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Here are the Delco Hi-Q teacher honors profiles



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Jennifer Vintigni

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School: Padua Academy

Subject: Spanish

Years in education: 15

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Exposing students to the many vibrant cultures of the Spanish speaking world. I hope to instill a love of language and culture and I enjoy hearing about how my former students continue their language learning in college, their jobs, or travel.



Kylee Holliday

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School: Alexis I. duPont High School

Subject: Social Studies (Financial Literacy, Civics and Economics)

Years in education: 15

Greatest teaching satisfaction: When my students visit after graduating and tell me how important my class was to them; how they are applying that knowledge out in the real world. As an educator, this is all I can ask for.



Sarah Wosczyzna

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School: Phoenixville Area Early Learning Center

Subject: First Grade

Years in education: 16

Greatest teaching satisfaction: I love continuing my education in order to build the capacity of the students I work with each day; trying a new strategy, learning from a colleague or student; or reading a book to support my curiosity which supports my students, too.



Lisa Harrison-Cobb

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School: Strath Haven Middle School

Subject: Eighth grade physical science

Years in education: 27

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Being able to inspire and motivate students to be the very best version of themselves; seeing them relax and get excited about hands-on labs! When they leave eighth grade with a high level of confidences and a love of learning I feel a great sense of accomplishment.



James Donahue

School: Garrettford Elementary

Subject: Fifth grade

Years in education: 22

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Providing a classroom atmosphere that is calm and welcoming to the point that students look forward to being there so that positive relationships can develop; seeing my students happy in their relationships with their peers; seeing my students ace all of their tests.



Amanda Simiriglio

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School: Walnut Street Elementary

Subject: English Language Arts

Years in education: 18

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Building community within the classroom and lasting relationships with students and colleagues.



Emily Stewart

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School: Upper Darby High School

Subject: Biology and Anatomy/Physiology

Years in education: 18

Greatest teaching satisfaction: When I can facilitate discussions or provide activities that make student feel bigger than they are; when we dissect, they put on their PPE and immediately take a selfie to send to their family – they transform, and when they feel studious and professional, they always meet my expectations.



Katie McDermott

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School: Sharon Hill School

Subject: First grade

Years in education: 7

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Seeing my students smile when they understand a topic and they are so proud of themselves.



Alex Saddic

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School: Furness High School

Subject: World History, American History

Years in education: 35

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Seeing smiles on the students' faces when a skill is mastered.



Adrienne Fiscus

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School: Bethany Christian School

Subject: Second grade

Years in education: 30

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Seeing my students grow in their confidence, learn to value each other, and ultimately become who they're meant to be. Having a small part in their growth is an honor that I don't take lightly.



Kelli Houghton

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School: Pocopson Elementary School

Subject: First grade

Years in education: 33

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Building community in the first grade classroom, where we view each other as a family. The connections made allow all of us to look out for each other, build each other up and work together as a team.



Emily Gray

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School: Manoa Elementary

Subject: Second grade

Years in education: 10

Greatest teaching satisfaction: My greatest teaching satisfaction is being able to get to know my students on an individual level and then being able to watch them shine, both inside and outside of the classroom. I believe that seeing my students being their confident and happy self is what brings me the most satisfaction as their teacher.



Hans Kalbach

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School: Media Elementary

Subject: Fourth grade

Years in education: 23

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Igniting my students' creativity; in teaching them about their individual leaning styles they can harness their creativity in meaningful ways to learn and retain content; encouraging imaginative play and purposeful fun and silliness they might realize their learning potential.



Kathleen Pedano

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School: St. Bernadette

Subject: Kindergarten

Years in education: 29

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Watching my students grow both academically and emotionally.



Janice Toomey

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School: NCCL School

Subject: 2nd-4th grade writing, history and social studies; 3rd-8th grade drama

Years in education: 30

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Working with children and lighting and interest that they might not otherwise discover; following them as they grow into themselves; working with wonderful colleagues and learning from them.



Jamie Mozzone

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School: Great Valley High School

Subject: AP Language and Composition, digital media communications, creative writing

Years in education: 23

Greatest teaching satisfaction: When my students smile and when they tell me they discussed what we learned in class with their parents.



John Conte

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School: Interboro High School

Subject: Physics

Years in education: 13

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Getting to do what I love; being a role model to my students; educating my students about the way the universe works.



Dina Schmidt

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School: Church Farm School

Subject: Arts

Years in education: 22

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Working with students everyday, helping them see that they are artists, and helping them realize they are creative problem solvers.



Lauren Neuber

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School: Bethel Springs Elementary

Subject: Fourth grade

Years in education: 21

Greatest teaching satisfaction: Being able to work with an amazing team of educators and administrators to give our students the best experience possible.