

# 2025 SPRING RETIREMENT MEMORY BOOK





## ***Dear 2024 - 2025 Retirees,***

On behalf of Pinellas County Schools, thank you for your dedication and service to our students and community. You have embodied our core values, and through your work, you have enriched the lives of countless students and families. Although you are retiring, please know that the impact you have made does not end. Teachers, and all Pinellas County Schools employees, touch lives in ways that carry on for generations to come.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Pinellas County Schools family. We wish you good health, happiness and great fulfillment in your next chapter. Congratulations.

***Kevin Hendrick***

***Pinellas County Schools Superintendent***





## ***Dear 2024 - 2025 Retirees,***

On behalf of the School Board of Pinellas County, I would like to congratulate you on your retirement!

We are grateful that you have chosen to leave your mark on education. Many thanks to you - the educators, support professionals, and administrators for your hard work and dedication. You have impacted thousands of students, leaving a legacy that will reverberate well into the future.

We wish you all the best as we celebrate your retirement from Pinellas County Schools.

***Laura Hine***

***Chairperson of the Pinellas County School Board***





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# *Advance Studies and Academic Excellence*

## ***Dr. Mary C. Black***

Executive Internship Program Coordinator/Teacher,  
42.5 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was Aiding students in living their dreams and seeing them grow confident is a huge reward. I am honored to have served PCS since 1983 and to have made a difference in students' lives, and I will always remember the school-based, community, and former student feedback highlighting the relevance and impact of EIP. I feel that I gave my students and their sponsors my all, and with that feeling, I can rest well in knowing that my career with PCS was purposeful and was both time and energy well spent.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward to sleep, creating a life of growth, learning, and new opportunities. I am also looking forward to enjoying laughs and precious time with family and friends, and freedom.





# *Area 2 Services*

*Carol Jeffers*

Secretary to Area Superintendent,  
28 Years of Service





# *Azalea Middle*



*Diana Devore*  
Teacher, 17 Years of Service





# *Baypoint Elementary*

*Anne Bragdon*

Food and Nutrition Assistant,  
20 Years of Service





# *Bayside High*



*Curtis Hudson*  
Night Foreman,  
20 Years of Service





# *Belcher Elementary*



***Amanda Davis***  
P.E. Teacher,  
21 Years of Service

***Linda True***

Child Development Associate,  
19 Years of Service





# *Belleair Elementary*



***Sylvia Cooper***  
Paraprofessional,  
20 Years of Service





# *Blanton Elementary*

*Lori Plomatos*

Secretary/Bookkeeper,  
29 Years of Service



*Theresa Silvers*

Data Management Technician,  
27 Years of Service





# *Boca Ciega High*

*Richard Isaac*  
Plant Operator,  
21 Years of Service





# *Brooker Creek Elementary*



## *David A. Lukac*

Plant Operator, 29 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was learning from good people.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward to relaxing and working out in my workshop.





# *Clearview Adult Education Center*



*Jennifer Hawley*  
Teacher,  
26 Years of Service





# ***Clearwater High***



***Richard Toummia***

Plant Operator,  
27 Years of Service



***Nancy Winant***

Teacher, 34 Years of Service





# Countryside High



## ***Barbara Carmichael***

Teacher, 11 Years of Service  
Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was watching my students graduate every year and knowing that they did their best. Also, being selected Teach of the Year for 2024-2025.

What I'm looking forward to doing during Retirement: Travel, travel, travel!! I also am looking forward to spending time with the people I love.

## ***Nicholas Costantino***

Plant Operator,  
7 Years of Service





# *Curlew Creek Elementary*

*Pamela Hewlett*  
Teacher,  
30 Years of Service





# ***Curtis Fundamental Elementary***



## ***Linda Hilterbrandt***

Teacher, 29 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was working with local artists and students on collaborative artworks and installation projects for our school.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward to creating art and relaxing.





# *Eisenhower Elementary*



## *Mary Frank*

Teacher, 38 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was when I taught self-contained SLD many years ago. I struggled with getting one of my students to understand the concept of odd/even.

On the last day of school, he was stacking chairs, and he said, "Look, this is odd, this is even." He finally got it!

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward to learning new things and having new experiences.





# ***Food & Nutrition Services***

***Robert Markowski***

Procurement Specialist,  
13 Years of Service





# *Forest Lakes Elementary*



*Rachel Pages*  
Teacher,  
26 Years of Service





# *Garrison-Jones Elementary*

*Kevin Timmons*  
P.E. Teacher,  
25 Years of Service





# *Gulf Beaches Elementary*



*Ginger Hannigan*  
School Counselor,  
8 Years of Service





# *Highland Lakes Elementary*

*Katherine Carassas*

Teacher,  
23 Years of Service





# *Hollins High*



*David Patton*  
Paraprofessional,  
20 Years of Service





# *Instructional Materials Services*

*Michele Hingley*  
Storekeeper,  
34 Years of Service





# *Lakewood Community School*



***Bruce Hewitt***  
Teacher,  
21 Years of Service





# Lakewood High

***Natalie Bostic***

Bookkeeper II,  
38 Years of Service



***Jasanne Reese***

Secretary IV, 32 Years of Service  
Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was coming back to my alma Mata- Lakewood High School.

What am I looking forward to doing during retirement?: I am looking forward to traveling and spending time with my great grand and grand children.





# *Leila Davis Elementary*

*Janine Warner*  
Teacher,  
13 Years of Service





# *Maderia Beach Fundamental K-12*



## *Lenora Burnett*

Teacher, 36 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was when a former student told me I was the reason she learned how to read.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement:

I am looking forward to traveling and relaxing.





# Maintenance Services



## *Rebecca Dean*

Pest Control Technician,  
25 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was catching and relocating pest. They are the best stories. Some went to wildlife rehab centers, and other relocated to a wooden location.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement:  
I am looking forward to exploring my options.

## *Estelle Lowe*

Painter,  
19 Years of Service





# *Mount Vernon Elementary*

*Kelly Fraley*

Teacher,  
15 Years of Service





# *New Heights Elementary*



*Prima King*

Food & Nutrition Assistant,  
8 Years of Service





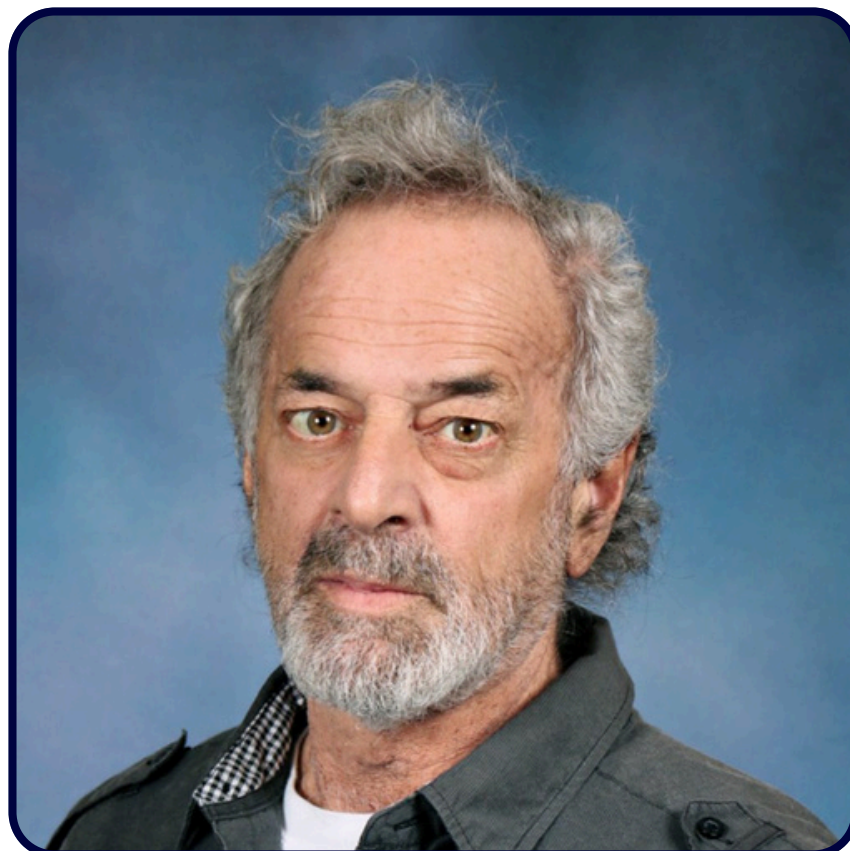
# *North Shore Elementary*

*Phillip Meacham*  
Head Plant Operator,  
18 Years of Service





# *Northeast High*



*Kevin Olis*

Teacher, 8 Years of Service





# *Oak Grove Middle*

*Luisa De Zengotita*

Food & Nutrition Assistant,  
23 Years of Service





# *Oldsmar Elementary*



*Allison Chichester*  
Teacher,  
25 Years of Service





# *Orange Grove Elementary*



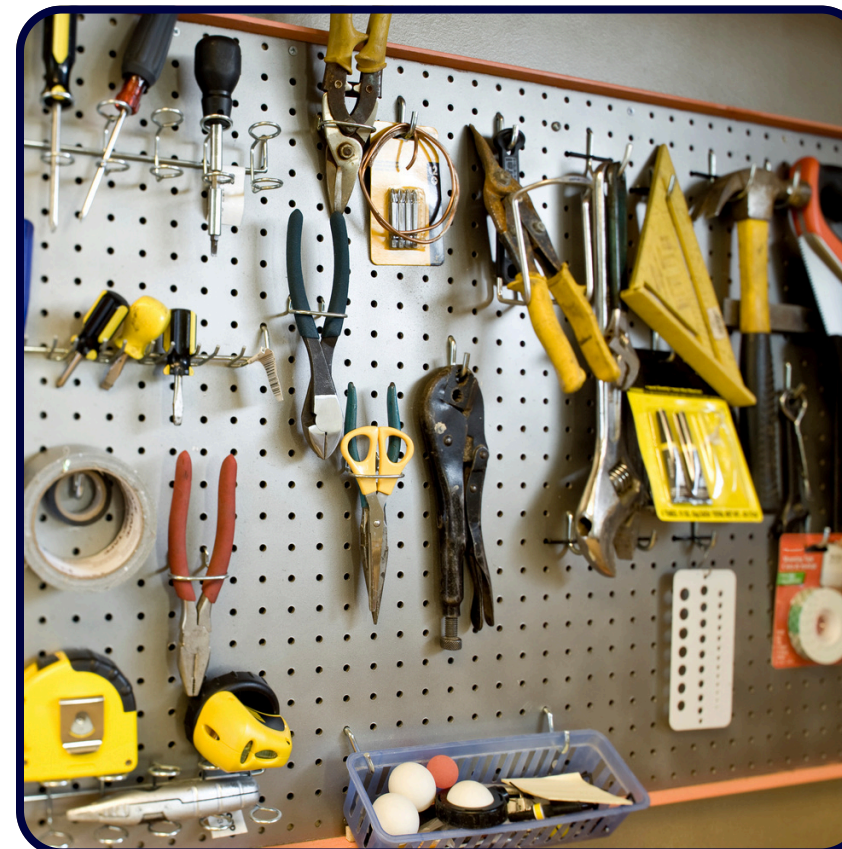
*Gail Hawley*  
Night Foreman,  
14 Years of Service





# *Osceola High*

*John Farris*  
Plant Operator,  
31 Years of Service





# *Pasadena Fundamental Elementary*



## *Jeannie Crawford*

P.E. Assistant, 30 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The over 13,000 students' lives I was blessed to reach & teach while at the same time they poured even more into my life. Leaving a legacy of kindness, growth & days filled with laughter!

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward visiting our 7 grandchildren. Working for a company with a healthy work environment and team.





# *Payroll Administration Services*

***Marioara Olda***

Senior Payroll Technician,  
30 Years of Service





# *PCS Police Department Services*

***James Miller***

Police Sergeant,  
6 Years of Service



***Annette Reynolds***

Intrusion System Specialist,  
35 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was working with people that became life-long friends, too many memories to write down!

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: Beach time & staying home with my grandchildren.





# *Pinellas High Innovation*

*Catherine Baldock*

Alternative Education Teacher,  
16 Years of Service





# ***Pinellas Park Middle***

***Brenda Micallef***

Food & Nutrition Assistant,  
19 Years of Service



***Robert "Bob" Sullivan***

Plant Operator, 14 Years of Service  
Favorite memory at PCS: My favorite memory was working and observing the growth of students from year to year.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward to concentrating more on investments to further enhance my retirement. Eventually traveling and a possible move to SE Asia.





# ***Pinellas Technical College - Clearwater***



## ***Elizabeth Brancato***

Clerical Assistant, 10 Years of Service  
Favorite memory at PCS: All the staff and students at S.H.E.S and PTC Clearwater. Our students are simply the best!

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I'm looking forward to not driving 60-mile round trips to work and spending more time with my 10 siblings, children, grandsons, and husband. :)





# *Plumb Elementary*

*Yolanda Ramirez-Dzierzyk*

Teacher,  
19 Years of Service





# *Ponce De Leon Elementary*



***Sohair Wassef***

Food and Nutrition Manager II,  
16 Years of Service





# *Psychological Services*

## *Barbara Shannon*



Psychologist, 43 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was helping empower my students with confidence to follow their dreams, and I am most grateful for the opportunity to work alongside former students who are now my PCS colleagues.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward to spending time with my new grandbaby in Austin, traveling with friends and family, and volunteering in my community.





# *Pinellas Technical College - St. Petersburg*



***Bruce Copeland***

Teacher, 26 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS:

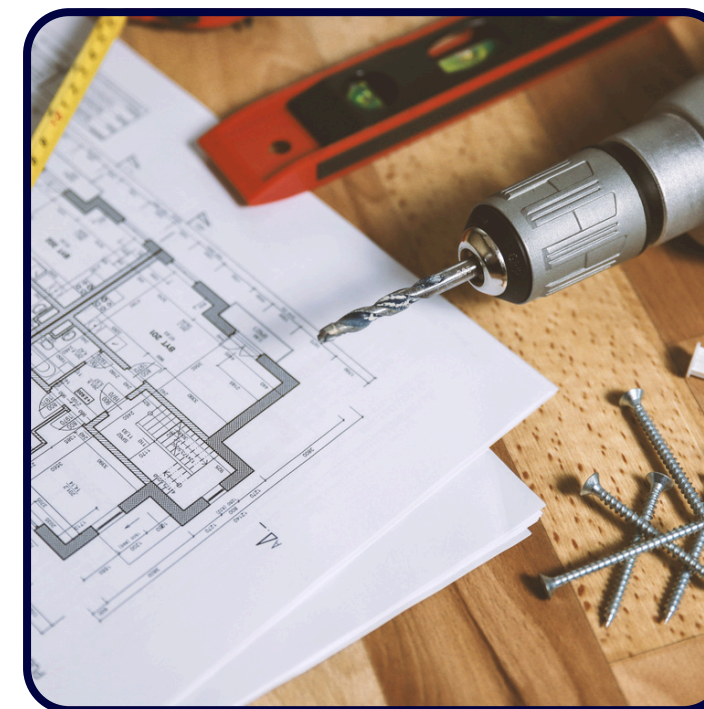
The job successes of graduates.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement:

I am looking forward to spending time with my wife and family.

***Kieu Lee***

Plant Operator,  
4 Years of Service





# *Purchasing Department Services*

***Mark Shuman***

Manager, 19 Years of Service





# *Ridgecrest Elementary*

***Dennis Davis***

Plant Operator,  
29 Years of Service



***Melissa Folks***

Data Management Tech.,  
22 Years of Service

***Mary Smyth***

Clerk Typist I,  
20 Years of Service





# *Sanders Exceptional School*



## ***Brenda Johnson***

Medical Behavioral Assistant, 31 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: My favorite memory was working with a variety of children.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement:  
I am looking forward to healing, traveling and relaxing.





# *Seminole High*



*Evelyn Healey*  
Teacher,  
21 Years of Service





# *Specialized Services*

*Vangie Neeley*

Audiologist, 9 Years of Service





# *St. Petersburg High*



## *Terry Farr*

Plant Operator, 36 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories are when I met my wife, and when I met some really good people that became great friends.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward to moving out of the state of Florida to be close to my family.





# *Student Services*

*Suzanne Hamels*

Student Services Representative,  
8 Years of Service





# *Idea B Services*



***Mary Beard-Smith***

Paraprofessional,  
9 Years of Service





# ***Tarpon Springs High***

***Diane Koplar***

Teacher,  
37 Years of Service



***Shea Manning***

Teacher, 22 Years of Service

***Vezir Tabakovic***

Plant Operator,  
18 Years of Service





# ***Thurgood Marshall Middle***

***Emanuel Brown***

Medical Behavioral Assistant,  
5 Years of Service



***Elizabeth Maxwell-Bicknell***

Teacher, 12 Years of Service

***Masie Rivers***

Medical Behavioral Assistant,  
31 Years of Service





# *Technology and Information System Services*

***Heath Glandon***

Applications Administrator,  
30 Years of Service



***Casey Kelly***

Network Administrator,  
10 Years of Service





# *Transportation Services*



## *Lisa Cravens*

Bus Driver, 9 Years of Service  
Favorite memory at PCS:  
My favorite memory was making a positive influence on the children and greeting them each morning and afternoon with a smile.

What I'm looking forward to doing during retirement: I am looking forward to resting and spending time with my grandchildren.

## *Roslyn Holloway*

Bus Assistant,  
10 Years of Service





# *Transportation Services (continued)*

***Faith Segura***

Bus Assistant,  
7 Years of Service



***Josette Trice***

Bus Driver,  
20 Years of Service





# *Walter Pownall Service Center*

***Timothy Caughey***

General Manager  
Environmental Control,  
9 Years of Service



***Richard Gauwey***

Senior Construction Coordinator,  
12 Years of Service

***Antoula Kazouris***

Night Foreman,  
27 Years of Service





# **TAKE THE FIRST STEP**

**The first step  
Is the hardest  
Step to take.**

**Is to face it  
Embrace it  
In whatever you do**

**But once you take it  
The next one  
Becomes easier to make.**

**So take the first step, then  
With hard work  
With repetition  
And with consistency**

**With every new  
And unfamiliar thing  
That you are  
Trying to achieve**

**Your fears will  
Gradually fade away  
And for you  
This will happen  
Naturally.**

**Be Bold  
Have confidence  
And approach it Faithfully.**

**-Roy Turner**

**For anyone  
To overcome  
The fear  
Of something new**

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