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15th Annual Awards Dinner

Honoring

Outstanding Holocaust Educators

Monday, October 28, 2024

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Mission Statement: The Gutterman Family Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education was established in 1996 to prepare school district professionals and support staff to implement Florida Statute 1003:42: Required Instruction of the Holocaust, by providing professional learning opportunities. As generations of Holocaust survivors are no longer able to tell their stories, education is more important than ever. The Gutterman Family Center provides direct services to educators in Southeastern Florida by teaching the history of the Holocaust to combat prejudice, hatred and indifference; to apply the lessons of the Holocaust to understand the consequences of prejudice and bigotry; to identify behaviors that discriminate against people; to know when and how to act on behalf of others whether we know them or not; and to become active citizens who are able to uphold the dignity of all people.



Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building

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Introduction of Honorees

Ilanit Zohar Abati, Hochberg Lower School
Daniel Campbell, Crestwood Middle School
Helise Gailboord, Cooper City High School
Natalie Williams, South Fork High School

Special Remarks

Arthur Gutterman

Closing Remarks

Linda Medvin

Our Honorees



Ilanit Zohar Abati

Posnack Day School
Hochberg Lower School

Ilanit Zohar Abati is a dedicated educator with 22 years of experience teaching at the lower school level. Passionate about fostering a deep understanding of Jewish history and culture, she has developed an age-appropriate Holocaust curriculum, emphasizing compassion, empathy, and knowledge of historical events. Her approach helps young learners grasp the importance of tolerance and the impact of history on our lives today. She invites Holocaust survivors to share their stories, providing students with powerful, firsthand accounts that deepen their understanding and connection to the past. Ilanit received the prestigious Gittelson Award for Excellence in Jewish Day School Education from the Jewish Federation of Broward County. She has created an environment that nurtures empathy and critical thinking by providing students with experiences and opportunities far beyond the classroom. Ilanit is also deeply involved in community outreach and service.



Daniel Campbell

Palm Beach County
Crestwood Middle School

Daniel Campbell attended schools in Palm Beach County and earned his Bachelor of Political Science from Auburn University in Alabama. He has followed several career paths, including working as a Public Defender investigator and teaching at South Intensive Transition School in West Palm Beach. He found his passion at L.C. Swain Middle School and, most recently, at Crestwood Middle School in Royal Palm Beach, where he teaches Social Studies and Science to students with special needs. He also teaches a High School Honors Holocaust class and serve as a mentor to students. He enjoys parenting his beautiful 13-year-old daughter, Brooke, reading, playing video games, exercising, listening to music, traveling, and being with his family. He has a passion for learning and helping others to achieve their dreams.

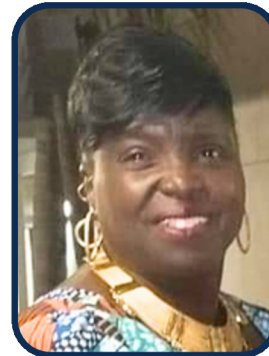


Helise Gailboord

Broward County
Cooper City High School

Our Honorees

Helise Gailboord is a Holocaust Studies teacher at Cooper City High School. Her students understand the importance of sharing The Holocaust history with the entire school for such themes as Kristallnacht and International Holocaust Remembrance Day. She is the club sponsor for the Jewish Student Union, where her student members participate in Holocaust educational school events. Mrs. Gailboord participates in seminars, education trips, and professional learning opportunities provided to educators by the Gutterman Family CHHRE. "I'm very passionate about teaching about the Holocaust. I will always be a student of Holocaust history, which should be shared with all, as it honors the victims by keeping their stories alive for future generations."



Natalie Williams

Martin County
South Fork High School

Natalie Smith Williams, an educator for over 29 years, is originally from Fayetteville, North Carolina, and teaches Personal Finance at South Fork HS. Her love for teaching began when she was a young child, and her passion for history was instilled in her through her grandfather, Philip Drayton, who lived stories of struggles and the fight for freedom. She is a member of The Descendants of Enslaved Ancestors in the Treasure Coast area. While attending Fayetteville State University, she studied in Cameroon, Africa, and is the author of A Journey to Cameroon: The Truth about Africa. Natalie enjoys traveling to different states and countries, learning about Greek Mythology, African and Slavery History, and the Holocaust. She believes everyone should know the truth about history.