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TEACHER OF THE YEAR
&
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Ms. Balan

Ms. Balan works with the Special Education Teacher of the Autistic students at Intermediate South and always meets the daily needs of students with verbal, emotional, and physical limitations.

Her expertise and professionalism offer a welcoming atmosphere both inside and outside of the classroom. When faced with challenges, **Ms. Balan** goes to great lengths to maintain students and staff in an organized and effective manner.

Both students and staff are receptive to **Ms. Balan's** strategies and creative ideas, which only fosters even more excellence within the classroom. This is evidenced by the paraprofessionals who return to work in her classroom every year. **Ms. Balan's** team remains unified to deliver the best hands-on education for all learners.

Ms. Balan has been observed integrating lessons that allow her students to thrive within the community and school environment. Her students are always engaged in hands-on learning activities. Most importantly, **Ms. Balan** delivers the message of "acceptance" to all students at Intermediate South, as she navigates through the building. She demonstrates the importance of acceptance to all Seminole Students.

Ms. Balan actively incorporates her students into all school functions, such as plays, concerts, and dances, and frequently collaborates with other teachers to introduce and expose her students to diverse environments and activities. She does this all while providing the necessary modifications to meet individual needs. **Mrs. Balan** encourages each of her students every day by providing a positive experience in the educational environment.

Overall, **Ms. Balan** is a genuine person, with a huge heart; a phenomenal teacher, coworker, and advocate of students with special needs. She is a positive force within the walls of Intermediate South, and it is clear that she loves her students and loves her job every day, regardless of any challenges she may encounter.

Ms. Moriarity

Ms. Moriarity unconditionally adores the students that she works with. She is an incredible asset to the team at Intermediate South and a consummate professional. **Ms. Moriarty** always goes above and beyond demonstrating her passion for education and creating the best educational environment for her students. In the mornings, she can be found running the coffee shop, which provides breakfast and coffee for our staff. She also organizes a community based program for the students helping them to develop a sense of pride in work ethic and their role in the school.

Ms. Moriarity's ability to remain composed makes a constant source of calm for her students and for her co-workers. She demonstrates exemplary teamwork skills, leadership skills, and is always willing to step in when necessary, whether it be in the classroom or the hallways. **Ms. Moriarity** also contributes to organizing and doing inventory within the teacher supply room - one of her many extra contributions to Intermediate South.

She continues to excel in her role everyday, and is always looking for more effective strategies to support her students and the school. **Ms. Moriarity** is an incredible asset to the entire Intermediate South team, and a truly remarkable person.