

WCSD NEWS



Dutchess County Exchange Club Recognizes Two WCSD “Silent Heroes”

On October 11, 2022, Olivia Christian and Tetiana Napolitano received the Exchange Club's Silent Heroes Award for their unwavering support of Myers Corners Elementary students who are new to learning the English language. The Silent Hero Award is given to those who go above and beyond their duty of care. These unsung heroes too often go unnoticed, and this award is meant to honor their service.

Both teachers have provided direct assistance to families in their home language while connecting families to the school. Serving as a liaison and resource for their English New Learner students, they provide resources, such as information about food banks or adult ESL classes. They ensure a safe space for students, where they can share any issues that come up, either at home or school. Through exemplary teaching and modeling, they set high expectations that help students achieve proficiency in English. By combining creative strategies with deep care for their students, they help students and families all year long.

The Dutchess Chapter of the National Exchange Club is a volunteer service organization of men and women who serve the community, develop leadership skills, and discover new friendships. They support the National Exchange Club's mission to protect children and help them flourish.



Tetiana Napolitano (left) and Olivia Christian are dedicated to helping English New Learners thrive.

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