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# Bangor Area School District

# Slater Standout of the Month Award







Angela Gutierrez

## Mrs. Cheryl Pulsinelli, Athletic Secretary

The February Support Staff Standout is very appropriate because we've just wrapped up an incredibly successful winter sports season where our wrestling team advanced to the league finals, our girls basketball team advanced to the District XI finals, and our Boys basketball team continues to compete and have already achieved the title of not only league champion but also District XI champion. An incredible part of that success is owed to our Athletic Secretary, Mrs. Cheryl Pulsinelli.

Cheryl is an invaluable member of the athletic administration team. She works with every sport we have here at the high school and middle school. Her hours go well beyond the traditional 9-5. She's always corresponding with administrators, coaches, players, parents and others due to the weather, covid protocols, changes in practices, playoffs, and more.

It's been a challenging year for everyone, but Cheryl handles it all with grace. She deals with covid protocols at our high school in addition to the protocols from other Colonial League schools. Since the Fall, athletic schedules have routinely changed due to Colonial League regulations and covid outbreaks--not to mention all the snow days. Every time something changes, she needs to notify the bus company, rearrange the weekly schedule for all sporting events, and more. It makes no difference if it's during the school day, after the day is over, or on the weekends. With our teams going into playoffs, she may have only a day's notice to set things up to get the team where they need to be. Cheryl definitely goes beyond her job description, and most importantly, she does it with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Thank you, Cheryl, for everything you do. Our coaches, our students, and our entire community are extremely thankful for your commitment to excellence.

## Ms. Angela Gutierrez, English Teacher, BAMS

Ms. Angela Gutierrez is the professional staff Slater Standout for February 2021. Ms. Gutierrez is currently an English teacher at Bangor Area Middle School and has worked in the Bangor School district for the past 2 of her 11 years of teaching. As a valued member of our faculty, Ms. Gutierrez is recognized for her work ethic and flexibility. Even if she has a unit planned, when BAMS integrates an addition to improve instruction, like stations or the use of Nearpod, Ms. Gutierrez will redesign that same unit that she took hours to create. She is constantly looking for ways to improve the way in which she integrates these tools into her instructional planning. Although this is only her second year at BAMS, she is known for welcoming co- teachers and paras into her class. She finds ways to identify their strengths and uses those skills to contribute to meaningful instruction. Beyond her classroom though, Ms. Gutierrez has cultivated lasting partnerships with other support staff and professionals. While she offers her experience, collaborates, and shares, she is equally interested in feedback and suggestions to improve her skillset.

Overall, Ms. Gutierrez conducts her classroom as a seasoned teacher. She accepts any challenge that is put before her and does so with vigor. For example, due to the current adjustments to scheduling, Ms. Gutierrez not only teaches students in building, but she also is responsible for Grade 7 and 8 virtual live instruction, as well as supporting Grade 7 and 8 students enrolled in Connexus. Her vast experience and expertise in her discipline enables her to excel at lesson planning and deliver lessons in an ever-changing educational system. She puts a considerable amount of thought into attempting to reach every student in her classes, whether they be online or in person. She differentiates for not only special education population but also gifted students. When grouping her students, she utilizes data for a quantitative measure and considers qualitative information such as students' interests. In all, Ms. Gutierrez is an esteemed teacher with high expectations for her students. She does a great job at balancing and guiding our learners while holding them accountable for their own learning as well.

Ms. Gutierrez also volunteers and assumes the lead in group work on teacher instructional days. She takes excellent notes and shares them out so not a single detail is missed. On top of her professional responsibilities in building to her colleagues and her students, Ms. Gutierrez is getting yet another master's degree to increase her expertise in her field. Overall, it is clear that Ms. Gutierrez expects nothing more of her students than she does of herself. Her ability to model a positive work ethic and passion for learning is something students find contagious in her classes.

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## **Da Vinci Science Center**

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public and private funding, and supporting staff with changing responsibilities to be able to transition to virtual programming and offer exhibit experiences designed to keep people safe. Michael is also part of the leadership team implementing plans for a major new science center in downtown Allentown.

"On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I would like to extend warm congratulations to Maureen for this well-deserved honor," said James McLean, Chairman of the Board at Da Vinci Science Center and Senior Vice President, Investments at Steel Valley Investment Group. "Her attention to administrative details and ensuring that the organization is on solid financial footing is essential to the wellbeing and successful growth of the Da Vinci Science Center."

Prior to joining the DSC, Michael was the controller for a \$4B division of Air Products. An expert in her field, she had several options for her second career. She chose the Science Center. Her commitment and dedication to the Science Center and its mission to bring science to life and lives to science serve as an incredible example for women and the entire community.



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