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Hudson County Board of Commissioners Applaud, Honor, and Commend Jennifer Donnelly for her service as a High School Science Teacher at Jose Marti Stem Academy.

Hudson County- The Hudson County Board of Commissioners applauds, honor, and commends Jennifer Donnelly for her service as a High School Science Teacher at Jose Marti Stem Academy.

Jennifer Donnelly is a devout educator whose integrity, professionalism and commitment greatly enhanced the quality of life of Hudson County residents. She was designated the Hudson County Teacher of the Year for 2023-2024 school year by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Jennifer Donnelly's roots in Hudson County runs deep, going back to her grandparents who immigrated to the United States during the late 1800s. Her family owned the Zampella's Men's Clothing store on Newark Ave in Jersey City and her great-uncle, Peter Zampella served as a Ward E Councilman in Jersey City during the mid-1970s.

Jennifer Donnelly found her niche in the natural sciences, obtaining a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Chestnut Hill College and a degree in Biology from Caldwell College. She went on to work at Ortho

Pharmaceuticals where she conducted clinical research for companies such as Johnson & Johnson. Her love for science drove her to pursue education, where she would truly make her mark.

Jennifer Donnelly has spent nearly 29 years of service as a science teacher using her educational and unique experiences to influence the next generation of STEM leaders. She currently is working at the Jose Marti STEM Academy teaching various courses of study such as Scientific Research, Advanced Topics in Biology and Advanced Placement Biology where she peaks the interest of her students by developing their perspectives in the study of living organisms.

Jennifer Donnelly, as a leader in her field, has trained her fellow peers in scientific research and expanding the Union City Summer Research program to grade levels ranging from kindergarten to twelve grade. Her unwavering dedication to her students has merited various accolades such as “Distinguished Educator” by the National Society of High School Scholars and a three-time SAGE teaching award recipient.

Jennifer Donnelly’s students have gone on to achieve several honors in their course of study including a semifinalist spot in the Regeneron Science Talent Search. Her drive to teach the students in Hudson County is a testament to her family’s legacy.

Board Chairman Anthony Romano, the Hudson County Board of Commissioners in conjunction with Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, extend its highest commendations to Jennifer Donnelly for her public service and tireless dedication as a high school science teacher at Jose Marti STEM Academy. The Board also extends its appreciation to Jennifer Donnelly for shaping the minds of our students and congratulates her on being named the Hudson County Teacher of the Year for the 2023-2024 school year.

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