're appreciated. To me, there is no profession as important as teaching. Thank you for being you and helping to make this world a better place.

Congratulations on your amazing accomplishments!

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Introduction of Rookie Teachers of the Year for 20-21 and 21-22

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Reflections from 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year, Ali Pressel

Introduction of 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year Finalists

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Announcement of 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year



St. Johns County Teacher Of The Year Hall Of Fame

2020-2021

Alicia Pressel

Creekside High

2019-2020

Lori Price

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2018-2019

Danny Erb

Pedro Menendez High

2017-2018

Amy Grimm

Julington Creek Elementary

2016-2017

Dana Kelly

Cunningham Creek Elementary

2015-2016

Laurie Zentz

Switzerland Point Middle

2014-2015

Frank "Charles" Moseley

Switzerland Point Middle

2013-2014

Daryl Cullipher

St. Augustine High

2012-2013

Jessica Geronimo

Transition School

2011-2012

Emily Senko

Pacetti Bay Middle

2010-2011

Beth Upchurch

Ketterlinus Elementary

2009-2010

Diane Ousley

Alice B. Landrum Middle

2008-2009

Seth House

Timberlin Creek Elementary

2007-2008

Jeff Dodd

St. Augustine High

2006-2007

Darlene Conner

W. D. Hartley Elementary

2005-2006

Jamie Godfrey

Fruit Cove Middle

2004-2005

Lorraine Orenchuk

Bartram Trail High

2003-2004

Heather Secrist

R. B. Hunt Elementary

2002-2003

Kimberly Dixon

Hastings Elementary

2001-2002

Debbie Custer

The Webster School

2000-2001

Nancy McLaughlin

Gamble Rogers Middle

1999-2000

Linda Allen

John A. Crookshank Elementary

1998-1999

Cheryle Pace

W. D. Hartley Elementary

1997-1998

Cynthia Williams

Hastings Elementary

1996-1997

Harold Stansel

St. Augustine High

1995-1996

Jay Steele

Sebastian Middle

1994-1995

Ellen Barker

The Webster School

1993-1994

Barbara Meeks

St. Augustine Technical

1992-1993

Della Rossi Caldwell

Allen D. Nease High

1991-1992

Donna Six

Osceola Elementary

1990-1991

Jim Solomon

Osceola Elementary

1989-1990

Tom Alexander

St. Augustine High

1988-1989

Linda Barnes

John A. Crookshank Elementary

1987-1988

Linda Copeland

John A. Crookshank Elementary

1986-1987

Patti Triplett

Julington Creek Elementary

1985-1986

Dotty Osborne

St. Augustine High

1984-1985

Dr. Carol Dulaney

Hastings Elementary/Middle

1983-1984

Art Bocchieri

The Webster School

1982-1983

Nancy Gormley

Allen D. Nease High

1981-1982

Harold Stansel

R. B. Hunt Elementary

1980-1981

George McLatchey

PVPV Elementary





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2021 Teacher Of The Year

Ali Pressel

Whelp - It's safe to say 2021 was yet another challenging year, which has affected each of us in different ways. We have also, yet again, risen to multiple challenges and tackled each one with perseverance, creativity, flexibility, finesse...and a decent amount of humor.

Theodore Roosevelt calls us to be someone, "who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again... who knows the great enthusiasms...who spends himself in a worthy cause, who...knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement." Teachers are dream developers. It takes a community of teacher leaders, together – developing best practices in education, sharing learning strategies, fostering a sense of curiosity in students - to build great citizens for Saint Johns County. I continue to be inspired by relationships you build with your students in your classrooms, each and every day. Henry Adams states, "A teacher affects eternity, you can never tell where their influence stops."

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Thank you, Teachers.

Thank you for your passion. Thank you for your hard work during long days of instruction, and longer nights of lesson planning. Thank you for your dedication to students. Thank you for your support in each other. Thank you for rising to new challenges. Thank you for ensuring a safe space for children to learn and grow. Most of all, Thank You for building a relationship with your students. They need YOU to help them feel empowered, to help them reach for their greatest dreams and see their greatest potential.

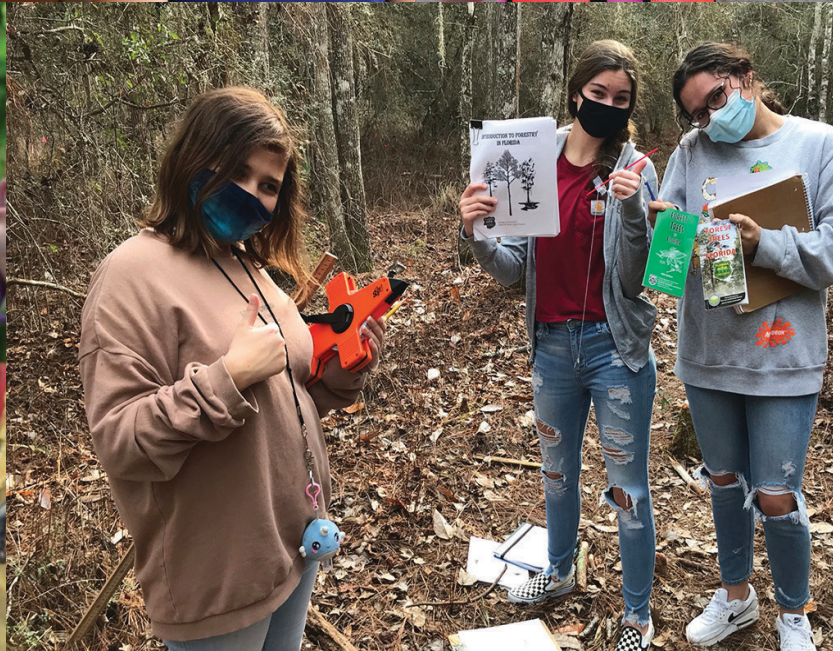
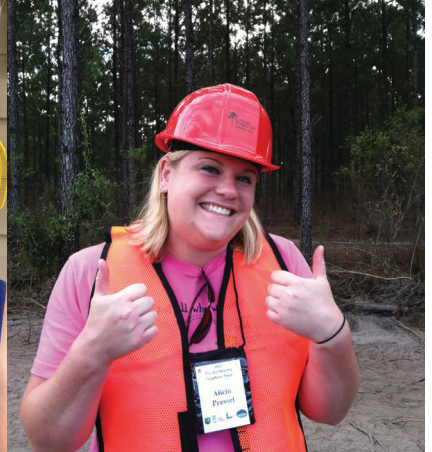
Regardless of challenges ahead- I choose to be stubbornly optimistic, for our students' sake. I have great Hope in our future.

Let us thoughtfully move forward, together.

- Ali Pressel



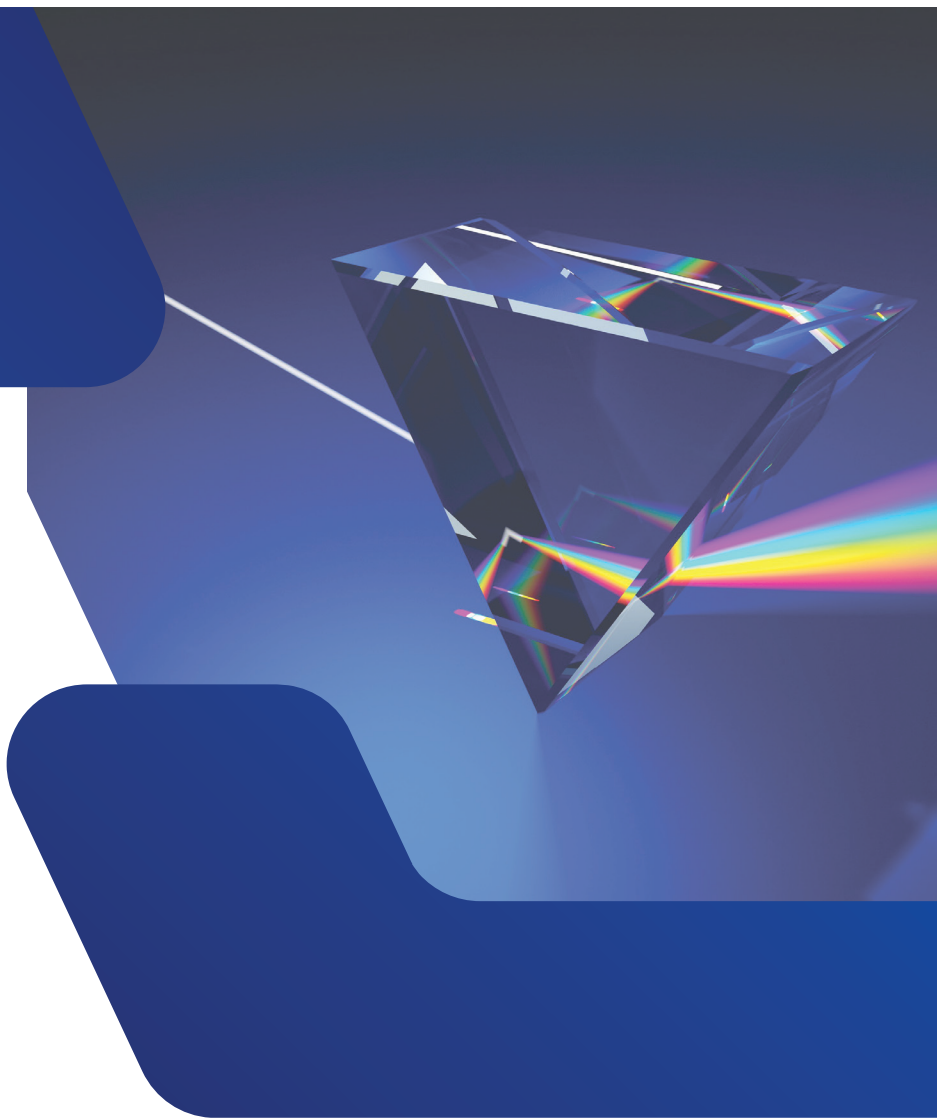
Alicia Pressel
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Chloe Lipovetsky
Creekside High



Carly Killian
Crookshank Elementary



Hannah Brandenburg
Cunningham Creek Elementary



Janie Olson
Durbin Creek Elementary



Shauna Lewis
First Coast Technical College



Karina Ringdahl
Freedom Crossing Academy Elementary



David Zeinert
Freedom Crossing Academy Middle



Stella Hackler
Fruit Cove Middle



Angie Martin
Gaines Transition School



Jaclyn Mijuskovic
Gamble Rogers Middle



Lisa Coe
Hartley Elementary

NOMINEES FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Tara Espinoza

Hickory Creek Elementary



Amanda Bosco

Julington Creek Elementary



Michael Lavery

Ketterlinus Elementary



Emily Gray

Landrum Middle



Alyssa Aranda

*Liberty Pines Academy
Elementary*



Zachary Wolfe

*Liberty Pines Academy
Middle*



Maddux Jacobson

*Mill Creek Academy
Elementary*



Kaitlyn Holle

*Mill Creek Academy
Middle*



Margaret Bell

Nease High



Rodney Korn

Ocean Palms Elementary



Sophia Barlotta

Osceola Elementary



Nicole Hayes

Otis Mason Elementary

NOMINEES FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Richard Seifert
*Pacetti Bay
Middle*



Danielle Hoffman
Palencia Elementary



Nadia Sher
*Palm Valley Academy
Elementary*



Allison Romano
*Patriot Oaks Academy
Elementary*



Abraham Saul
*Patriot Oaks Academy
Middle*



Jesse Crosier
Pedro Menendez High



Pam Kramer
*Picolatta Crossing
Elementary*



Alexandra "Lexi" Leitman
*Pine Island Academy
Elementary*



Daniel Lezcano
Ponte Vedra High



Amy Pattison
*PV/PV Rawlings
Elementary*



Meghan Dean
R.B. Hunt Elementary



David Vitolo
R.J. Murray Middle

NOMINEES FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Robert O'Neil
Sebastian Middle



MacKay Yorkston
South Woods Elementary



Allison Haddix
St. Augustine High



Sarah Esguerra
St. Johns Technical



Stephen Mancini
Switzerland Point Middle



Isaac Selems
The Webster School



L'Erin Standley
Timberlin Creek Elementary





NOMINEES FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Courtney Haymaker
Tocoi Creek High



Brooke Lovelace
*Valley Ridge Academy
Elementary*



Ximena Vergara
Wards Creek Elementary



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NOMINEES FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Stacy Masi
Bartram Trail High



Michelle Joyner
Creekside High



Christianna McQuaig
Crookshank Elementary



Veronica Fuata
*Cunningham Creek
Elementary*



Jessica Brower
Durbin Creek Elementary



Antoinette Gilkey
*First Coast Technical
College*



Marissa Harrer
*Florida School for the
Deaf & Blind*



Ashley Anderson
*Freedom Crossing
Academy Elementary*



Jill Loughran
*Freedom Crossing
Academy Middle*



Lori Sisson
Fruit Cove Middle School



Ariel Thompson
Gaines Transition School



Elizabeth Heffner
Gamble Rogers Middle

NOMINEES FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Amber Kerly
Hartley Elementary



Donna McGill
Hickory Creek Elementary



Lisa Lewis
Julington Creek Elementary



Deborah Rampulla
Ketterlinus Elementary



Trisha Kee
Landrum Middle



Jennifer R. Frank
Liberty Pines Academy Elementary



Ashley Woolston
Liberty Pines Academy Middle



Joanna Farmer
Mill Creek Academy Elementary



Kristie Reyes
Mill Creek Academy Middle



Kasey Mietzner
Nease High



Sarah Della Porta
Ocean Palms Elementary



Jennifer Twine
Osceola Elementary

NOMINEES FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Ashley C. Thomas
Otis Mason Elementary



Kate Houston
Pacetti Bay Middle



Martha DeVane
Palencia Elementary



Sarah Lombardi
*Palm Valley Academy
Elementary*



Katie LaCoste
*Palm Valley Academy
Middle*



Cynthia Bean
*Patriot Oaks Academy
Elementary*



Catie Campbell
*Patriot Oaks Academy
Middle*



Danielle Waldrop
Pedro Menendez High



Lisa Bazler
*Picolatta Crossing
Elementary*



Cindy Anderson
*Pine Island Academy
Elementary*



Linda Green
Ponte Vedra High



Matt Sparks
*PV-PV Rawlings
Elementary*

NOMINEES FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Sharon Warwell Murden
R.B. Hunt Elementary



Inez Patronska
R.J. Murray Middle



Kate Torboli
Sebastian Middle



Linda Fuce
South Woods Elementary



Tina Willis
St. Augustine High



Maresa Flood
St. Johns Technical High



Patricia McElhone
St. Johns Virtual School



Constantina Espinosa
Switzerland Point Middle



Dillion Hansen
The Webster School



NOMINEES FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Marissa Fowler
Timberlin Creek
Elementary



Joany "Jay" Cabrera
Tocoi Creek High



Leah Davis
Valley Ridge Academy
Elementary



Andrew Burk
Valley Ridge Academy
Middle



Robie Hagan
Wards Creek Elementary



FINALISTS FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Andrew Burk

Valley Ridge Academy



Veronica Fuata

*Cunningham Creek
Elementary*



Robie Hagan

Wards Creek Elementary



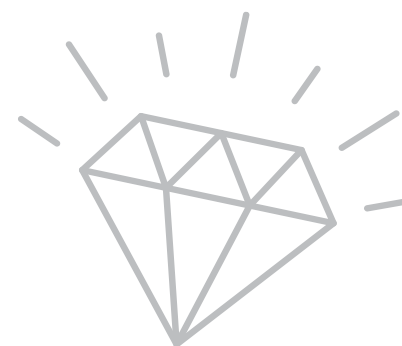
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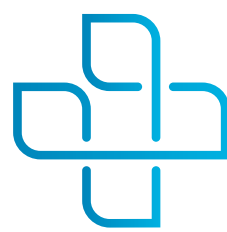
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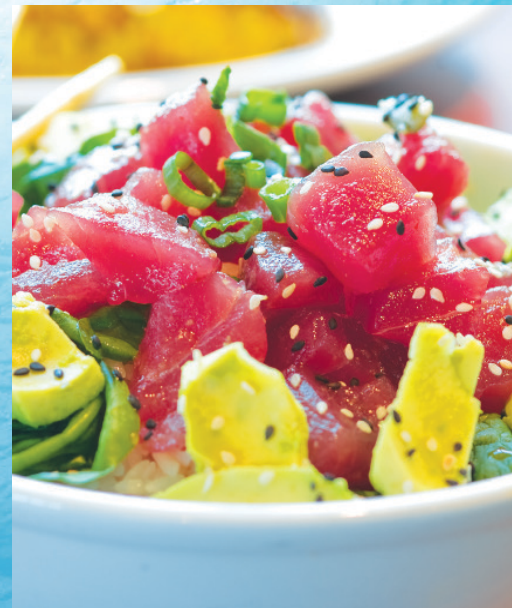
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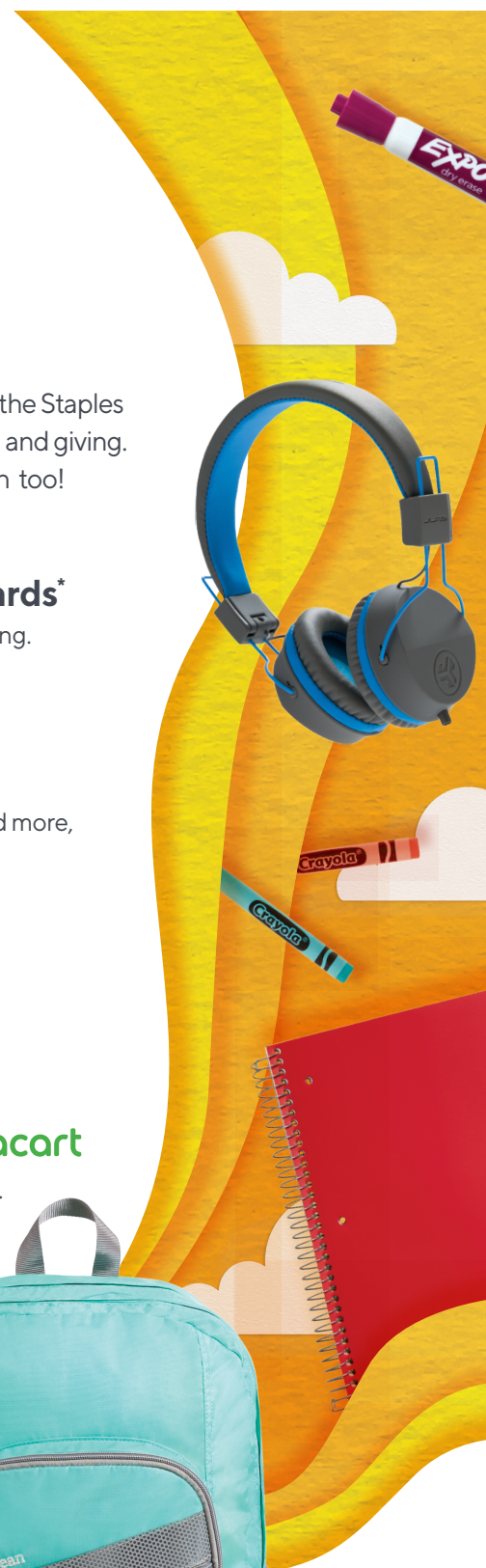
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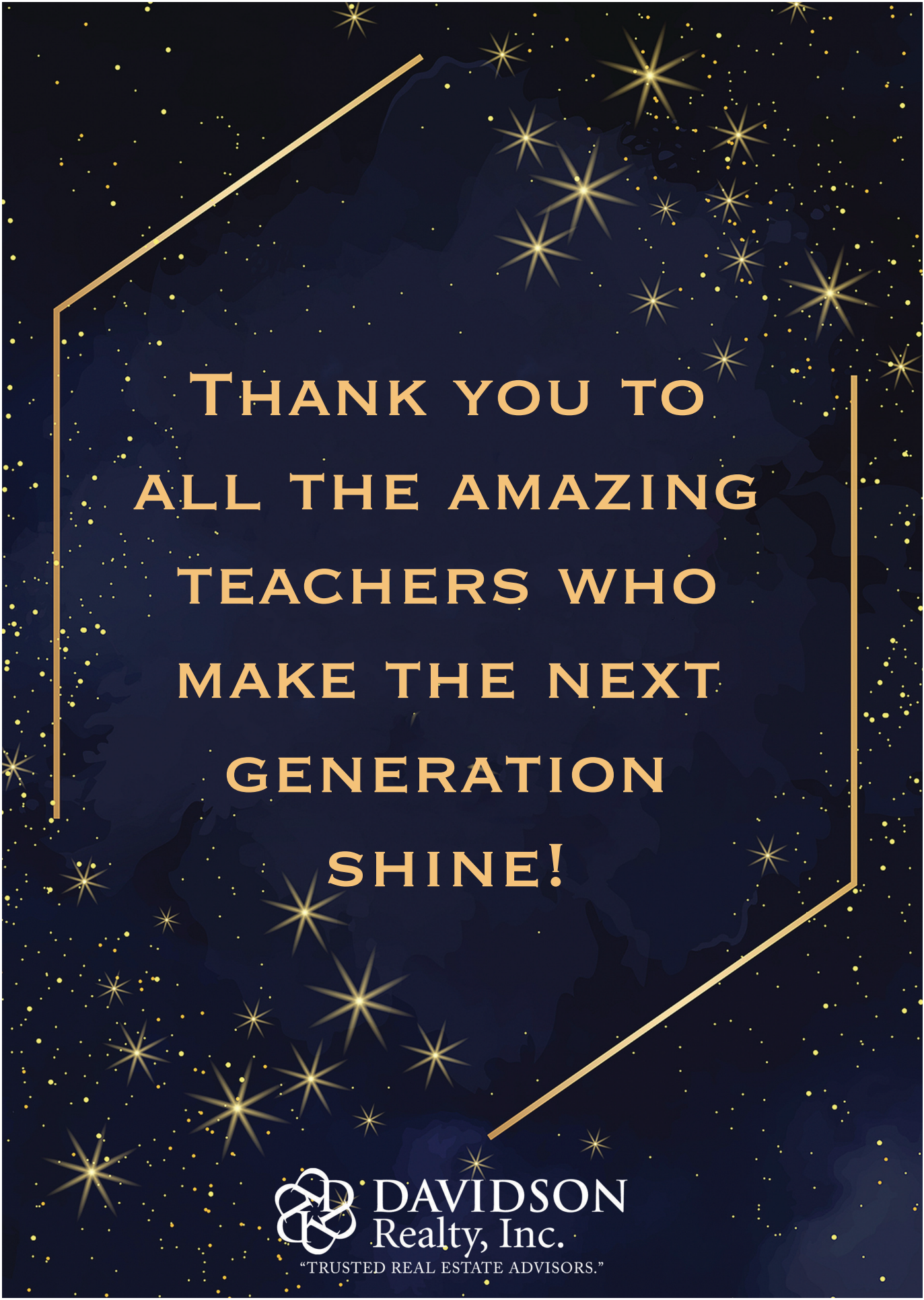


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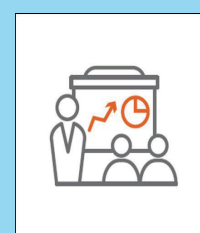
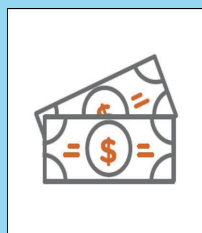
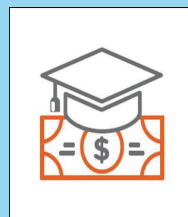
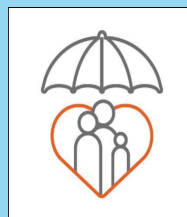


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