

# Orange retirees earn recognition

## School personnel receive honors

Officials with the Orange School District recently gave recognition to staff members during the annual Staff Recognition Ceremony at the Appian Way restaurant.

Ronald C. Lee, the district superintendent, Paula Howard, deputy superintendent, and Belinda Scott Smiley, administrative assistant to the superintendent for operations and human resources made presentations to the staff members.

The district retirees who were honored, along with the years of service, include:

- Constance L. Frazier, former assistant superintendent, who retired in January after 15 years.

- Central School: Betty Benbow, 40 years; Florence Furman, 38 years; Charlotte Yellets, 37 years.

- Cleveland Street School: Anne Baskerville, 5 years; Patricia Bauernhuber, 39 years; Frazee Harris, 15 years.

- Forest Street School: Gloria Hall, 17 years.

- Heywood Avenue School: Theodore James, 18 years.

- Lincoln Avenue School: Maria Diaz-Segura, 25 years; Geraldine Headley, 30 years; Marilyn Mohr, 24 years.

- Oakwood Avenue School: Jean Fields, 44 years; Patricia Graham, 18 years.

- Orange Middle School: Joseph Johnson and Denise Wynn, both 36 years.

- Orange High School: Fritz Alexander, 10 years; Mary Clark, 30 years; Carolyn Epps, 27 years;

Marie Mondestin, 28 years; Gregory White, 35 years.

- Park Avenue School: Sandra Knight, 29 years; Carolyn Martin, 32 years; and Angela Vitagliano, 33 years.

- Rosa Parks School: Michael Kersey, 36 years; Adelpia Poston.

- Special Programs: Rosa Mills, 18 years.

- Special Services, Susan Carle, 37 years.

Also honored were staff members who celebrated 25 years of service during the school year:

- Renee Rogers, Forest Street School.

- Crystal Battle, Heywood Avenue School.

- Maria Diaz-Segura, Lincoln Avenue School.

- Sarah Keyishian, Patrice Patterson and Leslie Streit, Orange Middle School.

- Perry Cipriano and Alexandra Protopapas, Orange High School.

- Candace Goldstein and William Grenger, Special Programs.

Appreciation was further extended to teachers for their dedication to academic excellence. Teachers who received Outstanding Teacher of the Year recognition included:

- Jennifer Campbell, Central Street School.

- Gianna Pasceri, Forest Street School.

- Jennifer Scoon, Lincoln Avenue School.

- Jose Valdez, Orange Middle School.

- Tanya Victoria Bitar, Cleveland



Photo Courtesy Orange School District

Rosa Mills, left, a staff member in the Special Programs office, and Constance Frazier, a former assistant superintendent, were among retiring personnel honored by Orange school officials and the city's Board of Education during the district's annual recognition ceremony in June.

Street School.

Completing the presentation of awards and plaques was the recognition of the district's Governor's Outstanding Teacher nominees:

- Lisa Catanzarite, Central Street School.

- Tanya Bitar, Cleveland Street School.

- Nicole Panola Brunt, Forest Street School.

- Dallies Johnson, Heywood Avenue School.

- Bridget Foresaw, Lincoln

Avenue School.

- Rashid Pugh, Oakwood Avenue School.

- Shadin Belal and Linda Siddiq, Orange High School.

- Denise Wynn, Orange Middle