



## Adopt A Class June 2023 Newsletter

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### Hamilton County Commissioners Issues Proclamation of Adopt A Class Day!

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*Commissioner Denise Driehaus presents Adopt A Class Day proclamation to Sonya Fultz (Adopt A Class CEO) and Bill Burwinkel (Adopt A Class Founder).*

## Adopt A Class Day

Adopt A Class is honored to announce June 14, 2023 as Adopt A Class Day as per the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Denise Driehaus presented the proclamation to CEO Sonya Fultz and Founder Bill Burwinkel at today's Adopt A Class Celebration Breakfast at Greenacres Foundation to commemorate the kickoff of the 20th anniversary of Adopt A Class.

As a team, we are immensely thankful for the continued support from our mentors and partners in working towards fulfilling our mission of helping today's students becoming tomorrow's leaders. Together, we can ensure all students have access to caring adult mentors who expose them to a breadth of life and career experiences so they can unleash their full potential.



*From left: Sonya Fultz (AAC), Kate Lackey Solomon (FC Cincinnati), Jeff Berding (FC Cincinnati), Evan Clinkenbeard (Merrill Lynch).*

## 2023 Celebration Breakfast Awards

Our sincerest gratitude to all who came to celebrate with us at the annual Adopt A Class Celebration Breakfast! Individuals and groups were recognized in front of a sold out crowd at the beautiful Greenacres Art Center. Please see below for a comprehensive list of awards - and thank you to everyone for another wonderful year of partnership!

**Founder's Award:** Cincinnati Police Department

**Funder of the Year:** FC Cincinnati

**Spark Award:** Hightowers Petroleum Co.

**20th Anniversary Award:** Community Learning Center Institute

**Corporate Partners of the Year:** BGR, Metro, PwC

Finalists: Gravity Diagnostics, RDI Corporation, Driehaus Insurance, HGC Construction, LaRosa's, Givaudan, Kaleidoscope, FIS Global

**Program Partner of the Year:** Cincinnati Museum Center

Finalists: Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, University of Cincinnati, Crayons to Computers, Blue Manatee Press

**Community Group of the Year:** CET

Finalists: Old Seminary Square, Contemporary Arts Center, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hamilton County Prosecutors Office

**Team Lead of the Year:** Ed Barber, P&G

Finalists: Cathy Rehn, Central Church of Christ; Maria Dehne & Marybeth Kenney, Cincinnati Children's Hospital & Medical Center; Kevin Wiesner, Greater Cincinnati Water Works; Jacoby Steele, Prysmian Group; David Nevers, Western & Southern

**Program Champion of the Year:** Angela Easton & Joan Carmack, Duke Energy

**Teacher of the Year K-2:** Mallori Jones, Lincoln Heights Elementary

**Teacher of the Year 3-5:** Melissa Bailey, Westwood Elementary

**Teacher of the Year 6-8:** Heidi Yocum, Hughes High School

**Resource Coordinator of the Year:** Heather England, Rockdale Elementary

**Principal of the Year:** Deanna Narcisse, Wildwood Elementary

## Reminders & Announcements

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### Submit Mentor Trackers by this Friday!

All Mentor Trackers must be submitted by **Friday, June 23rd**, in order to be counted toward your Community Impact Reports. Please help us communicate all the wonderful work you're doing in the community by submitting 5 or more Mentor Trackers!

### Welcome New AAC Board Members!



Please join us in welcoming our newest board members: Retina Carter and Mike Woulms! Retina and Mike are both amazing AAC mentors and we know they'll be wonderful additions to our board!