

who used video to observe parent-infant interactions, and his teachings provided parents with the security and skills they needed to understand their babies. Throughout his career, Dr. Brazelton worked with tens of thousands of parents and children, published more than 30 books on pediatrics and child development, and founded the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Boston Children's Hospital.

Dr. Brazelton's work and influence extended past the research lab and his pediatric practice. He created Touchpoints, professional training programs that equip family-facing providers with the skills they need to empower parents and families through research-informed family engagement practice. Dr. Brazelton and I shared a commitment to advancing the health and safety of children, and his approach to child wellness helped to inspire much of my work on this critical issue. Dr. Brazelton was credited for putting the practice of natural childbirth and breastfeeding back at the forefront of childrearing practices. His research contributed to the removal of lead from gasoline in the United States, the enactment of the Family and Medical Leave Act, and many more policies aimed at expanding the rights of children.

Dr. Brazelton was more than just a clinician and scientist. His constant curiosity and charisma allowed him to cross many disciplines. He was a writer, a mentor, and a lover of the arts. He was loved by his wife, the late Christina Lowell Brazelton, and is survived by his children, Christina, Catherine, Pauline, and Thomas III, and his seven grandchildren.

Dr. Brazelton's research and findings garnered him many accolades and awards, including the Presidential Citizens Medal in 2013. However, the advances he made in science's understanding of the importance of the first years of life; the improvements in clinical care of infants, young children, and their parents; and the policies based on his scientific contributions to promote healthy child and family development will leave the biggest mark. We have lost a champion and visionary, but his legacy will live on in the hearts of many, and his work will continue to influence advancements in child development.●

TRIBUTE TO KERRY ADAMS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Kerry Adams, the Wakulla County Teacher of the Year from Shadeville Elementary School in Crawfordville, FL.

Kerry says the most important life lesson she teaches her students is that, even though things can be challenging, through struggle and desire they can achieve their goals. The growth her students achieve is especially notable because she works primarily with students whose previous year's test scores indicate they are struggling in math and/or reading.

Kerry recently had a student who entered her class and struggled with new math concepts. She worked with this student as a dedicated teacher who is committed to their student's success. At the beginning of the school year, he would grow frustrated and not want to correct his work. He settled for failure or less than his fullest potential. Kerry, however, would not settle for anything less than what she knew he could achieve.

Later that year, she gave him an assignment and told him she knew this was hard work, but 1 day, he will think back to this moment and appreciate her actions. This student left her classroom scoring on grade level and ready for success in the future.

Kerry graduated *summa cum laude* from Flagler College, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education and holds the English for Speakers of Other Languages endorsement. She currently teaches math to fifth-grade inclusion classes and has taught all subjects in her 11 years of working with fifth graders.

I extend my best wishes to Kerry for her dedication to ensuring her students achieve their full potential. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN ANDREWS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to honor Brian Andrews, the Florida Principal of the Year from Lawton Chiles Middle Academy in Lakeland, FL.

Brian's colleagues commend him for the innovative ways he has led their school to incorporate innovation and technology into everyday learning. In one of the school's lab classrooms, students use 3D printers to make their computer-created designs come to life. They are then able to use a large spindle device to cut those designs into plywood. Elsewhere on campus, students work on and maintain a hydroponic garden.

Brian supports these new ideas for students and gives teachers flexibility in implementing the ideas in their classrooms. Brian instills his trust in his teachers to develop lesson plans and implement technology that benefits all students.

Brian firmly believes that, if something is good for the students, and his teachers focus on those needs that, despite the myriad of challenges faced in education, their students will be successful in life. He teaches his students to believe they can do anything and to believe in themselves.

Brian received his bachelor of arts degree in English literature and his master of science in education from Hofstra University in New York. He has worked in public education for 22 years and has served as an English teacher and administrator.

I would like to thank Brian for his dedication in providing students with a successful learning environment and

for the support he gives to the teachers. I extend my best wishes to Brian, and his family, and all of Lawton Chiles Middle Academy and look forward to hearing of his continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TRACI ATHANASON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to honor Traci Athanason, the Henderson County Teacher of the Year from Spring Hill Elementary School in Spring Hill, FL.

Traci believes the most challenging thing about teaching is motivating students who have no desire to be at school. She tackles this challenge by providing fun, engaging lessons and being her student's biggest cheerleader. It has been her belief that, when a teacher builds trust and rapport with their students, every student can achieve success.

As a teacher, Traci finds the most fulfilling aspect of her profession is empowering her students to take control of their own learning. Though teaching has its challenges, she is a firm believer in knowing every day is a chance for her to make a difference in the lives of her students.

The principal of her school attests that Traci is a problem-solver, an innovator, and a dynamic mentor to multiple first-year teachers on her team. She helps them build their lesson plans and develop their practice.

Traci is currently a fourth grade teacher at Spring Hill Elementary School. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in elementary education, along with her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Central Florida. She has taught for 29 years, the last 7 in Hernando County. Her favorite subject to teach is writing.

I thank Traci for her devotion to educating students throughout her district. I extend my best wishes to her and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KAYLA BAILEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Kayla Bailey, the Gulf County Teacher of the Year from Wewahitchka Elementary School in Wewahitchka, FL.

Kayla possesses a very positive attitude in the classroom and engages her students at a high level. These traits undoubtedly helped contribute to her receiving the Teacher of the Year award.

Her colleagues attest that Kayla works hard to learn the needs of every student in order to reach them at their instructional level. Kayla's desire to teach to the best of her ability and treat every available moment as teachable for her students distinguishes her among her peers.

Kayla is a fifth-grade English language arts teacher and, although relatively new to teaching and to the district, has quickly gained a reputation

for her respect to students, parents, staff, and the administration.

I am pleased to congratulate Kayla for receiving this important award and her commitment to teaching her students. I extend my best wishes to her and look forward to hearing of her continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO LINDSEY BORCHERDING

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Lindsey Borcharding, the Okeechobee County Teacher of the Year from Yearling Middle School in Okeechobee, FL.

Lindsey teaches seventh grade math at Yearling Middle School and said her students were really excited and supportive of her nomination. While accepting the award, Lindsey thanked the people who have supported and helped her throughout her teaching career, especially her students. Lindsey stated that none of this would be possible without the help of countless others, and she is grateful to be a part of the lives of her students and colleagues. She said it was an exciting and emotional moment and was incredibly honored to be named the winner.

I would like to congratulate Lindsey for her commitment to teaching her students throughout the years. I extend my best wishes to her and look forward to hearing of her continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO TESS BORENGASSER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Tess Borengasser, the Indian River County Teacher of the Year from Glendale Elementary School in Vero Beach, FL.

Tess was honored with this award because of her dedication to not only providing her students with the best educational opportunities possible, but also because she strives to provide her new colleagues with ideas to teach their students as well. When these new teachers come to her school, she is a leading voice in helping them establish a successful curriculum for their students.

Tess's students know that, because of her motivation to encourage and educate, they have someone who is looking out for their best interests and will always be a voice they can rely on when needing help with their schoolwork. These students know Tess listens to their needs and will help them become successful in every way she can.

Tess was born in Houston, TX, and grew up in Vero Beach. She graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in special education. She currently leads Glendale Elementary School's second-grade team, teaches at the school's after-school program, and serves as a mentor for new teachers.

I am pleased to congratulate Tess for her dedication to teaching her students

over the years. I extend my best wishes to her and look forward to learning of her continued success in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO BONNIE BRESNYAN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Bonnie Bresnyan, the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year from Lewis Elementary School in Temple Terrace, FL.

After receiving the Teacher of the Year award, Bonnie said that those who want to make a difference, who want to shape the future, and who want the best for children are the people who teach. She knows these are the people who work in our schools.

Bonnie compares her classroom of kindergarten and first grade students to a beehive. She states that all the bees—her students—can and are expected to contribute in some way in making the class a success.

Bonnie has also done extensive training for other teachers within the district. According to her, we retain 95 percent of what we learn when we teach it to someone else. From her students to her colleagues, they all can attest that she has a simple message for them: Be the best you can be.

Bonnie has been a teacher for 31 years, with 20 of those years in Hillsborough County.

She currently serves Lewis Elementary School as a student education specialist. Some of her accomplishments include National Board Certification, 2006–2007 Ida S. Baker Distinguished Educator of the Year finalist, and 2002–2003 Teacher of the Year—Shaw Elementary/District Finalist. She also trains for the district, mentors new teachers at the University of South Florida, and teaches Sunday School.

I would like to extend my best wishes to Bonnie for her hard and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO REBECCA CASKEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Rebecca Caskey, the Citrus County Teacher of the Year from Citrus Springs Elementary School in Citrus Springs, FL.

Rebecca believes students need a curriculum that teaches skills such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship building, and responsible decision-making that will provide the tools to succeed in school, their future careers, and in life.

Rebecca is encouraged when she witnesses students authentically apply and communicate newly learned concepts and behaviors with peers in new constructs and environments. These opportunities motivate her to continue developing challenging, engaging, and rigorous learning experiences for children that leave a lasting impact into adulthood.

Rebecca has taught physical science, biology, environmental science, and

general math skills in secondary education and has provided guidance and counseling services in elementary education. She also provides therapeutic services to children in the private sector. Rebecca currently teaches K–5 with a self-made program titled SEEK UP, promoting Self-Esteem, Empathy, and Kindness by Unifying Peers. As a member of Citrus Springs Elementary School's administrative team, she serves in a leadership capacity by creating and executing decisions benefiting the advancement of the school's overall culture.

Rebecca holds a bachelor's degree in animal science, a master's degree in counseling, and has a license for mental health counseling from the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage, and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling. Throughout her 14 years in the educational system, she has worked at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

I would like to thank Rebecca for the good work she has done for her students over the years. I wish her the best and look forward to learning of her continued success in coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO TAMMY CHABOT

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Tammy Chabot, the Collier County Teacher of the Year from Gulf Coast High School in Naples, FL.

Fittingly, Tammy was notified of her Teacher of the Year award while she was teaching one of her classes. Her students and colleagues praise Tammy for her dedication to ensuring those who enter her classroom are able to achieve success and gain a better understanding of science.

Tammy also seeks to establish a relationship with her students' parents, with many congratulating her for winning this award. Outside of the classroom, Tammy and her colleagues note the importance of student involvement in clubs and activities.

Tammy teaches at Gulf Coast High School in the Science Department. She has served as a sponsor for her school's Girl Up! Club and was named a Discovery Education STEAM Award winner in 2016.

I extend my best wishes to Tammy for her hard work throughout the years and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the upcoming years.●

TRIBUTE TO LYNSEE DICKS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Lynsee Dicks, the Suwannee County Teacher of the Year from Branford Elementary School in Branford, FL.

Lynsee's former students say her passion, dedication and determination pushed them to the edge and then convinced them to jump in. This passion for learning motivates those around her to work hard in the classroom. Lynsee's determination has shown students how to persevere even when the challenge seemed overwhelming.