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34th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING FOR SUPERINTENDENTS AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Thursday, August 9, 2018 5 p.m.

Bourne Mansion, Oakdale, New York

Dear Reader,

The 17th Annual SCOPE Education Services School District Awards Dinner was held this year on March 19 at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook. Once again, public-school districts in Nassau and Suffolk counties selected individuals in the five categories of Community Service, School Administrators, School Board Service, Support Staff and Teachers to be honored for having provided outstanding service to their respective school districts. A total of 43 school districts honoring 166 individuals were at the dinner, attended by 821 people.

Honorees were selected by their district for having gone above and beyond, assisting in providing the children and communities in which they work and live with outstanding programs. Each individual receiving an award is invited to the dinner with a guest free of charge, is presented with a beautiful plaque and has a brief bio published in the program. I have the pleasure of presenting each honoree the award while families, friends and colleagues cheer, applaud, snap pictures and acknowledge the outstanding achievements of each.

Assisting with the presentations were Mr. Henry Grishman, president of the SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of Jericho School District; Dr. Charles Russo, vice president of SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of the East Moriches School District; Mrs. Susan Schnebel, past president of SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of the Islip School District; Dr. Joseph Famularo, treasurer of SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of the Bellmore School District and Mr. Michael O'Brien, associate director of SCOPE.

A big thank-you to all of our many sponsors of the award dinner, in particular our Platinum Sponsors: BBS Architects, Landscape Architects and Engineers; Guercio and Guercio LLP; Ingerman Smith LLP and Lamb & Barnowski LLP. Without the support of these businesses and our other many sponsors this event would not be possible. You will find a list of all of our sponsors in this edition of The Forum.

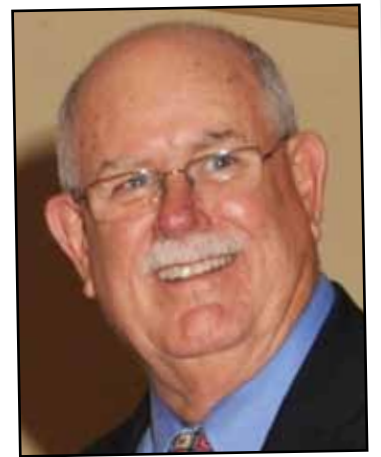
I also was honored to present Mr. Henry Grishman with the National School Development Council's Cooperative Leadership Award. This award recognizes exemplary efforts to establish cooperative relationships with other educational agencies or study councils in the course of creating educational programs for the nation's schools. In addition to serving as president of the SCOPE Board for the past two years, Mr. Grishman is superintendent of the Jericho School District. Additionally, he has served as president and officer of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, chairperson of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Section VIII, past president and officer of Nassau County Council of School Superintendents and is an active member of the American Association of School Administrators.

I would like to also thank those individuals at SCOPE, particularly Christine Cosme, Jennifer Milillo and Ann Nuzzo, and all of the staff who assisted with this very successful event!

Congratulations to all of those honored and thank you for all you do to make Long Island's school districts the best in our nation. I hope that you enjoy this edition of The Forum, which is dedicated to the honorees and their accomplishments.

Sincerely,

George L. Duffy
Executive Director



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George L. Duffy, Executive Director

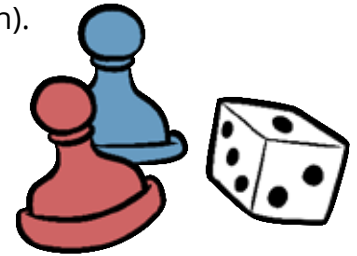
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Before- and After-School Child Care

Time outside of the school day should be filled with opportunities for children to enjoy themselves. In our school-safe environment, SCOPE provides enriching experiences through varied activities.

Children are offered experiences in:

- STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math).
- Physical fitness.
- Traditional board games.
- Homework completion.
- Music.
- Crafts and other enriching activities.



Contact with peers offers children opportunities to form friendships and learn rules of fair play and cooperation. The SCOPE staff is trained to be continually aware of the needs and interests of the children they supervise. Emphasis is on safety, learning and fun.

Supervision

SCOPE programs are licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Staff are qualified and well trained to properly supervise children.

Staff to student ratio never exceeds 1:10.

Children get to know their peers in age-appropriate groups and activities are tailored to meet their needs.



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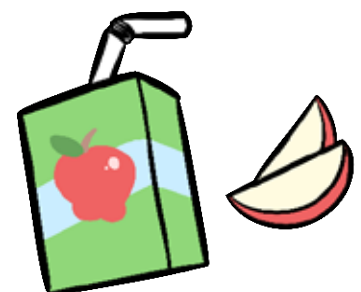
Safety

Safety of the children attending SCOPE programs are always our main priority.

Under close supervision children take part in a variety of daily activities.

SCOPE staff are trained in Emergency First Aid/CPR/AED and in Medication Administration Training.

Children are provided daily snacks and drinks. All snacks provided are USDA approved and are nut-free (gluten-free options are available). Drinks include bottled water, 100 percent fruit juice and milk.

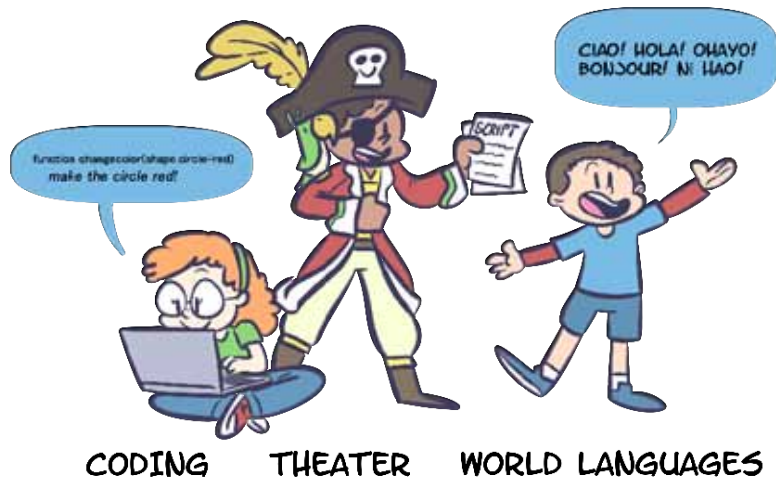


Enrichment

SCOPE provides activities that reflect student interests and extend the learning experiences they may have in school and at home.

Enrichment activities are included as part of the before/after care program at no additional cost to parents. Children will take part in a minimum of 40 enrichment activities throughout the year. Activities will be STEAM related, fun and educationally enriching.

Separate enrichment programs such as coding, theater, world languages, etc., may be offered at an additional cost, based on student interest.



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SCOPE Education Services

Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Pre-Kindergarten World

- SCOPE conducts more than 70 3-year-old and 4-year-old pre-k classes in 15 school districts in Nassau and Suffolk counties.
- SCOPE pre-k prepares the children for the school district's Kindergarten program.
- SCOPE's pre-k Curriculum is aligned with NYS Next Generation Standards as well as school district needs.
- SCOPE accommodates Emergent Multilingual Language Learners.
- SCOPE pre-k provides for the needs of all children.

Take a Look.....

SCOPE pre-k programs provide for the social, emotional and academic growth of the children. Children learn to interact appropriately with their peers, work cooperatively, problem-solve, and discover and explore their own personal interests.

Playtime, free time to explore, structured learning activities including STEAM activities (science, technology, engineering, arts, math), and continuous language development are a part of the daily routine.



Learning Centers Include:

The Kitchen Center - providing a setting for play through collaboration and sharing.

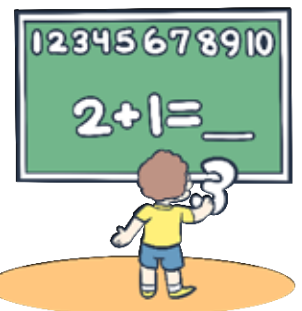
Math Center - Making connections between the symbol and the quantity, along with sequencing is a major focus.

Technology Center - Coding and robotic activities at this level is fun and a real treat.

LEGOS Building Center - LEGOS and assorted blocks are used to underscore basic engineering principles.

Drama Center - Role play is made easier with a costume center and doll house center.

Reading Center - Literacy through reading is not only center based, but spread throughout the room.



Social-Emotional Learning

- Learning how to make and sustain positive relationships with others.
- Fostering friendship and belonging.
- Learning to be respectful of one another's needs.
- Learning to identify and verbalize their own needs and strengths.

- Children are frequently assessed and information on their developmental, academic, and social-emotional progress is passed on to parents and shared with their home school.

Staff

All of the SCOPE pre-kindergarten teachers and teaching assistants are New York State certified and knowledgeable about early childhood development. They are provided with professional development opportunities to sharpen their instructional skills and address different demographic and district needs.



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SCOPE 17th Annual Awards Dinner

Celebrates Dedication and Commitment

The 17th Annual SCOPE Educational Awards Dinner was a memorable event, where numerous members of various educational communities across Long Island were acknowledged and recognized for their contributions to the field of education and the school districts they serve.

SCOPE Executive Director George Duffy congratulated each award recipient and noted that the services they provide have a meaningful and

lasting impact on the school district, community and the children they serve. Members of the SCOPE Board of Directors assisted in presenting the honored guests with personalized commemorative plaques as family members and guests applauded their well-deserved recognition. This year's honorees were chosen from five categories: Administrator Service, Community Service, School Board Service, Support Staff Service and Teacher Service. Congratulations to all of this year's honorees.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE AWARDS

Jarrett Behar
Commack UFSD
Debbie Bernstein
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD
Thomas Cooley
Sayville UFSD
Charlena H. Crouch
Roosevelt UFSD
Mark Doyle
Port Jefferson UFSD
Tony Falco
Sachem CSD
Cathy Gismervik
West Babylon UFSD
Sean Hattrick
Tuckahoe CSD
Kevin Johnston
Kings Park CSD
Bruce Kahn
Seaford UFSD
Donald King
Southampton UFSD
Diana Kolhoff
Sag Harbor UFSD
Annmarie LaRosa
West Islip UFSD
Guy Leggio
Bay Shore UFSD
Robert Martin
Garden City UFSD
Liz Mendelman
Springs UFSD
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Freeport UFSD
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Levittown UFSD
Laura McVeety Pawlewicz
Amityville UFSD
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Westbury UFSD
Robert Rose
Shoreham-Wading River CSD
Eric B. Schultz
Nassau BOCES
Jeremy Thode
Smithtown CSD

ADMINISTRATOR SERVICE AWARDS

Regina Agrusa
Sewanhaka CSD
Glen Arcuri
Shoreham-Wading River CSD
Barbara Bekermus
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Springs UFSD
Jean Castelli
Massapequa UFSD
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Comsewogue UFSD
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William Floyd UFSD
Renee Crump-Dedmon
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Elwood UFSD
Kenya Vanterpool
Wyandanch UFSD
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Levittown UFSD

TEACHER SERVICE AWARDS

Nancy Alt
Levittown UFSD
Roxane Basandella
Westbury UFSD
Anne Bean
West Islip UFSD
Therese Blake
Bayport-Blue Point UFSD
Tiffany Cioffi
Sachem CSD
Suzanne Cluff
Oysterponds UFSD
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Christine Els
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Bay Shore UFSD
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Sayville UFSD
Maria Goncalves
Springs UFSD
Ronald Gross
William Floyd UFSD
Lauren Heaney
East Moriches UFSD
Dr. Paul Hesleitner
Massapequa UFSD
Christine M. Iaquinto
West Babylon UFSD
Barbara Imperiale
Tuckahoe CSD
Joan Jacobs
Shoreham-Wading River CSD
Renee Johnson
East Moriches UFSD
Tameka Kendrick-Bredwood
Roosevelt UFSD
Neil Klatsky
Longwood CSD
Michel Krivosta
Port Jefferson UFSD
Michael LaSorsa
Freeport UFSD
Annemarie Magee
Center Moriches UFSD
Melba Martinez
Hampton Bays UFSD
Janice McQuaid
Kings Park CSD
Corinne Moreland
East Moriches UFSD
Jeffrey Netter
Smithtown CSD
Joseph Pace
Elwood UFSD
Lori Palladino
Garden City UFSD
Kim Palma
Bayport-Blue Point UFSD
Jennifer Rind
North Babylon UFSD
JoAnne Rubin
Amityville UFSD
Dennis Schleider
Tuckahoe CSD
Elizabeth Schwarz
Brentwood UFSD
Debbie Smith
Deer Park UFSD
Edward Stella
Nassau BOCES
Terry Stubelek
Southampton UFSD
Brett Voegel
Tuckahoe CSD
Lawrence Voelger
Center Moriches UFSD
Christina M. Walsh
Lindenhurst UFSD
Kesi Wheatley
Wyandanch UFSD
Kathy Whitehurst
Sayville UFSD
Kelli Wilson
East Moriches UFSD

SUPPORT STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

John Ali
Sag Harbor UFSD
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Denise Burger
Longwood CSD
Tena Chaffee
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Kim Doner
Lindenhurst UFSD
Eric Drew
Springs UFSD

Lois Emerick
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Fran Gastman
Amityville UFSD
Maureen Griffin
Port Jefferson UFSD
Lamar Henson
Freeport UFSD
Helen Hewitt
Roosevelt UFSD
Meghann Hodge
Levittown UFSD
Rick Holmes
Kings Park CSD
Theresa Jamison
Wyandanch UFSD
Kris Kalinowski
Elwood UFSD
Clare M. Kelly
Westbury UFSD
Scott Lambeck
Little Flower UFSD
Thelma Lee
Southampton UFSD
Diane Lyons
Brentwood UFSD
Vincent Mangogna
Wyandanch UFSD
Doug Martines
Freeport UFSD
Debra McCaffrey
Massapequa UFSD
Kevin Mercer
Islip UFSD
Dawn Mitterando
William Floyd UFSD
Robert Nocella
West Islip UFSD
William Nofi
Center Moriches UFSD
Christine Pandolfo
Hampton Bays UFSD
Judy Ponticello
Center Moriches UFSD
Otis Riddick
Southampton UFSD
Ann Marie Scholz
Smithtown CSD
Stephen Shadbolt
Sachem CSD
Jeffery Vitkun
West Babylon UFSD
Olivia Vogler
Deer Park UFSD
Thomas Wagner
Shoreham-Wading River CSD

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Ray Amorosso
Nassau BOCES
Nada Barry
Sag Harbor UFSD
Dorothy Boxley (Posthumously)
Roosevelt UFSD
Philip M. Carpenter
Bay Shore UFSD
Jeanette Cocheo
Oysterponds UFSD
Nicholas Conzo
Western Suffolk BOCES
Lutricia (Pat) Edwards
Wyandanch UFSD
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Jennifer Prudente
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Gary Repetto
Brentwood UFSD
Theresa Roden
Springs UFSD
Dina Shingleton Rosenberg
Amityville UFSD
Maryellen Scarola
Sachem CSD
Elisa Scott
Port Jefferson UFSD
Father Ralph Sommer
Levittown UFSD
Paul Anthony Soodoo
Deer Park UFSD
Rachel Staiano
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD
Joanne Williams
North Babylon UFSD
Richard ("Juni") Wingfield
Southampton UFSD



School Board Service Award Recipients



Administrator Service Award Recipients



Teacher Service Award Recipients



Support Staff Service Award Recipients



Community Service Award Recipients

National School Development Council Award

As a study council representing Nassau and Suffolk counties, SCOPE participates as a member of the National School Development Council. This is an organization comprised of various study councils located throughout the nation. The NSDC annually presents an award to acknowledge outstanding leadership within the Council’s membership. The award recognizes the exemplary efforts to establish cooperative relationships with other educational agencies or study councils in the course of creating educational programs for the nation’s schools.

Previously, this award has recognized individuals including Cramer Harrington, deputy director for management services for SCOPE (posthumously); Lorraine Deller, Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association executive director; Dr. Charles T. Russo,

Center Moriches superintendent of schools and past president of SCSSA; and Susan Schnebel, Islip superintendent of schools and past president of SCSSA.

This year, the recipient of this prestigious award is Mr. Henry Grishman, president of the SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of the Jericho School District. Mr. Grishman generously shares his time and experience in education in his service to several organizations. He has served as president and officer of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, chairperson of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Section VIII; past president and officer of the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents and is an active member of the American Association of School Administrators.



U.S. ARMY LEADERSHIP AWARD

The U.S. Army Leadership Award is presented to educators who have inspired their school districts through innovation and character. Factors considered when selecting the recipient of this prestigious award include how a school district promotes and integrates character education, technology, athletics and the maximum utilization

of external resources to provide the highest quality, well-rounded education based on the whole-person concept.

This year’s recipient was the Longwood School District. Lt. Col. Juddson Floris presented the award to Longwood Senior High School Principal Scott Schuster.

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Congratulations Are in Order

APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLMORE-MERRICK
Dr. Mara Bollettieri Honored as BOCES Education Partner
Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mara Bollettieri was among 15 honorees of the Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award program. Nassau BOCES created the awards program to honor those who share the agency's commitment to providing the best possible education – and Dr. Bollettieri certainly spends her days fulfilling this mission. In March 2014, Dr. Bollettieri helped to create a districtwide student-led think tank. Student ambassadors from the district's four high schools and two middle schools now join together throughout the school year to address issues affecting the student body and surrounding community. They also collaborate to host an annual Day of Service and fundraising run. In 2016, she helped facilitate the creation of a Community Cupboard food pantry, which serves more than 40 local families on a biweekly basis.



BETHPAGE
New Principal of Bethpage High School



The Bethpage Board of Education has appointed Nicholas Jantz as the new principal of Bethpage High School, effective July 1, 2018. Jantz will replace current principal Michael Spence, who will assume the role of assistant superintendent for instruction starting July 1. Jantz has been the John F. Kennedy Middle School assistant principal since 2014. Prior to working in Bethpage, he served as a social studies teacher for 10 years in the East Meadow School District. He has been deeply involved in the entire school program at JFK and the Bethpage school community through his role in supporting students and teachers. While at JFK, he has focused on improving school and community relations and the district's social and emotional learning. Jantz holds a Bachelor of Arts in history and secondary education from Saint Peter's University, a Master of Science in teaching literacy from Touro College and a school building leader certificate from The College of Saint Rose.

FARMINGDALE
New Superintendent of Schools Named
Paul Defendini has been appointed the new Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2018. Mr. Defendini began his career in Farmingdale as an English language arts teacher at Weldon E. Howitt Middle School and later became dean of students. For the past 12 years, he has served as the district's school business administrator and assistant superintendent for business. Under his leadership, the district passed 10 consecutive budgets, achieved an S&P AA+ rating and helped spearhead the district's successful \$36 million bond referendum. Mr. Defendini has extremely strong ties to the community; he grew up in Farmingdale and graduated from Farmingdale High School in 1997.



HALF HOLLOW HILLS
Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education to Retire
Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Mrs. Mary Rettaliata is set to retire at the end of this school year. Mary is most grateful for the opportunity she had to work in a school community that continuously strives to develop instructional programs in the best interests of its students.



HICKSVILLE
Marconi Makes Her Mark
Fork Lane Elementary School third-grade teacher Christina Marconi was selected as Nassau County's Teacher of the Year in the Applebee's



Above and "Bee" yond Teacher Essay Contest. Marconi was recognized following nominating student Landon Lutrell's winning essay about her exceptional dedication to students and commitment to her craft. As a result of the honor, Marconi was presented with a \$500 check from Applebee's, which will be used to purchase supplies for her class next year.

ISLIP
Dr. Ellen Semel Named Islip Superintendent of Schools
The Board of Education appointed Dr. Ellen Semel as the next superintendent of schools, effective July 1, 2018. Dr. Semel will replace current superintendent Sue Schnebel, who is retiring. Dr. Semel has served as the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction since 2006, and is responsible for K-12 curriculum, instruction, assessment and data initiatives, and professional development. She has more than 35 years of experience in education and an extensive background in curriculum development. Dr. Semel has been with Islip for 12 years. Dr. Semel, an Amityville resident, holds a Doctor of Education degree in literacy from Hofstra University and a Master of Science degree in administration from LIU Post.



LYNBROOK
Lynbrook Welcomes New Waverly Park Principal
The district is pleased to announce the appointment of Waverly Park Elementary School Principal Allison Banhazl, effective July 1, 2018. Ms. Banhazl will replace current Waverly Park Principal Lucille McAssey, who has served the children of Lynbrook for 19 years and will retire at the end of the school year. Ms. Banhazl, a Rockville Centre resident, grew up in Merrick and has served as an assistant principal in the Merrick Union Free School District for the



past six years. Prior to her role in Merrick, she was a teaching assistant in the Baldwin Union Free School District while in college and served as a teacher in Brooklyn while working for the New York City Department of Education. During her undergraduate career at Loyola University, Ms. Banhazl majored in elementary education. She continued her studies at Hunter College where she received her master's degree, along with an advanced certificate from The College of St. Rose in educational leadership.

NORTH SHORE
David Soto Named 2018 New York State Band Director of the Year
The New York State Band Directors Association has named David Soto as the 2018 recipient of the Richard H. Snook Outstanding Band Director Award for New York State. Selected from a list of educators ranging from elementary to college, this award is given to one band director annually in the entire state. The honor recognizes individuals who not only demonstrate mastery in their craft as educators and musicians, but who also understand what it means to be a learning and growing artist, whose role is to inspire students of all ages.



ROCKY POINT
Coach Named a National Hall of Fame Inductee
Rocky Point High School wrestling coach Darren Goldstein has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Mr. Goldstein, a former All-League wrestler, is a member of the 1985 Port Jefferson State Cup champion team. He is considered to have the most winning athletes in the Empire State Games and started the North Shore Wrestling Club on a federally funded grant. He began his coaching career in the district as the junior varsity coach; before being appointed the varsity coach in Rocky Point, Mr. Goldstein served as a coach in the Longwood, Mt. Sinai and Shoreham-Wading River school districts. He has amassed numerous championship awards and has coached one Olympian – Brandon



Congratulations Are in Order

APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Escobar – and a female world team member and national champion – Jenna Burkett.

THREE VILLAGE
Teacher Pens Article, Shares Professional Creativity
Minnesauke Elementary School art



teacher Christine Sacco's passion for inspiring students' creativity is serving as an inspiration for her colleagues nationwide through an article she authored for the February issue of SchoolArts Magazine. The article focuses on Ms. Sacco's creative "Chopped Art" project. Inspired by the hit television show "Chopped," the project is competition-based and calls for students to create a piece of art based on a central theme using only the materials in a given concealed box.

WILLIAM FLOYD
Next Principal of Moriches Elementary School
Deirdre Redding has been appointed the next principal of Moriches Elementary School beginning July 1, 2018, where she will serve as the

instructional and administrative leader and supervise more than 830 students, as well as approximately 60 faculty members and more than 40 professional staff. Mrs. Redding, who has served as the assistant principal at Moriches Elementary School since August 2007, has held various roles throughout her educational career, including ESL teacher in the Hampton Bays School District and Suffolk County Community College, and in 2017, served as principal of the William Floyd School District Elementary Summer Literacy Program. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in linguistics/ TESOL at Stony Brook University, a Master of Arts in liberal studies from Stony Brook University and an Advanced Graduate Certificate in school district leadership from Stony



Brook University. She also holds a NYS School District Administrator Permanent Certification (K-12), as well as a NYS ESL Permanent Certification (K-12).

NEWS INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS



AMITYVILLE
Boys Win State Basketball Title
Amityville Memorial High School's boys varsity basketball team captured the Class A New York State championship with two wins at the Final Four tournament. The Warriors defeated Irondequoit High School, 52-42, on March 17. After knocking off the defending state champions, Amityville played Ardsley High School the following day. With a 74-54 win, the boys in red and gray earned their first state title since 2003. The team was guided by head coach Gordon Thomas and assistant coach Paul Robinson.



BABYLON
JSHS Inducts New Members Into National Honor Society
Congratulations to the 51 Babylon Junior-Senior High School students who were inducted into the school's National Honor Society. To qualify, the following criteria must be met: an 89.5 unweighted cumulative average; 20 hours of community service; a profound demonstration of character, leadership and service through an application process and two teacher recommendations.

BELLMORE
Students Celebrate Their Inner Superhero Leaders
Charles A. Reinhard Early Childhood Center students celebrated the district's core values and leadership principles



during the school's annual Superhero Leader Day. Students and faculty dressed up as their favorite superheroes. During classroom instruction, the students wrote about the superhero leaders at Reinhard, and pronouncements were read over the loudspeaker and posted on the Superhero Leader bulletin board for all to see.



BELLMORE-MERRICK
Kennedy Teams Earn \$3,000 at Northwell Health SPARK! Challenge
Two teams from Bellmore-Merrick Central High School's John F. Kennedy High School presented in the Northwell Health SPARK! Challenge competition, netting a \$3,000 award. The competition actually began last fall, when two groups of Kennedy students from science and engineering classes shadowed professionals in the Northwell Health System. The students completed the competition by giving presentations about the professionals at Northwell Health. Kennedy's ASR/ biology team won second place for its oral presentation and third place for its career advertisement poster representing the Emergency Department from North Shore-LIJ. Their combined prize includes a \$3,000 award to be used for a field trip chosen by the 14-member team and its teacher.

CARLE PLACE
Hooray for Hip Hop
As part of Hip Hop Culture, a new senior English elective at Carle Place High School, students have been learning about four distinct elements – emceeing, deejaying, graffiti and breakdancing – and understanding the common misconception



that hip hop refers only to rap music. Teacher Melissa Mehling has led students on a journey from the start of hip hop to its development as a global movement, and on trips to Harlem and the Bronx to experience elements of hip hop firsthand.



COMSEWOGUE
Writers Celebration
Following the reading of "The One and Only Ivan," a book inspired by a true story of a gorilla raised in a shopping mall, and two months of research on the rights of endangered animals, students in Mrs. Dunn's fourth-grade class presented their findings during a Writers Celebration at Terryville Road Elementary School. After learning how to formulate questions to drive their research, the students studied various animals and learned about their physical features, habitats and diets. The class turned their school library into a gallery by pairing their research projects and poems with a display of handmade illustrations visitors could purchase. The students raised more than \$50 dollars, which was donated to the World Wildlife Fund.

CONNETQUOT
Connetquot High School Students Attend Mathematics Competition
Fifteen Connetquot High School students



attended Nassau Community College's 18th annual Yes 2 Mathematics workshops and mathematics competition. The students participated in a mathematics-based competition against students from Nassau and Suffolk counties. Participants Jessica Chau, Brady Ferguson, Tyler Hane, Dan Haughie and Giridhar Mula secured the first-place title, while Albert Ang, Dominic Manicone, Thomas Szostak and Michael Vincente took home third place.



EAST MEADOW
East Rockaway Music Department Competes in Virginia Beach
The Music Department participated in its annual trip to the Festivals of Music Competition. This year boasted record participation, with 69 students from band, orchestra and chorus attending. The trip included a tour of the University of Delaware's Music Department and a discussion with undergraduate and graduate music students. While in Virginia Beach, Virginia, each ensemble performed for a panel of judges and received a clinic with a guest conductor. The senior band placed first, the senior orchestra placed second and the senior chorus placed third in their respective categories. All ensembles received a rating of excellent from the adjudicators.

ELMONT
Veterans Honor Dutch Broadway Sixth-Graders
Twenty-one sixth-grade students from Mr. Joseph Dooley and Mrs. Karen Rutledge's classes at Dutch Broadway School were honored by 19 local veterans for their community service. These students, under the supervision of physical education



teacher Deb Bennett, collect and sort recyclable bottles and cans throughout the school. Retired Marine Veteran Bill “The Can Man” Urianek recycles the bottles and all the money is donated to various veterans’ organizations. Since 2013, the students have collected more than 120,000 bottles and cans. Each volunteer presented the students with a volunteer service medal. Mr. Urianek presented a plaque to principal Amy Buchanan, recognizing Dutch Broadway for its years of participation in the program.



ELWOOD Recycling Pilot Program Comes to Elwood

The district has been selected to pilot a new school recycling program, at no cost to the district, inclusive of the carting fees and all materials, as part of the Suffolk Share Initiative, in partnership with the Suffolk County Executive’s office. Each classroom throughout the district will receive two containers to aid in recycling efforts – one for paper and one for plastic. Receptacles will also be placed in cafeterias to assist in recycling food-related waste. Other tools, including a large commercial scale, will be supplied by the county so that students can measure the impact of their efforts. Suffolk County will also share a voluntary curriculum, written by a panel of local educators to support the program.



FARMINGDALE Grammy Award Winner Returns to Record Next Album

Grammy Award-winning kids’ musician and performer Tim Kubart returned to Woodward Parkway Elementary School to record background vocal tracks for his upcoming album, “Building Blocks.” For the past three years, Kubart’s tour has included a stop at his elementary school. During last years’ show he heard the chorus and invited them to participate on his next album. The third-grade chorus sang the lyrics from his new song, “We Are Growing.”



FREEPORT Students Make Live Contact With Astronaut Scott Tingle Aboard the ISS

The district became one of only 13 districts nationwide and the only one in Nassau County to provide its students with a once-

in-a-lifetime opportunity to speak directly to an astronaut. Following a rigorous selection process by NASA, the district was chosen to make contact through ARISS, the Amateur Radio International Space Station, program. Students had the remarkable opportunity to ask questions of astronaut Scott D. Tingle aboard the International Space Station. In conjunction with the amateur radio telebridge network with a ground operator in Italy, contact was made with Tingle for about 10 minutes.



GLEN COVE Educators Become Students

Teachers at Connolly Elementary School took part in professional development, which is new to the district this year, with Columbia University’s Teachers College Reading and Writing Project staff developer Amanda Denmore. Ms. Denmore shared teaching strategies and best practices with the educators in narrative writing, research-based writing and other topics.



HALF HOLLOW HILLS Students Dream Big to Comfort Kids at NYU Winthrop Hospital

Students Ashley Kalb, Hayley Kalb, Marissa Mandel, Matthew Mandel and Morgan Mandel spearheaded a very successful Pajama Day throughout the district, where all students were encouraged to wear pajamas to school and bring a new pair to be donated to Children’s Medical Center at NYU Winthrop Hospital. More than 1,650 pairs of pajamas were donated to benefit pediatric patients.



HAMPTON BAYS Science Research Students Present at Annual Symposium

Hampton Bays High School Science Research students presented their scientific findings at the school’s fifth annual Science Research Symposium. The 19 students spent as many as four years working on their research projects. Topics included the medical uses of 3D technology, cardiovascular medicine, diabetes and obesity.

ISLIP Production of ‘Pippin’ Proves Magical

Islip High School’s theater company performed magic, bringing the play “Pippin” to life for three superlative performances. The production was the



culmination of long hours of planning and practice by the students enrolled in Dr. Rich Harris’ Theater Production course, which was first offered several years ago to provide students with an opportunity to better understand the roles and responsibilities of a professional theatrical production.



LINDENHURST Students Share Their Democratic Voices

The Wade-Burns Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7279 recognized several students for their written contributions to the 2017-18 VFW Voice of Democracy essay contests. The student essays reflected the theme, “America, Our Hope for the Future.” Lindenhurst High School students Jack Burton and Efrain Laguna, who took second and third place respectively, and were awarded with medals, certificates and monetary awards.



MALVERNE Select Choir Rates Superior

Malverne High School’s Select Choir received a superior rating and won first place out of six high school choirs in their division from around the country at the competition held at Busch Gardens. In addition, Kyrah Michael was awarded a medal as best soloist from all divisions. The choir is directed by Ken Zagare and was conducted by Deanna Vitola in this competition.



NORTH BABYLON Lessons in Mindfulness

Students and staff at North Babylon High School received a special visit from mindfulness coach and founder of the Long Island Center for Mindfulness Cory Muscara, who led them through a peaceful journey aimed at promoting oneness and well-being. The social-emotional training was aligned with the school’s ongoing

commitment to teaching students to be mindful and self-aware of their actions and emotions.



NORTHPORT STEM Challenge Raised Nearly \$30K for ALS Research

Young scientists and engineers from the community attended the fourth annual STEM Fair and Challenge at Northport High School. The event was expanded to include a grade K-4 fair featuring 21 STEM activities designed and facilitated by K-12 teachers, Technology and Engineering Honor Society students, and physics students. Participants exercised their creativity and problem-solving skills through hands-on experiences with VEX robotics, Scratch coding, laser mazes, flower chromatography, hover balloons and more. The Cyberian Tigers, the high school robotics team, also demonstrated their fifth-generation robot. At the STEM Challenge for grades 5-8, 25 teams from six different schools competed and earned awards in events including a Mystery Solution Mix-up, Circuit Central, the Marshmallow Tower Design and Puzzling Math. This event, organized as part of the Team Packard initiative and A Midwinter Night’s Dream Inc. raised nearly \$30,000 for the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which was directed to the Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins University.



PORT JEFFERSON Science Olympiad Team Ranks in State Competition

The Port Jefferson Middle School Science Olympiad team placed eighth overall in the New York State Science Olympiad Competition, held in Syracuse. The ranking is the second highest for the team in almost two decades. The team, which includes students from grades 6-9, achieved 12 medals in various events. During the awards ceremony, the team received a plaque for its accomplishment. According to coach and middle school science teacher Adam Bouchard, the students were successful due to their hard work in studying scientific principles and engineering devices to complete the various tasks.

RIVERHEAD Geology of Beaches

Sixth-graders at Pulaski Street Elementary School spent a day learning about the geological differences between area



beaches on the North and South shores. The students visited Indian Island County Park, where they fished with a net and discussed the importance of estuaries; Hallock State Park Preserve, where they took a nature walk to search for evidence of glaciation; the Shinnecock Canal, where they learned about the waterway's importance to Long Island; and Ponquogue Beach, where they took part in a sand casting art project.



ROCKY POINT

Creating Memories for Syrian Children

A group of juniors in Gregory Armine's Drawing and Painting class at Rocky Point High School and seniors from Seth Meier's Advanced Placement Studio Art class created very special portraits for Syrian children living in refugee camps. The Memory Project, which is a Wisconsin-based organization, asks young artists from around the world to create portraits for children who are living in impoverished areas of the world. The joy of these children as they receive their portraits is a wonderful thing to see and can be watched in a video produced by the Memory Project staff.



SAG HARBOR

Mock Trial Leads to Student Learning

Wearing Colonial garb, Jeff Reed's fourth-grade class at Sag Harbor Elementary School held a mock trial to determine the fate of three famous leaders of New York's earliest colony, New Netherland of the Dutch Republic. Three student attorneys defended their "clients" against a prosecutor who levied a series of charges, while their peers served as the jury, complete with a foreman. Leading up to the trial, the students independently researched primary documents for arguments supporting their clients and prepared a defense for the many historical accusations that remain debatable. The lesson coincided with the fourth-grade social studies curriculum on early American history.

SEAFORD

Shirts Showcase Life After High School

Seaford High School seniors looked toward the future as they wore shirts representing



the colleges and universities they will attend after graduation during National Decision Day. College Awareness Day is an annual tradition for the soon-to-be graduates. Faculty and administrators, who wore the shirts of their alma maters, bonded with students wearing the same college shirt, uniting them under a new identity.



SEWANHAKA

National Merit Scholarship Achievement for NHP Students

New Hyde Park Memorial High School students Aisha Abdelhamid, Sahran Amin, Minato Fukuda, Nicole Joseph, Aleena Kavanakudy, Vishwaiti Sharma, Ramsha Shoaib and Emily Yuan took the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and met requirements to enter the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to the students, who are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants.



SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER

Celebrating Earth Day

Miller Avenue Elementary School students did more than just observe Earth Day. With a gift of 50 white pine saplings from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, second-graders planted the trees native to the region. The hard work that the students in Linda Burke's and Alice Steinbrecher's classes accomplished helped beautify the Miller Avenue School property. Each student was also given a tree to plant at home.



SMITHTOWN

Coding Enrichment Program for Budding Scientists

For the second consecutive year, Smithtown High School East science research coordinator Maria Zeitlin has partnered with Brookhaven National Laboratory to provide an enrichment program open to all interested 10th-12th grade students. Twenty-one students participated in the weekly scientific coding seminars, which ran from the start of school until the end of April. During the final session, instructor Dave Biersach, along with the directors of

Brookhaven National Laboratory's Office of Educational Programs, were on hand to deliver certificates to all the student participants.



SPRINGS

Embracing Tolerance and Respect Through Art

Sixth-grade students and their families worked together to complete an art project during the Spring Schools' first Diversity Institute event. Student ambassadors planned the entire evening, which included activities to teach tolerance and respect.



SYOSSET

Learning Empathy Through History

Music students at Robbins Lane Elementary School studied the music of the Civil Rights Movement to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Under the direction of music teacher Dr. Catherine da Silva, students studied the lyrics of "We Shall Overcome" using a Smithsonian historical recording from 1964, wrote a special verse of their own for the song and then performed their composition with their classmates. Students also read the Caldecott Award-winning "Martin's Big Words," a stirring picture book about the life of Dr. King that teaches empathy and the power of being an upstander. Students shared 10 ways to be an upstander and learned how to "keep their empathy radars up."



THREE VILLAGE

Iron Patriots Showcase Talents on Regional Stage

Ward Melville High School's robotics team – the Ward Melville Iron Patriots – competed in the 2018 FIRST Robotics competition. After three grueling days of battle, the Iron Patriots emerged as second-place winners. This was an amazing accomplishment for a team that has only existed for two years.

VALLEY STREAM THIRTY

Dancing Into First Place

Twelve fifth-graders from Shaw Avenue Elementary School proudly represented their school and the district by earning first place in Dancing Classrooms of Long Island's "Spring Colors of the Rainbow Team Match and Festival." Students who took part in the 10-week, 20-lesson



residency program, Dancing Classrooms: Creating Connections. Inspiring Confidence, put their dancing skills to the test during the event. Shaw Avenue was among seven Nassau and Suffolk elementary schools and 84 fourth- and fifth-grade students who participated in the competition at George W. Hewlett High School. The students received a large gold trophy and individual medallions for their achievement.



WANTAGH

Perfect Sales Pitch

Wantagh High School's Virtual Enterprises International firm Guaco Taco, a taco food truck, earned a silver medal in the Sales Pitch Competition at the 2018 Youth Business Summit held at the New York City International Trade Show. Members of the firm include Nancy Ambrosio (CEO), Donald Conway (Human Resources), Gabriella Iannuzzo (CMO), Joseph Loccisano (IT), Jonathan Loew (Finance), Kiera Roth (Administration), Matthew Ryall (Sales and Marketing) and Stephen Vaiano (CFO). The Youth Business Summit is a global business convention for VEI students, providing participants the opportunity to demonstrate their professional skills and business acumen developed through running a VE company.



WEST BABYLON

Learning in the Field

Fourth-grade students from Santapogue Elementary School took a field trip to Connetquot State Park, including a tour of the hatchery. Students discovered the underwater world of ponds through hands-on sampling and field observations. After visiting the pond, the class went indoors to look at microscopic organisms and discuss their role in the food chain.

WEST ISLIP

40 Inducted Into Business and Marketing Honor Society

West Islip High School inducted 40 exemplary students into the New York State Business and Marketing Honor Society. Both in the classroom and through extracurricular involvement, students selected for recognition demonstrated the outstanding qualities of character, leadership and community service. Keynote speaker Robert Cutrone, a 2010 West Islip alumnus, the founder of Just Press Play Entertainment and the owner of The Bean coffee house in Patchogue, shared stories of his own experiences as a young entrepreneur.

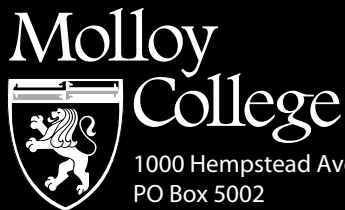




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