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VIOLENCE PREVENTION CERTIFICATION
Wednesday, July 11, 2018  9-11 a.m.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION CERTIFICATION
Wednesday, July 11, 2018  12-2 p.m.

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Monday, June 11, 2018  4-7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 17, 2018  9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Monday, August 27, 2018  9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

“SCOPE Education Services, a not-for-profit organization currently celebrating our 52nd year, is permanently chartered by the New York State Board of Regents to provide services to public school districts on Long Island and in New York State.”

George L. Duffy, Executive Director
We Are Growing to Serve You Better

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.

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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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

Tameka Kendrick-Bredwood
Lisette UFSD

Dr. Neil Katsky
Long Island CSD

Michael A. LaRosa
Bayport-Blue Point UFSD

Dr. Dennis E. Smith
East Islip UFSD

Janet Studley
Comsewogue UFSD

Louise Taylor
Lakeville UFSD

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Support Staff Service Awards

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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.

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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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 create a student food pantry. 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.

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. Flootw 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 S$6 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.

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 District through his role in supporting students and teachers. While at JFK, he focused on aligning the district’s educational programs to 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.

ROCKY POINT
Coach Named a National Hall of Fame Inductee

Rocky Point High School wrestling coach Dr. Paul 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 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.

LYNBROOK
Lybrook 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.

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.
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 Iona Prep 59-52 in the first round on March 14 and then triumphed over defending state champs, Long Island Lutheran High School, 52-42, on March 17. After knocking off the defending state champions, Amityville played Asbury Park 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.

BELLMORE-MERRICK

Kennedy Teams Earn $5,000 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.

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.

CONNEQUOT

Connepquot High School Students Attend Mathematics Competition

Fifteen Connetquot High School students competed in Virginia Beach. 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 Giriadh Mula secured the first-place title, while Albert Ang, Dominic Manicone, Thomas Szostak and Michael Vincente took home third place.

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.

DEERFIELD

Katherine M. Deerfield Award

The Katherine M. Deerfield Award was presented to Johanna Young, who exemplifies the Deerfield tradition of excellence in science, creativity and athletic endeavor. Young is a member of Deerfield’s varsity soccer and cross-country teams and has been actively involved in numerous extracurricular activities. She is a member of the Women in Science Club and has co-led a project to research the effects of temperature on the growth of plants. Young has also been involved in art, music and community service. She has performed in five plays, two of which she directed, and was a member of the student-run chamber music group. Young’s commitment to her academic work is evident in her GPA of 4.0. She is a member of the National Science Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, the National French Honor Society and the National Honors Society. She is an accomplished musician and has performed with Deerfield’s Bluegrass Band, the junior high and senior high choirs, and in the senior high school musicals. Young is a mentor to first-year students and has volunteered at a local soup kitchen. She plans to major in biology as an honors student at Harvard University. She credits her academic advisor, Dr.维持， with helping her achieve her goals.

FIFTEEN CONNETQUOT

Annual Math Competition

The 18th annual Yes 2 Mathematics workshops and mathematics competition was held at Nassau Community College’s Community College Campus in Garden City. 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 Giriadh Mula secured the first-place title, while Albert Ang, Dominic Manicone, Thomas Szostak and Michael Vincente took home third place.

HOOBECK

Impressive Talent

The “Chopped Art” project, inspired by the hit television show “Chopped,” was one of the highlights of the 2018 Art Walk sponsored by the Huntington Art Association. 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. The “Chopped Art” project, inspired by the hit television show “Chopped,” was one of the highlights of the 2018 Art Walk sponsored by the Huntington Art Association. 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 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).

WILLIAM FLOYD

JSHS Inducts New Members Into National Honor Society

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WILLIAM FLOYD

Advanced Graduate Certificate in TESOL

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**Recreational 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 carring fees and all materials, as part of the Suffolk Share Initiative, in partnership with the Suffolk County Executive 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.

**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 ARIS3, 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.

**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 school and bring a new pair to bring a new pair to 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 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, Dr. Jerry 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
School Shirts Showcase Life After High Grade social studies curriculum on early American history. The lesson coincided with the fourth-grade prepared a defense for the many historical researched primary documents for the trial, the students independently complete with a foreman. Leading up to the trial, the students held a mock trial to determine the fate of three famous leaders of New School held a mock trial to determine the Water of life. The joy of these children things to see and can be watched in a video created very special portraits for children living in refugee camps. The children created very special portraits for Syrian children. 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.

SEANAKHA National Merit Scholarship Achievement for NHP Students New Hyde Park Memorial High School students Aisha Abdellahi, Sahran Amin, Minato Fukuda, Nicole Joseph, Alena Kavaganuky, Vedhawat Sharma, Ramsha Shoub 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 Zerlin 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 science coding seminars, which ran from the start of school until the end of April. During the final session, instructor Dave Biernach, along with the directors of 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.

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 Guaoco 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 Loece (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.

WANTAGH Learning in the Field Fourth-grade students from Santapogue Elementary School took a field trip to Connessut 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 Carbone, a 2010 West Islip alumnus, the founder of Just Press Play Entertainment and the owner of The Beach House in Patchogue, shared stories of his own experiences as a young entrepreneur.
Molloy College will provide professional development opportunities for teachers this summer through a series of week-long institutes being offered at either the Rockville Centre campus at 1000 Hempstead Avenue, or the Suffolk Center at Route 110, on the grounds of Republic Airport located at 7180 Republic Airport, in East Farmingdale. The institutes can be taken for 3 graduate credits or on a non-credit basis for 2 in-service credits. 60 institutes will be offered in the methods and techniques of teaching such subject areas as English Language Arts, Math, TESOL, General Interest, Special Ed, Science, and Advanced Placement Subject Areas.

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