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**Delaware Charter Teacher of the Year  
DCSN Announces 2025 Charter School Teacher of the Year – Katie Miro**

**Newark, DE** – The Delaware Charter Schools Network (DCSN) is proud to announce that Katie Miro, an exceptional first-grade teacher at Newark Charter School, has been named the 2025 Delaware Charter School Teacher of the Year. This prestigious recognition was awarded at the annual IDEA Awards, a celebration of innovation, dedication and education within Delaware's charter school community.

Katie Miro's dedication to fostering a nurturing, engaging, and innovative learning environment has earned her this esteemed honor. With over 17 years of experience, she has transformed her classroom into a space where young learners not only thrive academically but also develop a deep love for nature and outdoor learning. Katie's leadership extends beyond her classroom through her mentorship of new teachers, her service on the school council, and her successful development of the school's nature club.

"Katie Miro is exactly the kind of teacher every child deserves—one who is dedicated, innovative, and deeply invested in student success," said Gregory Meece, founding School Director of Newark Charter School.

Sam Golder, Head of School at Newark Charter, praised Katie's impact, saying, "Katie Miro couples an effervescent personality with an incomparable work ethic. She is a shining example of excellence in teaching, leadership and selflessness. Newark Charter School is so fortunate to have Katie on the team. I cannot think of a better representative for [Delaware's] Teacher of the Year!"

Kendall Massett, the Executive Director of the Delaware Charter Schools Network emphasized the importance of educators like Katie: "We believe every child deserves an opportunity for an excellent public education. The way to do so is with amazing educators like Katie Miro. We are proud of our phenomenal educators across all our charter schools in Delaware, but we had to choose one to represent them all. I believe that Katie will be an incredible representative for all teachers in the state of Delaware. "

Reflecting on her recognition, Katie Miro shared, "Being recognized as Delaware Charter Network's Teacher of the Year is an incredible honor that affirms the dedication and love I pour into my work each day. It means even more to me because it reflects the deep relationships I've built with my

students and their families over time. These connections are the foundation of everything we do as educators and remind us daily that educating young people is not a solo effort. Charter schools have the unique opportunity to foster a special connection between families and schools by encouraging close collaboration and active parental involvement in shaping students' educational experiences. Together, as a charter community, we have created supportive, inclusive environments where children can thrive, and I am so grateful to be part of that journey."

### **About Public Charter Schools**

Public charter schools are independent, public, and tuition-free schools that are given the freedom to be more innovative while being held accountable for advancing student achievement. Since 1996, Delaware has provided parents the opportunity to choose the school that is best for their child(ren). Today, there are 24 charter schools in Delaware, serving over 19,000 students.

### **About the Delaware Charter Schools Network**

The Delaware Charter Schools Network is a non-profit organization created in 2001 to support the charter school movement and charter schools in Delaware. The Network educates the public about charter schools, provides assistance to existing Delaware charter schools and those yet to open, and serves as a unified voice for the state's charter schools at the state and national level. For more information, please visit [www.decharternetwork.org](http://www.decharternetwork.org)