Jeffie Frazier

Principal, Wexler-Grant Elementary School

Jeffie Frazier is a champion for young people at the Wexler-Grant Elementary School in the Dixwell neighborhood. She is a maverick in leveraging community resources towards the benefit of students at her school. She works with parents, students, and teachers to create after school learning opportunities for her students so that school becomes a venue for learning and community even into the evening hours.

When Yale students can’t be found on campus, they can often be found at Wexler-Grants where over 250 Yale students volunteer each year. Dr. Frazier has been a strong partner with Yale University’s America Reads program which provides her students with one-on-one Yale-student tutors to help promote and support the school’s literacy initiatives.

Dr. Frazier’s dedication to public education and to forging partnerships for the benefit of her students is inspiring. In recognition of her devotion to children, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Dr. Jeffie Frazier with an Elm Award.
Martin O’Connor

Associate Professor, University of New Haven

Marty O’Connor helps keep our community safe. As a former fire chief and now professor of Fire Science at the University of New Haven, he has helped train generations of young people in how to prevent and fight fires and preserve public safety.

On top of his professorial responsibilities, he is also the director of the University of New Haven’s President’s Public Service Fellowship modeled after Yale University’s President’s Public Service Fellowship. The University of New Haven’s fellowship places highly qualified UNH students in a non-profit or public service work environment over the summer gives students valuable work experience, teambuilding and leadership skills, and awareness of the needs of their community. The program serves to foster positive relationships with the Greater New Haven community and showcases what UNH has to offer through the participating students.

Marty’s dedication to public safety and help in connecting the University of New Haven to the City has benefited the entire community. In recognition of his service to public, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Martin O’Connor with an Elm award.

April 12, 2006
Anne Worcester

Director of Market New Haven and Pilot Pen Tournament

New Haven – It All Happens Here! These are the words that many inside and outside of the city have come to associate with New Haven and much due to Anne Wooster who works to enhance the positive image and reputation of New Haven and to improve the prosperity of the city, its residents and businesses. As Market New Haven’s Chief Marketing Office, Anne manages marketing campaigns and free concerts on the New Haven Green during the summer festival season which draws record crowds to the city and helps energize and support the downtown.

Anne also serves as director of the popular Pilot Pen Tennis Tournament, and was instrumental in helping bring to New Haven the first combined event for men and women leading up to the US Open. The Pilot Pen regularly brings tennis stars such as Venus Williams and Lindsay Davenport to New Haven to play, dine at New Haven’s world-renowned eateries, and host free tennis clinics for New Haven youth.

Anne’s certainly makes it happen in New Haven. In recognition of her work in closing the gap between perception and reality and for marketing New Haven as a great place to visit, shop, eat dine and play tennis, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Anne Wooster with an Elm award.

April 12, 2006
Rose Coggins

Principal, Hill Regional Career High School

Rose Coggins is helping pave the road for New Haven youth to develop careers in the sciences. As principal of Hill Regional Career High School, a New Haven magnet school focused on exposing students to career opportunities in the fields of health, business and computer technology, Rose is providing New Haven young people with the tools to access the city’s growing biosciences and technology-based economy.

She has built partnerships with the Yale School of Medicine and the Yale School or Nursing as part of the Hill Regional Career High School-Yale University partnership which provides more than 200 high school students with the opportunity to spend over three years in classes, laboratories, and structured internships during the school term. Each year 15 to 20 faculty members and 20 to 25 Medical and Nursing students volunteer to support 8 different courses that are offered for credit at the high school. Rose has also supported the professional development of her science staff, and partnered with Yale to offer tuition-free classes to help keep her teachers on the cutting edge of science education.

In recognition of he opening the doors to New Haven’s growing bioscience and technology economy for New Haven Youth, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Rose Coggins with an Elm Award.

April 12, 2006
Evelyn Streeter-Frizzle

Associate Director of Customer Service, Office of Facilities

Evelyn Streeter-Frizzle has provided Yale University with 27 years of dedicated service, currently working as the Associate Director of Customer Service in the Office of Facilities. With grace and devotion, Evelyn manages over three million square feet of space in 54 buildings. Evelyn’s dedication to Yale University is only rivaled by her commitment to serving others in her New Haven community.

Evelyn’s service to New Haven runs the charitable gamut, from Follow Through Girls, for which she mentors New Haven youth, to the Christian Community Action Task Force, for which Evelyn conducts annual fundraisers to support transitional housing in and around New Haven. Furthermore, Evelyn works tirelessly for the New Haven chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, promoting the needs and interests of women business owners and professionals.

Evelyn’s spirit and enthusiasm are truly an inspiration to all. For her service to her many community organizations, President Levin and Mayor DeStefano will now present Evelyn Streeter-Frizzle with an Ivy Award.

April 12, 2006
Robert Wyman

Professor, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology

Bob Wyman is a passionate champion of K-12 science education. As a Yale Professor in the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Department he has helped support funding for science outreach program and has been a valuable supporter of science education at the grade school level.

During his time in New Haven has served as Seminar Leader for the Yale-New Haven Teacher's Institute, an educational partnership between Yale University and the New Haven Public Schools designed to strengthen teaching and learning in local schools. He has also served as a Lecturer for Yale University's Teacher Prep program that makes available to the Yale community and to New Haven educators an extensive array of resources and support directed toward aiding in the improvement of public education.

In recognition of his passion for improving public science education, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Bob Wyman with an Ivy award.

April 12, 2006
Jonathan Hale Gillette
Director of Teacher Preparation Program

Jack Gillette’s life long devotion to education has made an indelible mark on New Haven, Yale University, as well as the United States. Serving the community for five years as a Social Studies teacher at James Hillhouse High School, Jack’s remarkable commitment to his students demonstrated his sterling qualities as an educator. His commendable efforts have been recognized by the New Haven Public Schools with the prestigious TAP Award for Excellence in Teaching. Jack’s many years of dedication to the Teacher Preparation Program at Yale University resulted in his appointment as Director in 2000. Additionally, Jonathan has produced dozens of ground-breaking educational publications over the course of his career, placing him at the vanguard of educational reform and research in the United States. A steward of New Haven history, Jonathan is also a founding member of the Greater New Haven Labor History Association, generously donating his talents to the preservation of an invaluable part of New Haven’s past.

His commitment to service have benefited all those who have come into contact with him, be they New Haven public school students, University pupils, or his fellow educators across the country. In recognition of his tireless dedication to his work, Yale University and to New Haven, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will Present Jack Gillette with an Ivy Award.

April 12, 2006
Peggy Delinois Hamilton

Selma M. Levine Lecturer in Clinical Law

Peggy Hamilton has an innate talent for serving her community while simultaneously pursuing her academic goals. This unique talent is exemplified by her expansion of the Community and Economic Development Clinic at Yale Law School. Every semester, Peggy creates opportunities for her students to represent 10-15 local entrepreneurs who wish to grow their for-profit or non-profit enterprises in New Haven. Peggy’s practicality and commitment to service have created a mutually beneficial relationship between Yale Law students and New Haven entrepreneurs.

A devoted advocate of community development banking, Peggy’s work has been featured in several prominent publications, including a piece entitled Starting a Community Development Bank, a New Haven Story. Peggy has selflessly donated her time and expertise to assist the city of New Haven with its banking issues, most recently helping the city attract a first-of-its-kind independent foundation that will provide New Haven with millions of dollars in low-interest rate loans for low income borrowers.

Peggy’s academic talents and dedication to public service have proved to be terrific assets to both Yale University and the city of New Haven. In recognition of her generosity, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Peggy Delinois Hamilton with an Ivy Award.

April 12, 2006
Laura Huizar loves New Haven. The Florida native has found her home away from home in the Elm City. Laura’s affinity for New Haven is reflected by her sterling record of community service. Serving as the Student Executive Co-Coordinator for Dwight Hall at Yale, Laura oversaw over 3,000 volunteers and over 75 Yale undergraduate non-profit organizations, effectively allocating Dwight Hall resources to best serve the New Haven community. Furthermore, Laura has been heavily involved in Bridges, a Yale University undergraduate organization that provides free English tutoring to New Haven immigrants.

Laura’s dedication to New Haven extends beyond the traditional academic year. A recipient of a President’s Public Service Fellowship in 2005, Laura spent her summer in New Haven serving as the Economic Development Fellow for JUNTA for Progressive Action. During her summer, Laura created reports on job training, migrant farm worker conditions in Connecticut, as well as health care access within small businesses.

Laura’s remarkable commitment to service truly has been a gift to the city of New Haven. In recognition of her tireless service to her adopted home town of New Haven, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Laura Huizar with an Ivy Award.
Peter Fishman
Davenport College, Class of 2006

Pete Fishman embodies the dogged determination of a Yale University bulldog - unrelenting, fastidious and dedicated. Working as the Dwight Hall Public School Intern Program, Pete often devotes more than fifteen hours of service weekly to organizing the program and working with the public schools. Simply completing the job is not enough to satisfy Pete; he inspires and expects the highest quality service from himself and his fellow interns. Pete’s exemplary dedication to Public School Intern Program has served to strengthen the relationship between the New Haven and Yale university communities.

Further fostering Yale University’s rapport with New Haven, Pete received a President’s Public Service Fellowship in 2003 and spent his summer serving as a supervisor for the New Haven Ecology Project’s Summer Youth Crew, where he led eleven teenagers and mentored students in a wide range of areas, including cooperation and personal interaction.

Pete’s contributions to strengthening Yale and New Haven relationship serve are shining example for all. In recognition of his outstanding devotion to New Haven and Yale University, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Pete Fishman with an Ivy Award.

April 12, 2006
Daniel Weeks

Berkeley College, Class of 2006

Dan Weeks is changing the way Connecticut does politics. As the founder of Students for Clean Elections, Daniel worked with Mayor DeStefano and other Yale University students to reform the campaign finance in Connecticut elections. His efforts paid off when Connecticut became the first state in the nation to establish a voluntary system of publicly funded elections. This monumental change in the political environment of Connecticut speaks to Dan’s leadership skill.

He has also concentrated his service efforts on New Haven. Dan received a President’s Public Service Fellowship in 2005 and worked for Empower New Haven where he co-authored grant applications for New Haven worth nearly a half-million dollars to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other national organizations.

Dan’s special talents and restless spirit have truly made their mark on New Haven and Connecticut as a whole. In recognition for his untiring efforts to affect change and to serve his community, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Dan Weeks with an Ivy Award.

April 12, 2006
Malcolm Darrell
School of Drama, Class of 2007

Malcolm has helped New Haven feed its insatiable appetite for jazz. Awarded a President’s Public Service Fellowship in the summer 2005, he worked as project manager for the City of New Haven’s Office of Cultural Affairs where he helped coordinate the city’s popular summer jazz concert series. The 24-year old jazz series that attracts jazz artists from around the world to the New Haven Green for three consecutive weekends in August, also brings jazz concerts to neighborhoods and city parks, and is a major boon to downtown and neighborhood businesses.

Malcolm has also served as a Marketing Manager at the Yale Repertory Theatre and has helped the theater reach out to new audiences such as during the run of Dance of the Holy Ghosts.

Malcolm’s talents in marketing and management have truly helped New Haven carry on its jazz tradition. In recognition of his efforts to bring arts and music to New Haven neighborhoods, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Malcolm Darrell with an Ivy award.

April 12, 2006
Philip Voigt

Public Servant

Phil Voigt was the consummate public servant – a army veteran, New Haven alderman, union activist, and engineer in Yale’s Department of Utilities. In 42 of his 43 years of service to the University, Phil never once took sick day; he had a strong work ethic. He also cared about his co-workers and rose to top positions with Yale University’s union leadership.

Raised in the Hill neighborhood, Phil was a mentor and friend to many – he was fair, honest, approachable and effective. He believed in public service whether that meant hammering out municipal budgets in city hall or helping neighbors become part of the community.

Passing at the young age of 62, Phil’s dedication to making New Haven a better place to live, work and raise a family, will not soon be forgotten. In recognition of his public service to Yale and to New Haven, Mayor DeStefano and President Levin will present Philip Voigt with an Elm Award.

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