



JACQUELYN ZAMARRA-MOORE

Linda Rocco, Principal of the Nellie Bennett Elementary School, who nominated Ms. Moore for this honor, sums up Ms. Moore's induction like this, "I nominated Jackie because I cannot think of anyone more committed to the Point Pleasant school district. As a student, teacher and now administrator, Jackie has always worked diligently to promote all that is positive with the district. She was a model student, voted teacher of the year because of her outstanding work in the classroom and is one of the most intelligent, hard-working administrators I have had the privilege to work with."

Ms. Moore, a lifelong resident of Point Pleasant, graduated from Point Pleasant Borough High School in 1978. During her years in high school, she wrote for the Panther Print Newspaper and was a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society. Graduating fourth in her class, she went on to attend Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Ms. Moore graduated magna cum laude from Lycoming College in 1982 with a double major in biology and history. While at Lycoming College, she was a member of the Biology Club of Lycoming, was co-editor of the Biology Newsletter and was the Student Coordinator for the 36th Annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference, held at Lycoming College in May of 1982. Ms. Moore also acted as Student Advisor to the Department of History and was inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society and the Pi Gamma Mu Social Sciences Honor Society. At graduation, she was awarded the Department of History Scholarship Award and the Department of History Reading and Writing Award.

Ms. Moore joined the faculty of Point Pleasant High School in 1983 as a biology teacher. During her tenure, she pursued a Master's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Biology from Georgian Court College. She was active in many school committees and organizations, such as the Pleasant

Education Association, the Pupil Assistance Committee, and advised the Science League Biology Team. Ms. Moore has served on the Graduation committee, the National Honor Society selection committee, and is currently a member of the Local Professional Development Committee, the District Curriculum Committee, and the School Improvement Team. A surprise to family and friends, she was also the Varsity Cheerleading coach from 1985 to 1992. She was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 1992 and was the recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award in 1994. She and her husband, William, were honored as the Safari Yearbook dedication of 2001-2002. From 1999-2001, Ms. Moore was an adjunct biology instructor at Ocean County College.

In 2001, Ms. Moore was appointed as vice-principal of Point Pleasant High School. Ms. Moore, noted that "The nineteen wonderful years I spent teaching made this transition to administration very much bittersweet." She is currently supervisor of the department of Family and Consumer Science; vice principal for the 2006-2007 graduating class; and will welcome in the class of 2010 in the fall. Ms. Moore also serves as the Pt. Pleasant Science department supervisor for grades 6 through 12. Dr. Coombs continued, "Our members had access to countless letters of recommendation written over the years by parents and senior school officials thanking Ms. Moore for leaving a positive impression and for inspiring a love of science in children."

Foundation Officer Tish Ferguson, added, "I was personally struck by the fact that Ms. Moore could reach these kids and influence their course of study at a time when NASA reports that only 5 percent of U.S. college graduates are obtaining science or engineering degrees; and at a time when the The National Science Board warns of a "troubling decline" in the number of US citizens studying to become scientists and engineers in general.

Ms. Moore has two sisters, Jill (class of '82) and Nina (class of '85) are also Point Pleasant alumna. Her mom, Nina, was the secretary to the principal(s) at the high school for over 25 years. Jacquelyn still resides in Point Pleasant with her husband of 19 years, William, a history teacher at Point Pleasant High School. Her daughter, Stephanie, is a sophomore at the Boro and can be seen in the 2007 high school spring production of Anything Goes. Her son, Andrew, is in sixth grade at Memorial Middle School and in Ms. Moore's words, "He can be seen annoying his sister."

In short, the global demand for skills in these fields will far exceed supply for the years to come, so our district is fortunate to have this gifted and passionate educator, who has found creative ways to keep an interest in the Sciences alive. Through this important work, Jackie created opportunities and options that will last a lifetime for the students who were guided by her commitment to excellence; and that makes her a wonderful candidate for the Hall of Fame.