

Marc Ward has been mentoring for five years, and is currently mentoring 3 students at Shue-Medill Middle School during his lunch break from Bank of America. He enjoys working with kids, has coached various sports for about 18 years, and enjoys the outdoors with family and friends. Marc feels truly blessed and feels it is imperative to give back through mentoring. Marc believes he gains more from his mentees than he gives to them. He is an unbelievable combination of unconditional love with a bit of “tough love” throw in for good measure.

Amanda Kimball of Wilmington has been mentoring for ten years and the volunteer mentor coordinator at Lancashire Elementary for the past 2 years. She has mentored 8 children since becoming a Creative Mentor. Since 2000, she has been a passionate and dedicated mentor, and then in 2008 she began to support mentoring as a coordinator as well. When she began she was the only mentor, now she has built the program up to 8 mentors.

Dolores Sebastian a native Delawarean has been mentoring at Townsend Elementary School in Middletown for 9 years. After retiring from a 25 year career at DuPont Company in 2001, she stumbled upon the mentoring program and has mentioned ever since. She has worked one on one mentoring over 10 students, and spends additional time once a week in a classroom reaching out to help many of the students who need a little extra friendship and caring. Dolores not only spends her time and talents with students but helps the School coordinator recruit and coordinate the Mentoring program at Townsend Elementary School. Dolores' dedication to the Mentoring program and her willingness to help coordinate outside her time with her mentee, has been a blessing to the school and the children alike. In her spare time, Dolores and her husband, and best friend of 31 years, Bob enjoy the freedom and new opportunities of retirement.

Ivan Neal is the district-wide mentor program coordinator for the Indian River School District and is currently mentoring 5 students throughout the district in grades 1 – 9. Ivan has been a wonderful mentor for many years and has utilized his passion to strengthen the district wide program. Currently the Indian River district has 450 mentors, which are the most mentors in a district.

Nathan Palkovitz is the Guidance Counselor and Mentoring Coordinator at Linden Hill Elementary School in the Red Clay School District. He loves this job because it gives him daily opportunities to play a positive role in the lives of young people. He consistently demonstrates his commitment to the mentoring program and is always willing to give whatever is needed to ensure a successful mentor/mentee relationship from start to finish. Nathan considers it a privilege to place great mentors with great students. Outside of school, Nathan has enjoyed mentoring in Wilmington with organizations like Freedom Outreach. Nathan lives with his wife Shannon and their daughters in Landenberg, PA.

Allan Coletta is Senior Director of Engineering and Facilities for Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Consumables Operations in DE, and is a mentor at Brader Elementary in Newark. He serves as the Business Mentoring Coordinator for Siemens and spear-headed the recruitment over 12 wonderful and diverse mentors. He facilitated a partnership between Brader Elementary and Siemens, as well as on-site mentor training at Siemens. Additionally, Allan worked diligently to secure a grant from Siemens to be used for the school's mentoring program, enabling the position of Mentoring Coordinator to be maintained for the 2009-2010 school year. Allan has served with the DE Business Mentoring Alliance since its inception in 2004.