

You Make a Difference

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Glenny Valoy

thanks

Branny Salcedo

“Mr. Salcedo exhibited the highest level of ethical conduct when he took it upon himself to place my son’s bike in a safe place inside the school. On a recent Saturday morning, Sebastian arrived to school rushing to get on a bus for his track meet. He left his bike without a lock in the school arcade unattended, and when he got back, it was gone. He was disappointed in himself because he knew he had been reckless. But Mr. Salcedo had seen the bike and locked it inside the school. I am very grateful for his actions. He demonstrated he is an honorable man and for that, he has my deepest respect. I thank him for his selfless action; may God bless him always.”



Joshua Boccheciamp

makes a difference to

Leena Diwany

“Mr. Boccheciamp is the best teacher I have ever had. He is considerate of students’ feelings and works hard to teach us important life skills along with the curriculum. He makes me feel seen, heard, and always cheers me up. He makes me excited to learn and attend school”



Abbey Hope *makes a difference to* Lauren Spadola

“Ms. Hope has made a great difference during my time at RKA. She goes above and beyond for her partner teachers, collaborative coaches, and her students. Her positive attitude and commitment to the school and community, and her many different roles at RKA brings so much joy to so many. Thank you, Ms. Hope, for being such an amazing Lead Coach!”



Jason Zulauf

makes a difference to

Jaelynn Santana

“Mr. Zulauf has been kind and listens to us when we need help. He’s always there when I need a gym shirt.”





Joseph Chinea

thanks

Soremi Lockhart



“Ms. Lockhart has helped me so much with my college journey this year. She’s always available with open arms whenever I need help or have any questions about my college finances or admissions. She has helped relieve so much stress from my mind and I can’t thank her enough!”

Katherine Doherty

makes a difference to

Angel Rodriguez



“Ms. D has been a major impact in my life in my MS/HS years. I haven’t had her since 8th grade, and even though I’m a senior now, she has helped me through some difficult moments in my four years of high school. Even though she teachers her own students, she always checks in with me and asks how I’m doing. She makes sure I’m ok.”

Jonalys Almonte

thanks

Ricarda Chin



“Ms. Chin is the best person in RKA; she was with me in sixth and seventh grades. She helps me with everything and she is the one person I can always talk to. I love having her in three classes, and I wish she would be with me in the eighth grade. I think of her as family; we talk a lot. I know a lot about her and she knows a lot about me. Ms. Chin helps everyone, even if they’re not in her class. She is always there for people.”



Charlie Schiller

makes a difference to

Luz Izaguirre

“When I am feeling down, Mr. Schiller always puts a smile on my face and gives me good advice.”



Richie Collazo

makes a difference to

Jordan Laks and Jessica Wolk-Stanley

“We thank Richie for bringing enthusiasm, joy, and spirit to our Weather & Climate class! R.J. strives to keep things solid and moving forward, while participating and sharing his thoughts. He’s even helped teach a class here and there. Thank you!”



Zachary Sifontes

thanks

Everyone at RKA!

“I want to thank everyone at RKA for the six wonderful years I’ve spent here, and for all they have done all these years. Thank you to all the teachers who have helped, and all the staff who have worked tirelessly in school throughout the year.”



Thairich Escotto

makes a difference to

Gregorio Vergara

“Ms. Escotto is a bilingual para for our 6-7 bridge class. Prior to her arrival, her student was isolated and disengaged, but now, the difference is night and day, and her student is now more socially involved than ever before. The student finally has someone she can bond with, and confide in, and who advocates for her. She’s had quite the impact!”



Sandy Georges

makes a difference to

Lisa Wainberg

“Sandy, the crossing guard, is someone who deserves recognition for being a solid community member and safeguard for our children. Over the years, I’ve seen her at her post, whether freezing, raining, snowing, or hot. Sandy exemplifies a true work ethic. I feel confident as a parent knowing Sandy has an eye out for my child. She not only works as a crossing guard, but in between, you can find her walking and taking care of many local dogs. Sandy is a true asset to the community.”



Kylie Magistrado

thanks

Crisenny Lopez

“Ms. Lopez always helps me with my Spanish and she makes her projects super fun. She is super nice in class and always asks people if they need help. In general, she is just a great teacher!”



Stephanie Purdy

makes a difference to

Taylor Mulosmanaj

“Ms. Purdy is my Chemistry teacher and softball coach. She is definitely one of the reasons I look forward to coming to school every day. Her room is not only my, but many kids’, safe space. She has a fun and encouraging personality, and is always going out of her way to help someone.”



The 6th Grade Team

thanks

Johanna Cuello-Gutierrez



“Thank you for being an incredible guidance counselor and team leader. You have brought us together and provided us with the guidance needed to support our students and one another.”

Melissa Knecht

makes a difference to

Joshua Fitzpatrick

“Ms. Knecht is the best Science teacher I’ve ever had. She makes every class fun and interesting. Her teaching method is unparalleled and I love the topics she teaches. She deserves a lot of praise and definitely makes a positive impact on this school and my day. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!”





Bergil St. Juste

makes a difference to

Amy Kaminski

“It is such a pleasure to be able to count on Mr. St. Juste to meet ALL of my many technical support needs in an expedient, kind, and efficient manner. Since the moment he joined our team, he has made a difference. Thank you!”

World Languages Department

Languages Department
“Every time the students need technical support, Mr. St. Juste is always available and quick to help them. He follows up with both students and teachers in our department—very attentive and pleasant to work with!”

Kaedin Jemiolo

makes a difference to

Kaylee Almonte

“Mr. Jemiolo is such a great teacher! He helps me with my work when I need it. He teaches with such enthusiasm, which makes the class fun. Overall, I’ve learned a lot. Thank you for your hard work, Mr. Jemiolo; you really are one of my favorite teachers!”



Thomas Franczkiewicz



makes a difference to

Xavier Gomes

“Mr. Franczkiewicz is pretty dope. I don’t even have him as a teacher, but he’s always stopping by, and greeting me in the hallways every day. He’s nice, and he’s a good man.”



Catherine Benitez

makes a difference to

Olivia Goldman

“Ms. Benitez has always been there for me when I need help. She always knows what to do.”



Sarah Marino

makes a difference to

Abdo Alzookari



“Ms. Marino has been a really supportive teacher all year. She there to help with homework or anything. She is kind, and I wish I could have her next year!”

Maria Munoz

makes a difference to

Aaron Uribe

“Ms. Munoz helps me with my work. She asks me how I am doing, and she helps me to pass. She is a very nice person.”



Christine Vaccaro

makes a difference to

Samantha Agredo

“Transferring back to RKA was a little unnerving, and Ms. Vaccaro has made the process so enjoyable by starting my day off with a brilliant and enjoyable class...”

Simeon Booker

“Ms. Vaccaro goes out of her way to connect with her students, demonstrating her immense care for others—which I admire!”



Julia Loving

thanks

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“You and your volunteers have been so helpful throughout the school year. I can’t let the year go by without thanking you for all you do for the library!”

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“The technology in the library has never been so good and accessible. Many thanks for the support you show the library. With a warm and caring spirit, he is always willing to lend an extra hand!”



Luisa Vasquez

makes a difference to

Akshay Seetaram

“Ms. Vasquez always helps other students when in need; she is thorough and straightforward, while also including fun activities in her lessons so we not only learn, but enjoy!”



Kim Johnson, Sarah Marino, Nyafa McCloggan,
Kyle Nevin, Gregorio Vergara,
and Edward Yordan

thank

Brianna Whitfield

“Ms. Whitfield is passionate about helping students and helps our classes run smoothly. She forms connections and genuinely cares for the kids as if they were her own. Ms. Whitfield has given us the support to make this a successful school year.”



Jennifer Baumler

makes a difference to

Michael Lynch

“Ms. Baumler has helped me so much academically. Whenever I struggle in any subject, she guides me—I can ask her any type of questions. She’s helped me so much, it’s truly indescribable.”





Edward Yordan

makes a difference to

Genat Ageel



“I would like to thank Mr. Yordan for being an amazing, kind, and patient teacher even after we drive him crazy. He makes class so much fun and I enjoy every second of it. I also thank him for using me as an example of a good student–thank you very much!”

Andrew Klein

makes a difference to

Naeleen Henao

“Mr. Klein is an awesome teacher. The best way to explain it is really corny, so I am just going to say that he is super supportive!”



Ricarda Chin

makes a difference to

Jonaly Almonte

“Ms. Chin helps me with everything; she is the one person I can talk to, and I love having her in my classes. Ms. Chin even helps students who are not in her class. I think of her as family.”



Julia Sebastian

makes a difference to

Pauline Laguer

“Ms. Sebastian has helped my son, Christian, from the very beginning of the year improve his math grades. She is a wonderful teacher who cares. Thank you!”



Lori Castiner

makes a difference to

Zachary Sifontes



“Ms. Castiner has made a big difference, as she helps me push my limits in band, making my instrumentation better than before.”

Robin Hochroth

thanks

Nicole Naranjo



“Nicole Naranjo has been Jason’s hearing teacher since middle school. She has helped him to advocate for himself in his classrooms, always makes sure his teachers have information for hard-of-hearing students in the beginning of the school year, assists Jason with his classwork, and always has his back. Thank you, Nicole, for all your hard work, dedication, and for always working to ensure Jason is successful in his learning. We love you!”

Michael Lepetit

makes a difference to

Teodora Dimova

“Thank you for being an awesome coach. Under your guidance, along with Mr. Walsh, I have improved my running skills. Thank you for giving me the opportunity!”

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“Thank you for being nice and supportive all year and for being such a great coach. You always make experiences more fun and enjoyable. Have a great summer!!



Katharine Doherty

makes a difference to

Nickcalos Bryan

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Mohammed Ifhaam

makes a difference to

Angel Amatitla



“Mohammed has always been there for me to help me learn new things about the world. He has helped me to expand my cultural diversity and awareness of others through his lessons to us about his religion. He always engages us with them and allows us to ask questions to further our understanding. I am glad to have a good friend like him.”

John Severiano

makes a difference to

Kyle Rivera

“Mr. Severiano was there every time I needed help on something, and people didn’t know how to explain it to me. He helped me to understand and made it easier for me to learn.”



Aimee Dawson

makes a difference to

Suezette Encarnacion

“Ms. Dawson, thank you for being an amazing collaborative coach. Your support, guidance, and mentorship during my field training is truly appreciated. Thank you for being a part of my teaching journey; you are truly awesome!”



Barry Steinberger

makes a difference to

Heather and Yasmin Zappulo

“Mr. Steinberger deserves an award for being one of the best teachers we ever had. He makes the class laugh, but still keeps on track, and is ALWAYS concerned for the well-being of his students. He is very supportive and dedicated to helping everyone.”



Ramdat Singh

makes a difference to

Gabriella Brito

“Mr. Singh has made a difference to
me because he always helps me with my work”



Jade Jimenez

“...I feel lucky to have him as a
teacher, because not only is he humorous and understanding,
but he is a respectable teacher who makes you feel excited to
go to class to learn.”

Chadane Rattigan

makes a difference to

Matthew Colon, Felix Fernandez, Henry Hoffman,
Fetun Shimles

“...Everyone in his class is engaged”...”very helpful”...”a great sport in RCC!”...”breaks down instructions step-by-step until we all understand.”

Ahmed Lallo

“Any questions on teaching, I can always go to him and get an honest, in-depth answer. Prep wouldn’t be the same without him.”



Lori O'Mara

thanks

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“Thank you for all of your hard work writing, modeling and delivering the college lessons for all of our students in Grades 6-12. You have been instrumental in pushing this work in our school.”



Maya Shiwbaran

makes a difference to

Melissa Garcia and Sarah Marino

“There is not enough time in this event to say how much we appreciate Maya. Her growth in math has been amazing to watch; she puts all her effort into her work, and she’s come such a long way. She is a joy to have in class; her kind and caring nature is seen by everyone around her. Thank you, Maya, for a wonderful year in Algebra. We’re lucky to be your teachers!”



Michael Lepetit

thanks



Teodora Dimova and Giovanna Forni

“Giovanna and Teodora were the managers of the wrestling team this year. They dedicated as much time as the athletes and spent entire Saturdays at tournaments all over the city. They were so good at their tasks, that the PSAL wrestling commissioner himself recruited them for help. I appreciate their unique sense of humor and love of fun and adventure—any time they are around, I know there will be a good laugh!”



Matthew Colon

thanks

Lori Castiner and Chadane Rattigan

“Ms. Castiner makes sure that students know how to properly play their instruments during band class. She keeps us engaged while we learn and enjoy music! Mr. Rattigan has gone above and beyond in ensuring that everyone in his class is engaged and understands challenging math concepts.



Kyle Nevin

thanks

Samal & Sanat Serikbay

“Samal and Sanat have brought a level of enthusiasm and worldly knowledge to our classroom, bringing various perspectives to our studies as they spend a lot of time with their family in Kazakhstan. This is a great influence for fellow students who have not yet had a chance to enlarge their worldview through travel and experiencing other cultures.”





Megumi Jindo

thanks



Michael Lepetit

“Mr. Lepetit has helped me so much through the years—always by my side and so kind and welcoming...When I was in the hospital (both times) he even came to visit and brought me a stuffed RKA tiger! I am so grateful to know him...”

Paul Sforza

“Mr. Sforza has always helped me with my schoolwork...if I have trouble, he helps me to understand and encourages me to try harder when he knows I haven’t given it my all...The “Jeopardy” games we do to prepare for tests are fun, and a good way to review...I am grateful for his support these past two years.”

Julia Miranti

thanks

Lesly Edmond

“Mr. Edmond is truly one of the most dedicated and caring teachers at RKA...he gave me the honor of being his athletic intern this year, my final year of high school. I have learned so much from, and about him. He has shown me how far hard work can take you in life....”

Sarah Marino

“Ms. Marino is an outstanding coach who truly cares about our well being on and off the field. I could always count on her for advice or an answer to a quick question. She is the best thing to happen to the Lady Tigers, and I am so thankful to have had her as my coach; she made my last two soccer seasons meaningful and special...”



Vincent Marinelli

makes a difference to

Daniel Greenberg

“It’s always fun doing math and talking about baseball!
Thank you for being an amazing and positive teacher!”



Francesca Papa

“Mr. Marinelli and Mr. Severiano made learning math
a lot of fun and easy to understand. I am more
confident now! Thank you!”

Chinazo Echezona-Johnson

thanks

Mark Burrowes and Julie Prince

“Mr. Burrowes uses innovative and evidence-based pedagogies to bring out the best in his students. He uses the strengths of his students to work on their academic weaknesses. He always finds way to academically encourage, inspire, and support my child during class and after school activities. An A++ teacher. Thank you! And thank you, Ms. Prince. Without you, we would be lost. Thank you for all the reminders, the support, and the advocacy. You are a lifesaver, and a great asset to the RKA family!”



Rachel Kurtz

thanks



Nicole Markatos and Mikayla McBride

"I always look forward to Mikayla and Nicole's bright attitude in ELA class. Even though I don't see them until period 6-right before lunch, they are always focused, engaged, and ready to work; even before the bell rings! They never fail to lend a helping hand to each other, another student in need, or even a teacher! Even well after the bell rings, these two always stay behind to help collect and organize any books left around the room. They truly make a difference!"





Gianna Cimmino

thanks

Sofia Memos and Melissa Knecht

“Ms. Memos is a hard-working person who tries her best to make people happy. She is one of the best gym teachers I have had. She always makes me feel good about myself and she makes me smile. Thank you so much, and keep being the nice person you are! Ms. Knecht is so much fun; I love having her for double periods! She is so interesting. I can talk to her about anything, and she understands me. Thank you for being such an awesome, fun, and cool teacher!”



Enalyse Pacheco

thanks

Cole Benack and Jacqueline Gilmore

“Math can be very hard, but Mr. Benack makes it understandable for everyone. Thank you for making it fun and for making us laugh when you trip over something! Ms. Gilmore always has a good attitude. No matter if her day isn’t going that well, she tries to keep the classroom positive.”



David Jimenez

thanks

Jennifer Baumler, Katherine Doherty,
Jaliet Smith

“Ms. Baumler is so nice; she helps me with my work—she is the best! Ms. Doherty helps me with my phonics. Ms. Smith also helps me with my work—and we talk about Marvel!”



Lori O'Mara

thanks

Pamela Jefferson and Robin Weinstein

“Serving as a PA Co-President is not an easy task. Robin and Pamela have worked diligently through a tough year to create an inclusive and representative PA, and trying to meet the needs of our students through mini-grants and special projects for the school.”

Diane Salanto

“Thank you for serving as Treasurer of the PA. It’s a big job, and Ms. Salanto always gets it done accurately and in a timely fashion.”



Santos Rivera

thanks

Bivas Sarker, Christine Vaccaro, Patrick Devery

“Mr. Sarker is an amazing teacher. He has made Chemistry easier to understand, he takes time out of class to go over things I have difficulty understanding, and helps us with Regents prep. I truly appreciate him and everything he has done. Ms. Vaccaro is a truly kind woman and an amazing teacher. She takes time out of her day to support the high school Debate Club, which was founded by one of her students. I am so happy to have her as my ELA teacher. Mr. Devery has been supportive, and always encourages me to do my best. I really enjoy when he allows us to pitch in and share our ideas.”



Amanda Laineste

makes a difference to



Christian Garcia “This teacher has impacted my life in many ways with her support and effort...”

Jessica Hernandez “...Her love of teaching is a special gift, and because of it, I will never forget her...”

Daniella Rodriguez “...I always go to her when I have any problem, and she listens and supports me. She has taught me and helped me, and most importantly, she is a loving caring person...”

Melissa Maza

thanks

Michael Lepetit, Sheilagh Lustig, Lori O'Mara,
Charlie Schiller, Jason Zulauf

“Mr. Lepetit is a great educator and is able to have fun with the students”...”Ms. O’Mara and Ms. Lustig have always been completely responsive to our family, effectively answering any questions or concerns over the past two years”...”Mr. Schiller is one of the most caring, thoughtful, and amazing educators any parent could wish for”...”Mr. Zulauf is full of energy and has made gym fun for my kids.”



Ethan Kaufman *thanks*



Mark Burrowes and Gregorio Vergara

“When I had Mr. Vergara as my teacher last year, he made Literature more fun than it already was. Now I have video game club with him, and he always takes into consideration what game we want to play.” And I used to not like Math through Tech because we’d do i-Ready after i-Ready, but Mr. Burrowes has made it fun. He does video game-themed assignments and is always willing to talk about sports!”

Vincent Marinelli and John Severiano

“Both are so helpful during math; one of them is always right there to help. It’s also great to talk sports with Mr. Marinelli!”



Jon Phelps-Steele

makes a difference to



Marita Keane, Jordan Laks, Chadane Rattigan,
Gloria Williams

“...students swarm around him like flies to a light, surrounding him with awe and delight”...”talks to each individual student in a caring way”...”brings such warmth and upholds a positive demeanor”...”has stepped up to the plate in RCC and engaged with staff and students, demonstrating great leadership skills.”

Lori O'Mara

thanks

Laura Roberts, Les Edmond and Miledys Prado

“Our activities team hit the ground running and has not stopped for one second, despite many changing guidelines and waves. I have always enjoyed this part of the school immensely, but seeing it return and develop again this year was key for staff and student enjoyment and recovery.”



Michelle Pena

thanks

Nadine Andre, Kaedin Jemiolo,
Hanady Sayed, Charlie Schiller

“Ms. Andre has been nothing but caring and supportive to everyone during her time with us. She does her best to make scholars out of all of us, and I really appreciate it. Mr. Jemiolo is kind, both in class, and in Science Olympiad. He manages to make science an easier topic for me—I hated it when I was younger because I understood nothing; he has made it fascinating. Ms. Sayed has been really nice to me during the school year. She’s amazing at teaching us new materials, and if anyone needs help, she’s always willing to lend a hand. Mr. Schiller has made ELA interesting and easier, especially considering it is the subject I am not so good at—class is fun, and I look forward to it every day.”



Yasiry Vargas

thanks

Sofia Memos

“Ms. Memos is very kind. I like her positive vibes. She always asks me how I am doing every day. She is such an amazing teacher!”

Raydenys Sosa

“Ms. Sosa is funny and very outgoing...she makes sure to make the class interesting. She is a good person when you need to talk to someone.”

Gloria Johnson

“Ms. Johnson is kind and funny. I like how she is always in a good mood.”



Robyn Rabinowe

makes a difference to

Ginevra Petroni Ciarla

always fun

“Ms. Rabinowe is an amazing teacher...she will always try to brighten your mood and finds ways to make the material we learn interesting....an amazing teacher, she has helped me so much this year!”

Valentina Vuktilaj

“Ms. Rabinowe is 100% the best teacher I’ve ever had. She’s very bright and outgoing; I absolutely love her energy. She most definitely makes learning easy. I always look forward to her class, and learn something new every day. I truly feel uplifted being in her class! I’m so grateful to have an amazing teacher like her.”

Benjamin Koljenovic

“I have been a student of Ms. Rabinowe’s for two years now, and she has done nothing but help me. I’m not the best at Social Studies, but Ms. Rabinowe has always given me help with lessons that I have had trouble with. She is a great teacher, and even though I won’t see her next year, I am happy to have had her as my teacher for two years of my life.”



Sofia Memos

makes a difference to

Cyndi Murat, Julie Prince,
Yvonne Ramos, and Aurea Santiago

“It’s a long trek to the gym when a parent comes in to pick up their child early. Ms. Memos saves us many steps several times a day by keeping her phone close and allowing us to call or text her to retrieve a student—not only from her own class, but from any other class in there, as well. She is entirely pleasant about it and never seems to mind, no matter how many times in a day we interrupt her. We all appreciate it!”



Chadane Rattigan

thanks

7th Grade Core Math Classes

“My second and seventh period classes have been tackling 8th grade material since the start of May, and they have been doing a fantastic job of persevering through new content. Way to go!”



Marita Keane

thanks



Corey Berlow, Matt McGee, Stella Sourelos, Rachel Swartz

“These wonderful humans were my co-teachers during this trying school year. It’s been an honor and a privilege to work with such a strong, capable, and flexible group who have challenged their colleagues to be better than the day before. Because of them, conferencing was easy and lessons flowed smoothly every day. Each had an open ear regardless of the circumstance, and were ready for constant communication after hours. Team work truly makes the dream work!”

Joslie Byrd

“Ms. Byrd has been a tremendous asset to the RKA and SEL team. She’s given up numerous preps and morning meetings to help plan and meet with the SEL team to support the emotional and social well-being of our students. She greets everyone with a smile and makes everyone feel at home in her office. Thank you so much, it does not go unnoticed!”



Lori O'Mara

thanks

RKA Club Leaders

“Thank you all for getting our club life up and running and providing great social, emotional, artistic, academic, physical, and community enrichment opportunities for our students. It was awesome to see this develop over the year, and I can’t wait to see where it goes in the future.”



Jordan Laks

thanks

Nyafa McCoggan

"Ms. McCoggan leads a great ENL afterschool program that captivates her students....she comes up with cool games and uses technology to assist when needed...She learns from them, as well!"



Julia Sebastian

"Here's a little, literal, shout-out to Ms. Sebastian and her awesome afterschool book club... fun activities, continuing to make reading a fun and enjoyable activity..."

Isis McKenzie, Jessica Wolk-Stanley

"Thank you to my co-teachers for a great year! Thanks for the kindness, caring, and flexibility you've shown. I appreciate you both helping our students learn about and enjoy science."

Isis McKenzie

thanks

Courtney Bradshaw and Aimee Dawson,
Gloria Johnson, Jordan Laks, Nicole Schmidt



“CB & AD should write a book on maintaining strong and effective co-teaching practices”... “GJ listens, empathizes with, and helps to empower individuals”... “JL grants students the ability to hone a sense of independence and can place his educator label on hold to become the learner”... NS’ messages are always well-received and delivered right on time. She knows how to read a room!”



Juliana Rivera

thanks

Corey Berlow, Andrew Klein, Ahmed Lallo,
Michael Lepetit, and Chadane Rattigan

“Always finds a way to connect with students”....”Makes us feel good about our work”....”Kind and helpful”....”Seeing the positives in our comments or theories”....”Always takes the time to make sure we understand the topic.”



Cole Boucher

thanks

Samantha Cunningham

“Ms. Cunningham is always ready and willing to assist not only me, but other students, as well. She makes learning interesting and fun. Great educator!”

Sarah Marino

“Ms. Marino is a very passionate teacher, who always takes the time to explain and help clarify challenging concepts. She makes herself available at all times and she is easy to approach. Thank you so much!”

Julie Prince

“Ms. Prince is always ready to point me and my parents in the right direction. She is very timely with her responses, and she always brings a resolution to our concerns. She is hardworking—always!”



Jennifer Baumler,
Catherine Doherty, Jordan Laks

thank

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Jailet Smith, Maria Munoz

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Rachel Swartz

thanks



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“...incredibly understanding, kind, and overall fun to work with...”

Sapphire DiCanio

“My across-the-hall buddy has been a ray of sunshine during a cloudy year...”



Ryan Askin

thanks



Kim Johnson

“Ms. Johnson has been a fantastic 6th grade Lit partner all year. Whether it’s helping me get situated in the morning or letting me talk out my thoughts, she is always there to help...”

Ageel Genat, Christopher Dominguez, Wylian Perez

“Thank you for making our classroom culture a kinder one...”



Charlie Fermin, Irene Perselis, Wyatt Gray

“Each of these students has helped our classroom become more engaged and willing to participate...”

Ryan Rosario, Lara Brown, Caleb Muhlstein

“These students make class fun! They make our classroom environment exciting, and are always willing to jump back in when the fun is done...”

Jordan Laks and Jessica Wolk-Stanley

thank

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Anna Lama, Daniella Rodriguez



“We thank these students for their perseverance and academic performance. They’ve made our class a joy to teach, and we wish them the best!”

Marita Keane

thanks

Samantha Solis, Emma Solis, Vianna Geraldo

“These three have been wonderful, loyal, dedicated interns to the RCC team. They are here every day until 6, and even volunteer in the summer program. ...their help has been incredible and things would not run as smoothly as they do without them. Thank you!”



Marcella Quehl

thanks



Mark Burrowes, Sapphire DiCanio, Katherine Doherty, Tom Franczkiewicz,
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“...for all the support you’ve given me coming back into middle school...”

Charisse Dangerfield, Luz Feliz, Maria Munoz, Jenny Navarro, Venecia
Rodriguez, Jailet Smith

“...for always supporting me with all our students and helping us have a great school year...”

Vianna Geraldo

“...for making a huge difference in my life. From helping keep the classroom in order and
keeping each other motivated...I’m very grateful for what you do to help my students!”

Jessica Wolk-Stanley

thanks

Earth Science Classes

“A shout-out to my period 2 and 3 classes! You have made this challenging year a lot more fun with your enthusiasm, kindness, and curiosity. You make a difference to me—and to each other!”



Friends' Corner!

All our RKA students mean so much to one another. The outpouring is too extensive to go through one by one. But have a look at the sheer numbers of our students giving one another a shout-out, and see some of their lovely words!

**Francesca Papa * Anna Lin * Fetun Shimles * Pilar Martinez * Adriana Gjocaj
David Jimenez * Ethan Kaufman * Ellie Paulino * Ruben Oliver * Douglas Contreras
Nicholas Bryan * Paolo Volpe * William Keck * Brianna Espinal * Erza Asanaj
Jaslene Gomes * Yasmin Zappulo * Heather Zappulo * Rollins Colbert
Shalyn Irizarry * Dilon Haxhija Prachi Patel * Saori Montagner * Michael Lynch
Jazlene Slade * Megumi Jindo Malachi Udeke * Connor Marquez
Emma Solis * Esther Luo**



Friends' Corner!

"...been there for me through thick and thin"

"...makes me feel better about being in school"

"...a kind person to everyone"

"...always makes sure I am ok"

"...the best friend I've ever had"

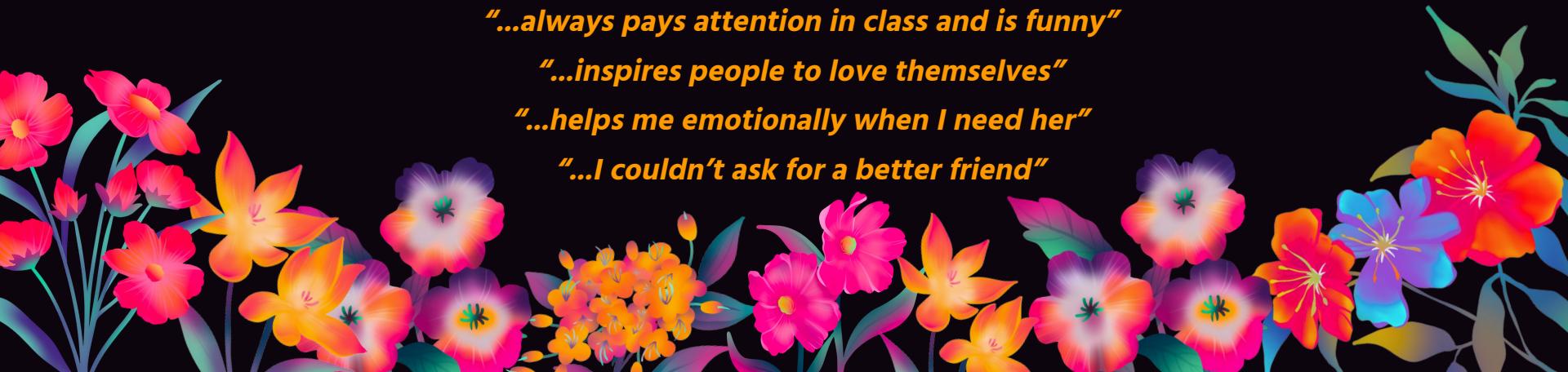
"...what a journey it's been!"

"...always pays attention in class and is funny"

"...inspires people to love themselves"

"...helps me emotionally when I need her"

"...I couldn't ask for a better friend"



Thanks for making RKA such a wonderful place!

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