



Nomination Essay for Patricia Chimento
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Patricia Chimento, physical education teacher, qualifies for this award.

Mrs. Chimento works tirelessly to make her classes engaging and enjoyable. In addition to the routine games and equipment available in an elementary school, she has introduced and exposed students to many other sports and activities they might otherwise not have had the opportunity to experience.

She acquired the equipment to teach basic golf methods and etiquette. Every year she makes arrangements for a truck equipped with a bowling alley to visit the school. She arranged for a rock wall to be installed in the gym. She collaborates with the music teacher to instruct students in various types of dancing.

Mrs. Chimento serves as the team leader for the specialty teachers at the school. This includes art, music, science, technology, library and physical education. The team meets several times a week to collaborate and plan ways to support the educational and cultural goals of the school. In addition, under her leadership, the team supports, by their assistance and presence, the programs and special activities of all members of the team.

Mrs. Chimento also organizes joint faculty and student sporting activities. These friendly games build cohesiveness between students and staff. She understands that through these enjoyable games, the students are more likely to form positive

relationships with the staff. For the past few years, Mrs. Chimento has earned special commendations from The American Heart Association for her outstanding efforts in support of the "Jump Rope for Heart" program. Her commitment to this program is evidenced by the enthusiastic support and participation she creates in the students. She plans and organizes the culminating activity, a school and family cookout/picnic on the school grounds. She spends many hours arranging for local businesses to provide food and other incentives to make this event a success.