

Awesome December Employee: *Dana Gindi!*



If sunshine had a face, it would be represented as Perth Amboy 9th grade program's Dana Gindi, who "is always smiling and full of positive energy." As December's Employee of the Month, this distinguished colleague is a thoughtful, caring individual who "constantly helps others and tries to encourage or give helpful advice."

Dana Gindi serves as class 2022 Advisor, Team Leader, and an AVID Instructor. She welcomed all new teachers this year in the context of Team Leader and spoke movingly of how sweet Perth Amboy students are and the ways in which they can inspire. As her nominator put it, "She is a mentor to many, many students and she genuinely cares about her student's grades in all classes. If you ask her students, they will say they love her class because she teaches with care, enthusiasm and love." She is a down-to-earth person who "shares her ideas and has an open mind."

In addition to being an adoring busy mom, Ms. Gindi is continually "ready to discuss solutions to student issues and help with fundraising ideas." She is "fair and always listens to both sides of the issue. She has a clear voice and is not afraid to" speak for "growth and positive change."

Lastly, as someone with "a can-do attitude," Ms. Gindi, never lets "negativity cloud her behavior. If she is intimidated by a project, you would never know. If she makes a mistake, she owns it, and doesn't make excuses for herself." Ms. Gindi has "great diplomacy skills" and anyone speaking to her gets the clear-cut sense that "as a leader and a teacher, she is honest, fair, and optimistic." What a recipe for success!