

## **Michelle Glassman Receives the Bancroft Award for Teaching Excellence**

Michelle Glassman has spent 10 years teaching students with autism, working with students as young as Pre-K to as old as high school. In her three years at The Winston Knolls School, Michelle led a classroom of high school students for two years and currently leads the youngest room comprised of elementary students in grades K-3. In her experience, Michelle has worked with a diverse range of abilities, from those with mild disabilities requiring instruction focused on social-emotional skills to students with more severe & profound needs where instruction would center around functional skills and communication development. In tandem with her experience, Michelle has shown uncanny versatility in cultivating a learning environment that is tailored to meet the specific needs of her students. As the senior-most teacher, Michelle is often sought out by her peers for guidance, acting as a mentor to new teachers and is always willing to accept new staff into her classroom to train them in best practices. She develops incredible relationships with her parents through honest, consistent communication and inclusion into development of their child's educational plan. Michelle always seeks out opportunities to grow as a professional and is currently pursuing an LBS II endorsement as a transition specialist. Her experience, versatility, professionalism, and commitment to student success is what makes her deserving of the Bancroft Award for Teaching Excellence.