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Administrators of the Year*



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# Pasco County Administrator of the Year

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## Michael Baumaister

Chief of Safety & Emergency Operations  
School Safety



Michael Baumaister Jr. is a proud product of Pasco County Schools, graduating from Ridgewood High School in 1987. He earned his AA degree from Pasco Hernando Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Criminology from the University of South Florida in 1994, while working at the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. In 1996, Michael began his career at the Tampa Police Department, where he rose to the rank of Major before retiring in 2020.

Michael joined the Pasco County School District in July 2020 as the Chief of Safety and Emergency Operations while maintaining his law enforcement credentials with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. His wife, an Instructional Coach at River Ridge Middle School, humorously warned him to be on his best behavior when accepting the position and to avoid embarrassing her.

Michael quickly evaluated and enhanced the Safety program established in 2018, improving processes and organizational structure. He developed numerous procedures and safety plans, fostering relationships with school administrators. His motto, "Safety is everyone's responsibility, and we cannot turn schools into prisons," guided his efforts. Within his first 90 days, he visited every school, creating support documents and open communication lines to ensure the safest environment possible. Since his hiring, there have been significant improvements in infrastructure, safety policies, and oversight.

Michael is most proud of his family and their dedication to education. His wife holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida and a Master's degree from St. Leo University and has been with the school district for over 29 years. Their son graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Computer Engineering, while their daughter is in her final semester at Florida State University, pursuing a degree in Psychology. Michael often jokes that no matter which Florida team you support, his household has it covered. He and his wife Chrissy stay busy with their two Australian Shepherds, Max and Ruby.

Michael loves working for Pasco County Schools and attributes his successes to the passion of its employees, especially the administrators. He praises his Safety and Security team and supervisory staff for their exceptional credentials and contributions. Michael is humbled and honored to be nominated and selected for this award among many worthy nominees.

# Pasco County Assistant Principal of the Year

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## Joel Quina

J. W. Mitchell High School  
Assistant Principal



Mr. Joel Quina is a proud product of Pasco County Schools and a graduate of River Ridge High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in K-12 Music Education on the Bright Futures Scholarship at the University of South Florida. He later earned a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from St. Leo University and recently completed the Preparing New Principals Program.

Mr. Quina is currently completing his 14th year of service in Pasco, spending 9 years as the head director of Pasco's largest and most accomplished music program, the J.W. Mitchell High School Band. Under his leadership, the program enrollment doubled, numerous students were named to the All-State Band, and the program earned the prestigious Otto J. Kraushaar award multiple times.

He transitioned to administration in 2020 to serve as an Assistant Principal at J.W. Mitchell High School. Mr. Quina is most proud of his work with growing the skillsets of new teachers and helping struggling students find success in high school.

Mr. Quina lives in the Trinity area with his wife, Alyssa, a Middle School Assistant Principal in the district, and their 2 children, who will also attend Pasco Schools. Mr. Quina's mother recently retired after 40 years of service to Pasco Schools, and his sister Julie Kral serves the district as a Lead Speech Pathologist. Mr. Quina hopes to continue to provide students with exceptional experiences and prepare them to reach their full potential after their time at JWMHS.

# Pasco County Principal of the Year

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## Joshua Borders

Raymond B. Stewart Middle School  
Principal



Mr. Borders' journey with Pasco County schools began in 1986 as a kindergarten student at Quail Hollow Elementary School. He continued his education at Thomas E. Weightman Middle and graduated from Zephyrhills High School in 1999.

Mr. Borders earned his bachelor's degree in social sciences education from the University of South Florida and returned to Pasco County in 2003 to begin his teaching career at Pasco Middle School. Over the next nine years, he served as a teacher, instructional leader, athletic coach, and instructional technology specialist.

After obtaining his master's degree from St. Leo University, Mr. Borders accepted his first Assistant Principal position at River Ridge Middle School in 2012. He later moved back to the east side of the county, serving as an Assistant Principal at Centennial Middle School before becoming the Principal at Raymond B. Stewart Middle School. Through strategic vision and compassionate leadership, he has significantly increased student proficiencies and learning gains across all subjects and grade levels at Raymond B. Stewart Middle School, resulting in a C school grade and removal from the state's differentiated accountability status. Mr. Borders was recently awarded a Proclamation from the City of Zephyrhills and named the 2020 Assistant Principal of the Year for Pasco County Schools. His work has also contributed to the development of new leaders through internships and mentoring other school-based administrators.

At the core of Mr. Borders' success is the support he receives from his amazing wife of 21 years, Jenny Borders, and their four children: Susannah, Hutson, Jackson, and Emma. Mr. Borders is honored to have served the Pasco County community for 21 years, cherishing the relationships he has built with parents, community members, staff, and, most importantly, students.

# Pasco County Non-Instructional Non-Bargaining Employee of the Year

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## Matthew Fox

Dr. Mary Giella Elementary School  
School Safety Guard



Matthew Fox began his journey with Pasco County Schools in 2006, shortly after graduating high school. At the time, the maintenance department was in the early stages of establishing a warehouse to store essential supplies for schools. This endeavor required setting up shelving, pallet racks, and meticulously inventorying thousands of items to ensure everything fit within the warehouse space.

After four years in maintenance, Matt transitioned to the district warehouse, where he played a crucial role in supplying schools with everything from classroom materials to janitorial supplies. Despite his growing responsibilities, Matt always harbored a desire to pursue a career in law enforcement. Eventually, he left the district to follow that dream.

Years later, Matt found himself missing the excellent benefits and the supportive, family-like work environment of Pasco County Schools. In 2017, he returned to the warehouse, where he quickly familiarized himself with the operations of the couriers. Matt took charge of the mailroom for seven years, building connections and striving to be as helpful as possible in every situation.

Seeking new challenges, Matt shifted gears, moving into maintenance, where he worked in site development for about a year. Eventually, an opportunity arose for him to work as a School Safety Guardian (SSG) at an elementary school. Matt felt this role was his true calling—creating a safe and enjoyable environment for students to learn and grow. As one of the first people students see each morning, Matt greets them with high fives and fist bumps, setting a positive tone for the day.

Matt is deeply grateful for the opportunity to make a difference at Dr. Mary Giella Elementary School, and the staff are equally thrilled to have him on board. His dedication and enthusiasm have made him an invaluable part of the school community.

# Pasco County School-Related Personnel of the Year

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## Lindsey Pahlck Connerton Elementary School Office Assistant



With a family full of educators, Lindsey did not think she would follow the family trend. She graduated with a Culinary Degree and worked in the corporate restaurant world for 16 years. Right before Covid, she found a new path and opened a bootcamp. Due to circumstances out of her control, she had to make the decision and close. One of her clients worked at the district and told her to apply with FNS. She took her recommendation, and that's how Lindsey started with Pasco.

Lindsey was hired by FNS in 2021 as a Relief Manager and traveled around Pasco County schools. Lindsey thought it was best to stay local for her family. She was able to accept the school discipline position at Connerton Elementary. Lindsey knew Connerton was her home and applied for the Secretary role when it was available.

Lindsey does not feel like she is going to work every day. She loves her job, the people she works with, and most importantly, the students. Lindsey's contributions go far beyond the typical responsibilities of a school secretary. She steps into multiple roles daily, often without being asked, and always with a positive attitude. Whether supporting the behavior team, running the arrival and dismissal carline, assisting the data entry operator, leading safety patrol, collaborating with parents, or lending a hand to teachers, Lindsey is always ready and willing to help. Her flexibility is truly remarkable, as she seamlessly transitions from making copies to answering phones, all while keeping the office running smoothly.

When Lindsey is not at Connerton, you will find her with her husband and three boys, Mason (13), Jamison (11) and Jaxson (8). You will find her playing/watching sports, especially the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies. You can always catch her dancing to something.

Lindsey's contributions go far beyond the typical responsibilities of a school secretary. She steps into multiple roles daily, often without being asked, and always with a positive attitude. She is a true asset to Connerton and wherever she may go.

# Pasco County Teacher of the Year Finalists

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## Addie Ogden

Double Branch Elementary School  
Kindergarten Teacher



Mrs. Addie Ogden attended Brewton Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia, on a teaching and journalism scholarship. In 2001, Addie received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education.

By August 2002, Addie received her first teaching assignment at Rodney B. Cox. She taught Kindergarten there from 2002-2007. During that tenure, Addie was a team leader for a continuous progress team and won a district award called “The Heart of Reading.” Rodney B. Cox impacted Addie by giving her the experience of teaching at a Title One school.

In 2007, Addie was hired at Double Branch Elementary and continues to teach there as a Kindergarten teacher to this day. She has been a PLC facilitator and is currently on the Student Intervention Team. Addie mentors new incoming teachers at Double Branch each year. Furthermore, she welcomes and guides college interns of various levels of study from USF and Saint Leo University. Most summers, Addie teaches Extended School Year as well.

Personally, Addie has been married to her husband, Sam, for twenty-five years. She has two daughters, Sarah, who graduated from Wiregrass Ranch High School during COVID in 2020, and Alley, attending John Long Middle School as a seventh grader. Alley is a softball pitcher on a local travel ball team, so Addie attends many softball games when she is not teaching.

Addie has guided Pasco County's youngest learners to develop and acquire the skills necessary to read and write, solve math problems, and become kind-hearted students for over twenty-plus years. Mrs. Ogden feels grateful to have had a wonderful career!



# Pasco County Teacher of the Year Finalists

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## Elizabeth Skoglund

Land O' Lakes High School  
Science Teacher



Elizabeth (Betty) Skoglund holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the State University of New York College at Oswego (1995) and a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Science from Mississippi State University (2013). For over two decades, she has been a dedicated science teacher at Land O' Lakes High School in Pasco County Schools.

During her tenure, Betty has taught a wide range of life science courses, revitalized the AP Environmental Science program, initiated the Dual Enrollment Biology course, and spent the past five years teaching IB freshman biology. Her innovative teaching approaches and commitment to academic excellence have made her a cornerstone of the science department.

Beyond her classroom, Betty serves as a mentor teacher, fostering the development of new educators and promoting retention within the profession. She leads professional learning teams, driving collaboration to enhance curriculum design and student engagement. As a member of key committees, such as Equal Opportunity Schools and the School Leadership Team, she has championed initiatives to expand academic equity and improve schoolwide outcomes.

Betty is also deeply committed to professional growth, frequently presenting to Land O' Lakes faculty on topics like growth mindset, effective student grouping, and strategies for fostering engagement. Her passion for education extends to club sponsorships, including guiding the Heartfelt Club and Kits to Heart, which encourage student involvement and community service. Betty Skoglund's unwavering dedication to education continues to inspire both her students and colleagues, fostering a love for science and lifelong learning.

# Pasco County Teacher of the Year Finalists

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**Tabatha Whaley**  
Cypress Creek Middle School  
Reading Teacher



Tabatha began her teaching career in Pasco County at Sand Pine Elementary after graduating from the University of South Florida in 1999 with a degree in Elementary Education. Tabatha worked at Sand Pine for 17 years, teaching 3rd - 5th grades. During this time, she was a Team Leader, Student Government Advisor, and the director of several school plays.

In 2016, Tabatha moved to Denham Oaks Elementary. While at Denham Oaks, she was accepted into the WIPRO Science Fellowship through USF. This fellowship allowed Tabatha to continue her studies of Educational Theory and Best Practices.

After three years at Denham Oaks, Tabatha accepted a Science Coach position at Rodney B. Cox Elementary School. During the two years she was at RBCES, Tabatha worked as a Science/ELA coach for the K-5 teachers. Through this position, she also established a hydroponic garden at the school. This garden was used to support the science curriculum and provide sustenance for the community.

Though Science is a joy for Tabatha, she felt the pull of her first love, Literature in 2021. This was the year she accepted a position at Cypress Creek Middle School teaching Reading. The transition to middle school was a challenge, but Tabatha worked to develop a strong relationship with the students and faculty. She has worked hard with administration to establish a tight curriculum and PLC protocols for the English department. Tabatha is the ELA Leader, Union Representative, and Student Government Advisor. She also supports the school theatre department.

Tabatha and her husband, David, live in Wesley Chapel with their two teenage daughters, Hannah and Madalyn. David also works for Pasco County Schools as a Plant Manager and their daughters attend Cypress Creek High School.

## Teachers of the Year

1969 - 70 Lauzanne Sims Casson  
1970 - 71 William Moble  
1971 - 72 Artiste Parsons  
1972 - 73 Joan Pryor  
1973 - 74 Lorenzo Coffie  
1974 - 75 Caroline Marlette  
1975 - 76 Orlando Puig  
1976 - 77 Education Celebration was not held  
1977 - 78 Ronald Ray Robison  
1978 - 79 Dr. Robert Marsh  
1979 - 80 Bonnie F. Palmer  
1980 - 81 Yvonne Sickler  
1981 - 82 Mary H. Upman  
1982 - 83 Margaret A. Jones  
1983 - 84 Ronald E. Eckstein  
1984 - 85 Charlene Daniel  
1985 - 86 Rita Billett  
1986 - 87 Joan Piraino-Weinberg  
1987 - 88 Frank Roder  
1988 - 89 Alice Roll  
1989 - 90 Frances McCrimmon  
1990 - 91 Pauline Sullivan  
1991 - 92 Maria Angeliadis  
1992 - 93 Jerry Stacy  
1993 - 94 Heather Fiorentino  
1994 - 95 Debora Wichmanowski  
1995 - 96 LaVon Dormeyer  
1996 - 97 Kristi Theurer  
1997 - 98 Darrell Huling  
1998 - 99 Celisa Walls Cook  
1999 - 00 Sister Roberta Bailey  
2000 - 01 Linda Gordon  
2001 - 02 Ed Dillard  
2002 - 03 John Keon  
2003 - 04 Freda Abercrombie  
2004 - 05 Patty Hughes  
2005 - 06 Suzanne M. Beane  
2006 - 07 Melody Johnson  
2007 - 08 Tom Adams  
2008 - 09 Lesley Wade  
2009 - 10 Kathryn Bylsma  
2010 - 11 Sean Gaudet  
2011 - 12 Dan Wolfe  
2012 - 13 Carla Nolan  
2013 - 14 Paula Berry  
2014 - 15 Patrick Connolly  
2015 - 16 Beth Hess  
2016 - 17 Donald Blake

## Teacher of the Year Cont.

2017 - 18 Robert Patterson  
2018 - 19 Susan McNulty  
2019 - 20 Holly Mickler  
2020 - 21 Jennifer Dixon  
2021 - 22 Yan Li Gazda  
2022 - 23 Ryan Bintz  
2023 - 24 Kim Theurer  
2024 - 25 LeAnn John

## SRPs of the Year

1989 - 90 Margo Scranton  
1990 - 91 Mary Kash  
1991 - 92 Claudette Davis  
1992 - 93 Eugene Scott  
1993 - 94 Patricia Reeves  
1994 - 95 Kathy Johnson  
1995 - 96 Sheri Harmeson  
1996 - 97 Anne Palow  
1997 - 98 Arthur Tongen  
1998 - 99 Lisa Schaefermeyer  
1999 - 00 Pat Mikolajczak  
2000 - 01 Rebecca Mohrle  
2001 - 02 Doreen Pattermann  
2002 - 03 Kathy Rinaldi  
2003 - 04 Joan George  
2004 - 05 Janet Anderton  
2005 - 06 Joanne Amann  
2006 - 07 Rose Aiello  
2007 - 08 Helena Fletcher  
2008 - 09 Monica Russ  
2009 - 10 Donna Lyons  
2010 - 11 Clara Barlow  
2011 - 12 Pamela Paone  
2012 - 13 Laura Hauser  
2013 - 14 Christie Mitchell  
2014 - 15 Karen Zummo  
2015 - 16 Julie Beardsley  
2016 - 17 Bruno Buonsanto  
2017 - 18 Sharaya Janes  
2018 - 19 Pamela Paone  
2019 - 20 Kathleen "Katie" Jeffcott  
2020 - 21 Andrea Morrow  
2021 - 22 Pamela Paone  
2022 - 23 Joann Ortiz Ramos  
2023 - 24 Anita Dienes  
2024 - 25 Tami Milner

### Administrators of the Year

1995 - 96 Wendell Krinn  
1996 - 97 Renee Sedlack, Ed.D.  
1997 - 98 Alan Knight  
1998 - 99 Ed Mutell  
1999 - 00 Oma Pantridge  
2000 - 01 Jay Feliciani  
2001 - 02 Tammy Rabon  
2002 - 03 Joy Salerno  
2003 - 04 Rob Aguis  
2004 - 05 David Scanga, Ed.D.  
2005 - 06 Arlene Bodden  
2006 - 07 Ray Bonti  
2007 - 08 Peggy Jones, Ph.D.  
2008 - 09 Monica Verra  
2009 - 10 Terry Rhum  
2010 - 11 Kevin Shibley  
2011 - 12 Beth Brown  
2012 - 13 Saybra Chapman  
2013 - 14 Chuck Hutinger  
2014 - 15 Vanessa Hilton, District-Based  
2014 - 15 Jason Joens, School-Based  
2015 - 16 Kim Davis  
2016 - 17 Saybra Chapman  
2017 - 18 Rebecca Musselman  
2018 - 19 Tammy Rabon  
2019 - 20 Lea Mitchell  
2020 - 21 Samantha Del Valle  
2021 - 22 Vaughnette Chandler  
2022 - 23 Melissa Musselwhite  
2023 - 24 Iravonia Abiola  
2024 - 25 Daniela Bruno

### Assistant Principal of the Year

2019 - 20 Amy Riddle  
2020 - 21 Josh Borders  
2021 - 22 Andrea Altman  
2022 - 23 Melissa Caruso,  
2023 - 24 Cheryl Macri-Grim  
2024 - 25 Jill Cortier

### Principal of the Year

2019 - 20 Carin Hetzler-Nettles  
2020 - 21 Joanne Glenn  
2021 - 22 Joel DiVincent  
2022 - 23 Danielle Johnson  
2023 - 24 David Salerno  
2024 - 25 Christopher Dunning

### NNBs of the Year

2007 - 08 Mary Olson  
2008 - 09 Karen Bryant  
2009 - 10 Leroy Christopher  
2010 - 11 Edward Flicker  
2011 - 12 Vonnie Maples  
2012 - 13 Betsy Eanes  
2013 - 14 Stephan Gandy  
2014 - 15 Joshua Nelson  
2015 - 16 Lori Karpinski  
2016 - 17 Josh Zappe  
2017 - 18 Jenatte Correia  
2018 - 19 Maria Correia  
2019 - 20 Michael Witfoth  
2020 - 21 Michelle Bolin  
2021 - 22 Joseph Zollo  
2022 - 23 Aimee Starkey  
2023 - 24 Kimberlie Glogowski  
2024 - 25 Billy Wade



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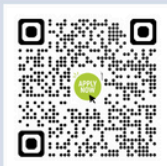
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**S.T.A.R. Awards Recognition**  
**District Administrator of the Year**  
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