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A Special Thank You



DUSTIN DANHEKE &

MOTHER, JENNIFER VARGA CANFIELD

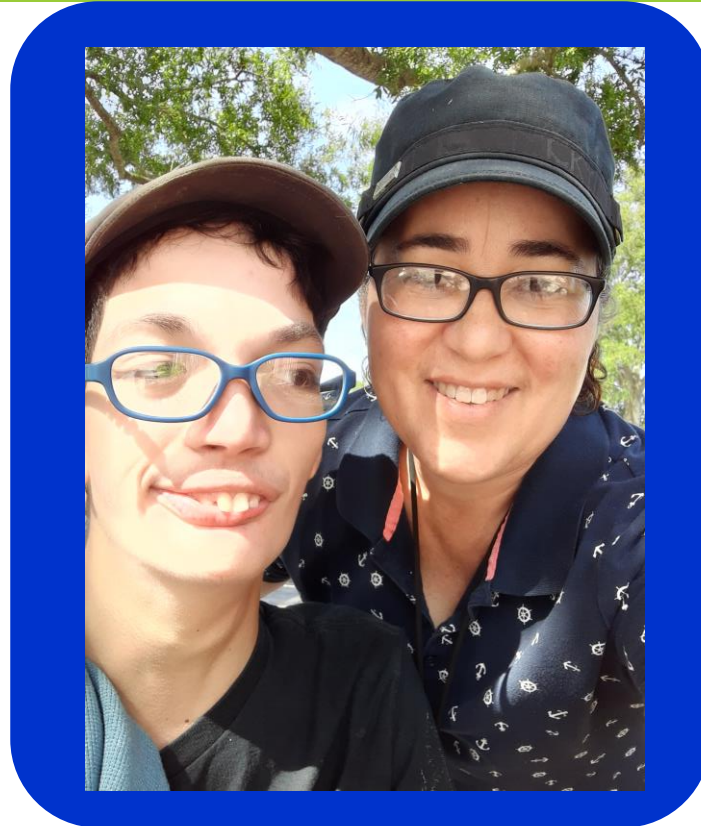
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*WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR PARENTS*





# GIVE THANKS



Juan Martinez and mother, Wanda Martinez

We give thanks for our parents and wonderful students. It is and has always been a pleasure to serve you. May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break, and remember, a smile and a kind word goes a long way.



Kayla Fahey and mother, Angie Fahey



# Above and Beyond Recognition

**Rolando Vega:** Rolando and his staff at Devereux go above and beyond to ensure his students are receiving the supports they need to be successful in LaunchEd. He manages multiple students and is always looking out for every single one of them that are enrolled in my class.

**Jaime Hernandez:** Mr. Hernandez makes sure that Jamie is always attending class and he is always willing and patient to learn the new technology and the different computer programs to ensure Jamie succeeds in LaunchEd.



---Jennifer McAllister



My launched parents have been so helpful in keeping students involved in our classroom activities. Ms. Bowman, Ms. Jiminez and Ms. Drayton have all been very encouraging to their sons to get them online and involved in class every day. Ms. Tyson and Ms. Rodriguez have overcome obstacles and made sure to be available to help their children get online and participate. Isaac Lawton-Rivera's parents are very active in class and are there all day to help facilitate and encourage not only Isaac, but the other students as well! All the parents in my class are available to communicate with me whenever necessary! I am thankful for their commitment and support of LaunchEd.



---Karen Day



According to Ms. Conry Demetrius Maxwell is really sweet. He helps his brother DeQuan all the time. Demetrius is there every single day with his brother while doing his own online lessons for 12th grade at Sheila High in Apopka. Demetrius ensures DeQuan is awake and participating. He is always polite, responding "yes ma'am" and "no ma'am" when addressing the teacher. His efforts to help his brother with LaunchEd is commendable and are greatly appreciated.

---Wendy Lee, API

I truly give thanks for my parents and family members. Mrs. April Rogers works all day with her son to do classwork and she has given me very useful tips on MicroSoft Teams. Mrs. Bernard, Danielle Pierre works all day helping her son, Jendahyei Bernard, complete classwork. Demetrius Webb is De'Quan's brother. Demerius helps his brother, De'Quan, during LaunchEd.

---Ms. Conry

I have amazing parents who have gone "Above and Beyond" since we started this journey back in August. Olivia, Adam and Amber's parents took the incredible challenge of supporting school at home while balancing other responsibilities, like taking care of other family members and working remotely from home. I would like to express my appreciation to Mrs. Leonora Stoute, Merideth Syed and Victoria To for their daily support and patience with us. Best LaunchEd Class & Parents Ever!!!

--Janette Lopez



I would like to let Ms. Wanda, Juan's mother, and Ms. Jennifer, Dustin's mother, know how much we appreciate them for working with their sons every day, being on time to class, participating in class and completing all the activities assigned. We appreciate our wonderful mothers for attending other school functions like Open House and participating in the virtual Family STEAM Challenge.

Thank you for all your help, hard work, and support.

--Ms. Smith



There are  
those who  
will go  
beyond the  
call of duty;  
you are all  
one of them.



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

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I would also like to acknowledge Ms. Julie Mock for her help during class every day 😊



---Janette Lopez

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It may be hard to see what kind of work we are getting done in our virtual LaunchEd classroom, so I wanted to recognize my classroom staff and students via email for their hard work for the first 9 weeks.

Thank you to Wendy Smith and Martha Stoves for having so much patience as we learn together on how to best serve our LaunchEd students in this new classroom format. They are getting IEP goals done online, assisting with classroom routines and procedures, providing behavioral support and positive words for our students, ALL while learning the ins and outs of their laptops and computer programs (which is no easy feat). And thank you Monica Williams for joining our class and jumping right in to learn the ins and outs of our LaunchEd class.

I'm also so incredibly impressed with our LaunchEd students- Jamie, Gaby, Jeremiah, Connor, and Joshan- for being handed a new learning format and just rolling with it. The students are becoming rather experienced techies and may need to be hired by Randy as interns. 😊 😊

---Jennifer MacAllister

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The paras and parents and family members I work with are great.

Mrs. Ramonita and Miss Sherry are the paras. They make the perfect Team, Mrs. R, (Ramonita Rivera), and Miss Sherry, (Sherry Threat). They are terrific paras, they are creative, responsible, artistic, reliable, helpful, willing to go the extra mile. They are also helping students who are not currently assigned to our classroom. They will call families to help them get online, they work individually and in small group with our student. They are constantly learning about Microsoft Teams.

---Kathleen Conry

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My parents and group home staff have been wonderful with getting students on the computer each day. ----Randi Kaufman

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I want to give a special thank you to Mr. Mike Bonneville and Ms. Epiphany. They have been instrumental with LaunchEd and other technology needs of staff. Mr. Mike also took on the major role of virtual field trip administrator for the Orlando Science Center Physics activity today, Friday, November 20, 2020. Thanks Mr. Mike!

----Dr. Hogan

