

**Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4-8, 2026**

**Honor Roll
Nominations Received**

Paddy Bailey
Van Rensselear Elementary School
Nominated by Alexandra Bailey

Scott Emerson
Watervliet High School
Nominated by Mary Miller

Colleen Beckley
Auburn Junior High School
Nominated by Kara Georgi

Rachel Ephraim
Bard Early College Hudson Valley
Nominated by Mike Wood

Christine Blake
Howard L. Goff Middle School
Nominated by Tim Galvin

Kathryn Flanders
Saratoga Springs High School
Nominated by Jeanmarie Gebhard

Sarah Breuer
Brighter Choice Charter School
Nominated by Patrick Morris

Nick Fleming
Questar III BOCES Donald R. Kline
Nominated by Gayle Buccheri

Allison Cappiello
Birchwood Elementary
Nominated by Ted Snyder

Anna Gabree
Brown School
Nominated by Dawn Przekurat

Anthony Carucci
KIPP Albany Community Middle School
Nominated by Kerri Martin Rizzolo

Katie Gatta
Union Vale Middle School
Nominated by Lisa Kellman

Kelley DiBella
Green Meadow Elementary School
Nominated by Hillary Brochu

Lori Giattino
Draper Middle School
Nominated by Mary Ann Nickloy

Jessica Gould
Berlin Middle High School
Nominated by Samantha Colbert

Jennifer Graham
Woodland Hill Montessori School
Nominated by Sarah Harris

Michelle Graham
Giffen Memorial Elementary School
Nominated by Kristine Moore

Jaimee Green
Mechanicville Head Start
Nominated by Quinn Delaney

Colleen Heilsberg
Albany Leadership Charter School for Girls
Nominated by Sharifa Din

Shannon Henry
New Scotland Elementary School
Nominated by Riley Carroll, Margaret,
Nicole Grimes, Melissa Jones, and Emily
Zielinski

Stefanie Loomis
Questar III BOCES
Nominated by Michael and Lauren

Joe Macaluso
Bethlehem Central High School
Nominated by Isla Pedigo

Kayla Martin
KIPP Troy Prep Middle School
Nominated by Kerri Martin Rizzolo

Ashley Mastrianni
Birchwood Elementary School
Nominated by Kelyn Snyder

Laura Matthews
Steinmetz Freshman Leadership Academy,
Lincoln Elementary, & Jessie T. Zoller
Nominated by Mary Beth Matthews

Aubrey Moore
KIPP Troy Prep Elementary
Nominated by Catherine Fischer

Jordan Moses
Green Island UFSD
Nominated by Daniel Kalbfliesh

Beth O'Brien
Robert H. Gibson Technical Center
Nominated by Rebecca Lanier

Jennifer Porter
McNulty Elementary School. Amsterdam,
New York
Nominated by Dr. Nellie A. Bush Ed.D.

Jeff Roda
Bard Early College Hudson Valley
Nominated by Mike Wood

Mrs. Russ
George Washington School
Nominated by Krystie Patrick

Lisa Valentine
Albany High School
Nominated by Stephanie Breton, Jada
Gailliard, Jean Gleason, Amanda Enriquez,
Kyle Massith, Nicole Petersen, Laurie
Reynolds, Andrea Rouselle, Abda
Toumbou, Christopher Valentine, and Debby
Wadham

Varada Pandya Vaughan
Tech Valley High School
Nominated by Katherine Bender

Adaviah Ward
KIPP Albany Community Charter Elementary
School
Nominated by Jenna F. Schuttler

Kiara Williams
Kipp Troy Prep Elementary School
Nominated by Kiyntat Nasir