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## **Denise Martin, FHS Administrative Assistant, Named 2020 CAS Administrative Assistant of the Year**

The Farmington Board of Education and Superintendent Greider are proud to announce that the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) has named **Denise Martin the 2020 Administrative Assistant of the Year**. Ms. Martin serves as Farmington High School's Secretary to the Principal.

Mrs. Martin has a wealth of experience working in an office setting. For ten years, Mrs. Martin has been the principal's administrative assistant at Farmington High School, while working for a total of twenty years in our school community. Aside from working at Farmington High School, Mrs. Martin assisted with managing budgets, trained staff, and directed projects at Farmington's central office and Irving A. Robbins Middle School. Mrs. Martin loves working with students and families and we have all benefited tremendously from her leadership, strong work ethic, positive demeanor, and professional expertise. Mrs. Martin is an incredibly valuable member of the Farmington High School administrative team. Every project she touches is done with precision and reflects the highest standards. Farmington High School's students and staff have benefitted from Mrs. Martin's talents and skills as our office leader.

The aforementioned attributes and skills allow Mrs. Martin to positively impact the professionals, families, and students she works with. In addition to her impressive professional skills, Mrs. Martin continues to positively impact our school community with her upbeat personality and strong work ethic. She comes to work every day with a positive attitude and is able to navigate the dynamic school environment with great poise. She understands the importance of creating positive relationships with all stakeholders in the school community. Her sense of community extends beyond the school as Mrs. Martin volunteers and supports programs throughout Farmington. It is not uncommon to see her cheering on our student athletes, attending a performance, or another of FHS' many community events. Mrs. Martin always maintains an optimistic and professional approach while at school and reaches beyond her traditional duties within the district to positively impact students and families.

FHS Secretary and 2020 CAS Administrative Assistant of the Year, Denise Martin, shared, "I am sincerely honored and grateful to receive this incredible award. One of Farmington's Core Beliefs, "Relationships Matter" is my favorite and one I try to live by every day. I am truly blessed to have had wonderful professional relationships that have only enhanced my

professional and personal life. I share this award with my colleagues at Farmington High School and Farmington Public Schools, as this award wouldn't be possible without them. Teamwork really is the cornerstone for how our work is accomplished so I share this with them. I thank the leaders that I have had the privilege of working with, past and present, for trusting me and giving me so many opportunities to show what administrative assistants can do! A special thanks goes to the Connecticut Association of Schools for presenting me with this award."

Board Chair Ellen Siuta stated, "My sincere congratulations to Mrs. Martin. It is wonderful to have one of our most dedicated and longtime Administrative Assistants recognized with this prestigious honor. Mrs. Martin is a treasured member of our staff, she has a deep knowledge of our district and she is an absolute pleasure to work with."

Superintendent Greider stated, "Mrs. Martin has been a strong contributor in each of the positions she has held within the Farmington Public Schools. She is quick to provide solutions to issues that arise or provide suggestions for continuous improvement. Her commitment to all members of the school community enhances Farmington High School's caring and positive school climate. In all aspects of her daily work, she exhibits dedication, creativity and care. We are so proud and pleased to celebrate this extraordinary recognition of an individual who has given so much to the Farmington Public Schools. We join together to congratulate our dear colleague and friend, Denise Martin."

FHS Principal Scott Hurwitz stated, "Mrs. Martin has been tremendously supportive of me in my transition to the principal position at Farmington High School. Mrs. Martin always demonstrates the utmost professionalism, a careful attention to detail on multiple projects, an impressive ability to foster connections with students and families, a continuous desire to grow, and clear communication skills with teachers and staff. She is an exemplary administrative assistant, an impressive professional, and an outstanding person with impeccable character."

The Assistant Executive Director of CAS, Dr. Dr. RoseAnne O'Brien-Vojtek shared that CAS, "received many outstanding nominations from colleagues across the state in all levels. Clearly, Denise's quality of work, dependability, initiative, creativity, and positive relationships placed her in a category all by herself! There is no question that Denise deserves this award from the Connecticut Association of Schools. From her impressive professional skills, positive attitude, strong and dependable work ethic, and a commitment to Farmington High School that goes beyond the school and reaches out into the community itself, Denise Martin embodies the valuable qualities that one would ever want in an executive secretary. She is the consummate professional and shining example for this very special recognition."

Mrs. Martin will be recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools and Farmington Board of Education at an upcoming meeting.

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