

Nicole Petrosillo

2017-2018 Passaic County Teacher of the Year



School/District:

West Milford High School
West Milford School District

Principal: Paul Gorski

Superintendent: Dr. Alexander Anemone

Teaches: English Language Arts

Nicole Petrosillo, a seventeen-year teaching veteran, holds Master's Degrees in English and Counseling Psychology. She revitalized her school's literary magazine and, under her direction, the school newspaper was awarded first place with special merit from the American Scholastic Press Association, which is only bestowed upon twenty-two schools nationwide. Nicole received a National Promising Practices Award for her district-wide program, Project North Pole, a writing project that pairs high school students with first graders. Nicole inspires her students to walk with her on a path of learning and discovery. She is extremely active in her school community as the newspaper and literary magazine adviser, as the National Honor Society, Poetry Society, and Poetry Out Loud co-adviser, and as the PTSO Secretary. This past year Nicole partnered with the Highland Family Success Center and a local Crossfit center to organize a school-wide event for staff to create food bags for Book Bag Bites, a program to provide qualified students breakfast, snacks and dinner for weekends and school breaks. Under her direction, staff also collected and wrapped holiday gifts for children and created greeting cards for those in need. These accomplishments led to Nicole being selected as one of seven finalists for the 2017-2018 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year title. She is honored and humbled to have served as Passaic County Teacher of the Year 2017-2018.

