



Celebrating 50 Years of Service

# Forum

## Save the Date

### Violence Prevention Certification

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 4-6 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 9-11 a.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 4-6 p.m.

### Child Abuse Certification

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 4-6 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 12-2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016 4-6 p.m.

### DASA Certification

Monday, June 6, 2016 3:45-7 p.m.  
Monday, July 11, 2016 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Thursday, August 4, 2016 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dear Readers,

The 15th annual SCOPE Education Services School District Awards Dinner was held this year on March 14 at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook. Once again, public school districts in Nassau and Suffolk counties selected individuals in the categories of School Board Service, Teacher Service, Support Staff Service, Administrator Service and Community Service to be honored for providing outstanding service to their respective school districts. A total of 35 school districts honored 123 individuals at the dinner, which was attended by nearly 950 people.

Honorees were selected by their districts for having gone above and beyond in providing the children and the communities they serve with outstanding student and community programs. Every awardee was invited to the dinner with a guest free of charge, presented with a beautiful personalized plaque, and had a brief bio published in the program. I had the pleasure of presenting each honoree with the award while families, friends and colleagues cheered, applauded, snapped pictures and acknowledged their outstanding achievements.

Assisting with the presentations were Mrs. Susan Schnebel, president of the SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of the Islip School District; Dr. Walter Schartner, treasurer of the SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of the Sayville School District; Dr. Charles Russo, past president of the SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of the East Moriches School District; Dr. Robert Feirsen, member of the SCOPE Board of Directors and superintendent of the Garden City School District; and Mr. Michael O'Brien, associate director of SCOPE.

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

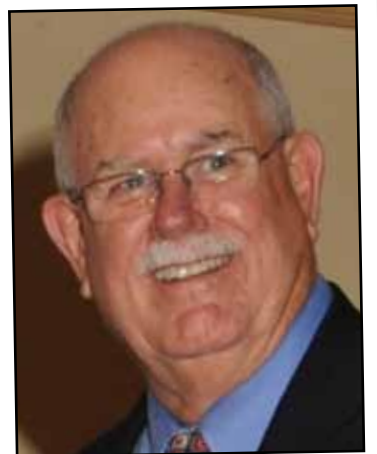
I also was honored to present Mrs. Schnebel with the National School Development Council's Cooperative Leadership Award. This award recognizes exemplary efforts to establish cooperative relationships with other educational agencies or study councils in the course of creating educational programs for the nation's schools. In addition to serving as president of the SCOPE board and as superintendent of the Islip School District, Mrs. Schnebel is currently president of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association.

Congratulations to every individual honored, and thank you for all you do to make Long Island's school districts the best in our nation. I would also like to thank the staff at SCOPE, particularly Ann Nuzzo, Christine Cosme and Jennifer Milillo, who assisted with this very successful event.

Again, congratulations to all of the honorees. I hope that you enjoy this edition of The Forum, which is dedicated to them and their accomplishments.

Sincerely,

George L. Duffy  
Executive Director



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George L. Duffy, Executive Director



*Riverhead School District UPK Program.*

# Spotlight on Excellence

## Programs of the Month Supervised by Mellisa Krauss

Riverhead was in the spotlight for January, February and March. The teaching staff, who clearly have a love for their students and the art of teaching, are to be commended for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Every day is an adventure for the students as they prepare their way on the road to kindergarten.

**January Program of the Month: Ms. Kristina Amato and Ms. Diane Johnson** – Ms. Kristina Amato and Ms. Diane Johnson’s UPK classroom at Phillips Avenue School in Riverhead is full of energy and excitement. Students are cheerfully engaged in an environment that showcases their creativity and art. Happiness is the key ingredient that is felt throughout.

**February Program of the Month: Ms. Heather Catanzaro and Ms. Jessica Weeks** – In Ms. Catanzaro and Ms. Weeks’ UPK classroom, kind and gentle demeanors create a learning environment that is warm and inviting. Students are always encouraged to do their best and clearly take pride in their work every day.

**March Program of the Month: Ms. Jamie Freel and Ms. Nancy Beddow** – Ms. Freel and Ms. Beddow have established a UPK classroom that is filled with students’ artwork with a focus on literature. Students are always engaged in a happy environment where they flourish.

## Programs of the Month Supervised by Cheri Markland

**January Program of the Month: East Meadow – Bowling Green Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:** This program has been working in collaboration with the New York State Quality Stars Program to improve the overall quality of day care programs across the state. Activities are based on each child’s needs, with a focus on engaging all children in fun experiences. Parents and staff work together with obvious cohesion and genuine caring at all times. Program Director Victoria Stein and her remarkable staff take their responsibilities very seriously, and the youngest of SCOPE’s children are truly loved and cared for in this environment.

**February Program of the Month: Great Neck – Baker Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:** This program is characterized by seamless transitions reflective of a team that works very well together. Supervisor Michele Sobel and her staff comprised of Neela Adam, Gregory Baron, Julie Kern, Shira Klein, Luis Ramirez and Santiago Sierra collaborate to create, organize and facilitate engaging and enjoyable activities. The children are happy to be there and reluctant to leave.

**March Program of the Month: Commack – Woodpark Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:** The outstanding attributes of this program filter down from the soft and effective demeanor of Program Supervisor Kavina Kalikasingh and the care provided by her willing staff Jacqueline Capua, Jennifer Ford, Lauren Haas, Meaghan Mahoney, Judy Sainato and Yasmin Zafar. The children are respected, as evidenced in the way they are spoken to and the tone of the conversations taking place, and are always engaged in creative arts and crafts activities.

## U.S. Army PE Circuit Training

The vision of the U.S. Army PE Circuit Training program is to engage students in mutually beneficial events that develop the character, leadership, teamwork and communication skills they will need to be successful as adults in the civilian or military careers in which they choose to serve. Geared toward high school students, the training features a circuit of several different team-building events. These are set up in the gymnasium or outdoors and are tailored to the size and total time of the class. The events are a combination of physical and mental activities structured to develop communication and leadership skills. All

events are conducted in small teams, and our non-commissioned officers — leaders of character who have proven themselves in both combat and peacetime operations in the U.S. Army — serve as cadre for each challenge and conduct post-event assessments to reinforce lessons learned. The U.S. Army PE Circuit Training program is available to all high schools at no cost. For Suffolk County, contact CPT Joseph Imbriaco at joseph.j.imbriaco.mil@mail.mil or at 631-588-2433 (office) or 631-896-7830 (cell). For Nassau County, contact CPT Kyle Surridge at 516-749-9531 (cell) or 718-428-4920 (office).



*Hauppauge School District.*



# SCOPE Recognizes Outstanding Staff and Programs

SCOPE regularly evaluates its staff and recognizes those who exemplify the professional characteristics that make SCOPE programs truly outstanding. Staff are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Knowledge and implementation of the SCOPE regulations.
- Overall program planning skills, including community service projects and special events.
- Leadership skills and, when needed, crisis management.
- Successful relationship building with children, parents and staff.
- Timely and efficient management of internal paperwork.
- Maintaining of a positive attitude and exemplary attendance.



Hicksville School District Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program.

## Programs of the Month Supervised by Paula Driscoll

**January Program of the Month: Hampton Bays – Hampton Bays Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:**

Supervisor Jeanne Smith, Assistant Supervisor Daniela Demasco, and support staff Nancy Staton and Patricia Stuart continuously work together to provide children with positive and meaningful experiences. During weekly meetings, children share their experiences and ideas related to community service. Through bottle collections, funds are donated to help developing countries, while recycling projects during Earth Week helped raise social consciousness.

**February Program of the Month: Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen – Wheeler Avenue Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:**

Program Supervisor Samone Wright, Assistant Supervisor Lisann Henry, and support staff Jeanette Manno, Eveth Roopnarine, Daja Stallworth, Bianca Steele and Gloria Taylor use their inventive skills to engage children in activities including recycling and the production and staging of the annual fashion show. The children are very proud and eager to show their products and model for their invited guests.

**March Program of the Month: Brentwood – Southeast Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:**

Children thrive in the welcoming and supportive environment of this program. It is apparent that Supervisor Lori Pinzarrone, Assistant Supervisor Ola Hartage, and support staff Josephine Romanosky and Joan Childs truly care about the children. The children are encouraged to let their creative instincts run wild through a variety of special events such as Crazy Hat Day, National Cereal Day and Special Person’s Day. The dedication of the staff to the children and their families is greatly appreciated.

## Programs of the Month Supervised by Renee Mercer

**January Program of the Month: Uniondale – California Avenue Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:**

Under the guidance and direction of Supervisor Jennifer Bellamy, Assistant Supervisor Inez Charman, and support staff Destini Bates, Shiela George, Christina Green and Lorraine Mongiello, traditions centered on the community are the focus of this program. For the past 10 years, in December, the staff and children make and donate holiday baskets that are distributed to the Nassau Extended Care Facility in Hempstead. Effective teamwork is a major claim to fame in this program.

**February Program of the Month: Hicksville – Woodland Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:**

This is one of SCOPE’s largest programs. Supervisor Marilyn Mullervy oversees a wonderful program that is supported by excellent teamwork and positive

attitudes. Children have a great time and parent feedback has always been positive. Thank you to Ms. Mullervy, Assistant Supervisor Leslie Lazarus, and dedicated child care aides Marissa Cacioppo, June Caputo, Barbara Fagiolo, Angela Hernandez, Margo Kahles, Allison Keenan, Kathryn Manna and Teresa Nagelberg.

**March Program of the Month: Mineola – Hampton Street Elementary School Afternoon School-Age Child Care Program:**

Children are always eagerly engaged in this highly energized program. The entire staff gets involved in each activity, whether it be a craft or a competitive game of “Fire and Ice” in the gym. It is obvious the children love attending this program and adore the SCOPE staff. Thank you to Supervisor Andrew Rivas, Assistant Supervisor Allison Briceno and child care aide Valeria Capone.

## Dowling College/SCOPE Transformational Digital Teaching and Learning

Recognizing the important role that technology plays within today’s educational landscape, Dowling College partnered with SCOPE Education Services to host an interactive and engaging service conference for more than 70 Long Island educators on March 4. The event, “Transformational Digital Teaching and Learning,” featured a panel of professionals from local school districts on the forefront of technological advances.

Representatives from the Amityville, Huntington, Mineola and Westhampton Beach school districts, as well as Western

Suffolk and Eastern Suffolk BOCES, spoke about how they are using one-to-one computer teaching to enhance educational opportunities for students. Panelists also spoke about building an infrastructure to support the simultaneous operation of multiple digital tools, how to monitor and access student learning on an individualized basis, and how to identify solutions for most critical challenges.

Following the success of this conference, plans are underway to offer a second conference during the 2016-2017 school year.



Amityville School District.





# *Shining Above the Rest*

## SCOPE HONORS TRAILBLAZERS DURING 15TH ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Educational leaders from across Long Island gathered together to honor and celebrate more than 100 dedicated professionals during SCOPE's 15th annual School District Awards Dinner, held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook on March 4.

The evening's honorees, who each embodied the event's theme of "Shining Above the Rest," hailed from school districts across the region. They were chosen

for recognition based upon their extraordinary dedication and exemplary contributions to the field of education during the 2015-16 school year. Awards were presented in five categories: School Board Service, Teacher Service, Support Staff Service, Administrator Service and Community Service.

In his welcoming remarks, SCOPE Executive Director George Duffy praised each of the award winners for

their dedication and the incredible work they do every day on behalf of thousands of students. Following the opening remarks, members of SCOPE's Board of Directors assisted in presenting each of the evening's honored guests with personalized commemorative plaques. Those who were recognized were humble in their appreciation, and all acknowledged a continued commitment to serve.





# Congratulations to the 2016 Leadership and Service Award Recipients

## SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE AWARDS

Christopher Alcure  
Smithtown CSD  
Andrew A. Arcuri  
Bay Shore UFSD  
Robin Bolling  
Westbury UFSD  
Al Centamore  
Deer Park UFSD  
Pam DeFord  
Kings Park CSD  
Barbara Ferguson  
North Babylon UFSD  
Wendy Gargiulo  
North Merrick UFSD  
Robert Guerriero  
William Floyd UFSD  
George “Skip” Haile  
North Merrick UFSD  
Jennifer Kerrane  
New Hyde Park-Garden  
City Park UFSD  
Keith Kolar  
Sayville UFSD  
Larry LaPointe  
Bridgehampton UFSD  
Mary Jo Masciello  
Commack UFSD  
James Moran  
Levittown UFSD  
Dr. Jack Oats  
East Moriches UFSD  
Michael Pomerico  
Freeport UFSD  
Jeannette Santos  
Amityville UFSD  
Jeannette Santos  
Western Suffolk BOCES  
Willa Scott  
Roosevelt UFSD

## TEACHER SERVICE AWARDS

Bridget Balducci  
New Hyde Park-Garden  
City Park UFSD  
Kathleen Barber  
Brentwood UFSD  
Christopher Bilella  
Bay Shore UFSD  
Seth Brechtel  
Westbury UFSD  
Maria K. Brown  
Sayville UFSD  
Peter Burawa  
Port Jefferson UFSD  
Brian China  
Malverne UFSD  
Christine Evola  
Little Flower UFSD  
Michael Goodwin  
William Floyd UFSD  
Wendy Gross  
William Floyd UFSD  
William Herr  
Massapequa UFSD

Laura Hill-Primiano  
West Islip UFSD  
Teresa Horoszewski  
Center Moriches UFSD  
Carmella Joyce  
Garden City UFSD  
Colleen Kretz  
Amityville UFSD  
Jesseca Kulesa  
Hauppauge UFSD  
Joshua Levitt  
Freeport UFSD  
Suzanne Malloy  
Wyandanch UFSD  
Nicole Malone  
Kings Park CSD  
Virginia Mesiano  
Center Moriches UFSD  
Anna Maria Montuori  
North Babylon UFSD  
Dr. Patricia Neville  
West Babylon UFSD  
Nicole Papa  
East Moriches UFSD  
Deborah Pulitano  
West Islip UFSD  
Siobhan Schneider  
Levittown UFSD  
Jenny Schoenstein  
Oysterponds UFSD  
Carol Serrano  
Longwood CSD  
Elizabeth Stein  
Smithtown CSD  
Nancy Tacali  
Roosevelt UFSD  
Janet Werner  
Deer Park UFSD  
Helen Wolfe  
Bridgehampton UFSD

## SUPPORT STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

Danielle Aiken  
Deer Park UFSD  
Maria Alessi  
Lindenhurst UFSD  
Deborah Aloia  
North Babylon UFSD  
Mary Beekman  
Longwood CSD  
Patti Capobianco  
Kings Park CSD  
Jason Carella  
Port Jefferson UFSD  
Cathy Carlozzi  
Sag Harbor UFSD  
Sue Casquarelli  
Massapequa UFSD  
Elizabeth Hamid  
William Floyd UFSD  
Troy Hill  
Wyandanch UFSD  
Marie Holm  
West Babylon UFSD  
Corinne Jones  
Sag Harbor UFSD

Grace Marek  
Hauppauge UFSD  
Linda A. Mittiga  
Sayville UFSD  
Erik Nakutavicius  
New Hyde Park-Garden  
City Park UFSD  
Jeanne O’Neill  
Amityville UFSD  
Donna Papa  
Levittown UFSD  
Donna Ragogna  
North Merrick UFSD  
Debra Rainey  
Roosevelt UFSD  
Janet M. Read  
Smithtown CSD  
Joanne Staff  
Bay Shore UFSD  
Jen Suarez  
Bridgehampton UFSD  
Tammy Sutton  
Garden City UFSD  
Cathy Taveras  
East Moriches UFSD

## ADMINISTRATOR SERVICE AWARDS

Laura DeLuca  
North Merrick UFSD  
Donna Denon  
Sag Harbor UFSD  
Dr. Thomas J. Fasano  
Massapequa UFSD  
Keith Fasciana  
William Floyd UFSD  
Susan Greca  
Freeport UFSD  
Sean Leister  
Port Jefferson UFSD  
Brett MacMonigle  
Central Islip UFSD  
Dr. Timothy Martin  
Islip UFSD  
Rudy Massimo  
Kings Park CSD  
Shaun McLeod  
Deer Park UFSD  
Nateasha McVea  
Roosevelt UFSD  
Dawn Morrison  
West Islip UFSD  
Frank Mortillaro  
Levittown UFSD  
John Nolan  
Smithtown CSD  
Ann Palmer  
Brentwood UFSD  
Susanne Peña  
Amityville UFSD  
Tracy Poulton, Ph.D.  
Longwood CSD  
Ronald Reinken  
North Merrick UFSD  
Dr. Vincent Romano  
Malverne UFSD

Linda Scalice  
Bay Shore UFSD  
Sean Sharp  
Bridgehampton UFSD  
Juanita Sherwood  
Westbury UFSD  
Shamika Simpson  
Wyandanch UFSD  
John E. Stimmel, Ed.D.  
Sayville UFSD  
Gina Talbert  
Wyandanch UFSD  
Dale Telmer  
Westbury UFSD  
Diane Weiss  
New Hyde Park-Garden  
City Park UFSD

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Susan Barbash  
Bay Shore UFSD  
Aaron Bennett  
Westbury UFSD  
Gloria Boyd  
New Hyde Park-Garden  
City Park UFSD  
Anne Carlin  
Kings Park CSD  
Don Crummell  
Roosevelt UFSD  
Richard P. D’Andrea  
Sayville UFSD  
Michael Draper  
Massapequa UFSD  
Joseph Granieri  
West Babylon UFSD  
Jeffrey D. Johnson  
Freeport UFSD  
Kathleen Johnson  
Center Moriches UFSD  
Mackenzie Johnston  
West Babylon UFSD  
Michelle Kaiserman  
Garden City UFSD  
Esta Lachow  
Levittown UFSD  
Allen Lewis  
Malverne UFSD  
Tony Martinez  
Deer Park UFSD  
Kathleen (Kat)  
McClelland  
Bridgehampton UFSD  
Irene Navas  
Center Moriches UFSD  
Laura Pawlewicz  
Amityville UFSD  
Debra Perez  
East Moriches UFSD  
Christopher Reilly  
Longwood CSD  
Naomi Solo  
Port Jefferson UFSD  
Desiree Woodhull-Brown  
Wyandanch UFSD



2016 School Board Service Award Recipients



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2016 Administrator Service Award Recipients



2016 Community Service Award Recipients



# SCOPE 15th Annual School District Awards Dinner



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# Congratulations Are in Order

## APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**AMITYVILLE**  
**Amityville Appoints Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services**

Carole Polney is the new assistant superintendent for technology and administrative services for the Amityville Union Free School District. Previously, she was coordinator of assessments, data, learning and technology in the Babylon School District. She currently serves as vice president of the Association of Suffolk Supervisors for Educational Technologies and president of the Babylon Administrators' Association.



**BABYLON**  
**Donation Offers Support for District's New Program**

Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, Babylon Junior-Senior High School will be one of only a few high schools on Long Island to partner with the Project Lead

the Way program, the nation's leading provider of STEM/STEAM programs. Thanks to a \$200,000 donation from Babylon resident and philanthropist Theresa Santmann, the district is well on its way to offering the support needed to make the program a success.



**BALDWIN**  
**Superintendent Dr. Shari L. Camhi Receives NSPRA Superintendents to Watch Award**

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shari L. Camhi has received the 2016 Superintendents to Watch Award from the National School Public Relations Association as one of 25 new superintendents nationally who use communication technology in innovative and effective ways. She is the only superintendent on Long Island, and one of two in the state, to receive this award. Dr. Camhi has been superintendent of the Baldwin Schools since September 2014, where she has been a visible leader who regularly invites the community and educational

leaders to visit the schools in action. To encourage dialogue, she utilizes gallery walks, facilitated conversations and strategic planning. In addition, she meets periodically with her Student Advisory Council and is an active member of the Community Coalition of Baldwin.



**HARBORFIELDS**  
**Harborfields Appoints Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources**

During its March business meeting, the Harborfields CSD Board of Education appointed Harborfields High School Principal Dr. Rory Manning to the position of assistant superintendent for administration and human resources, effective Aug. 1, 2016. Dr. Manning will be replacing Dr. Francesco Ianni, who will be assuming the position of superintendent of schools, effective Jan. 1, 2017.

**HICKSVILLE**  
**Supe's On in Hicksville**

Hicksville Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carl Bonuso welcomed special guest speaker Dr. Robert J. Manley of Dowling College for the year's third Supe's On event.

Supe's On, a new initiative intended to expand the avenues of communication between Dr. Bonuso and district residents, serves as a casual forum of conversation over soup and coffee. In a presentation titled "What Every Child Should Know Before Entering School," Dr. Manley and Dr. Bonuso spoke about what parents and families can do with students of preschool age to prepare them for their academic careers. Dr. Bonuso emphasized early childhood education and spoke about the importance of excellence through equity. One of the ways to achieve this goal is by ensuring an early start for as much of the population as possible, he explained.



**LEVITTOWN**  
**Levittown Trustees Receive Board Excellence Awards**

The Levittown School District is pleased to announce that Board of



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## APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Vice President James Moran, Secretary Karen Quinones-Smith and Trustees Michael Pappas and Frank Ward received Board Excellence Awards bestowed by the New York State School Boards Association.

This recognition highlights the trustees' participation in leadership development opportunities through NYSSBA's School Board U Program, which acknowledges board members who continually strive to expand their expertise and knowledge of board governance through leadership development opportunities.



### LINDENHURST

#### Harding Teacher Is an ASSET and a Bright Light

The Lindenhurst Union Free School District is pleased to congratulate Harding Avenue Elementary School Life Skills teacher Caitlin Curran, who was recognized during the annual Association of Suffolk Supervisors for Educational Technologies Bright Light Luncheon at Timber Point Country Club in Great River. The Bright Light award recognizes

educators who integrate technology into the classroom and create an excellent learning experience for students.

Harding Avenue Principal Brian Chamberlin nominated Ms. Curran for the honor, stating, "The students in Ms. Curran's class are multi-sensory learners, and the interactive technology program she incorporates enhances their natural learning styles. She is well-deserving of recognition for all of the great things she is doing for not only her students, but her colleagues as well."



### LONGWOOD

#### Middle School Assistant Principal Named 2016 Dr. Mary Barter Scholarship Recipient

Longwood Middle School Assistant Principal Tracy Adams has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Dr. Mary Barter Scholarship for Women and Minorities from the New York State Council of School Superintendents.

Nominated by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael R. Lonergan, the single scholarship is

awarded annually to promote and inspire women and/or minorities interested in the field of leadership. The scholarship is awarded to a nominated woman and/or minority enrolled in a graduate study program through which the school district administrator certification or doctoral degree may be awarded.



### ROCKY POINT

#### Top Administrator of the Year

Rocky Point Middle School Principal Dr. Scott O'Brien has been named the 2016 Council of Administrators and Supervisors Middle School Administrator of the Year.



### SMITHTOWN

#### Smithtown HSE Art Teacher Honored

Smithtown High School

East art teacher Tim Needles is the recipient of the National Art Education Association's 2016 AET Outstanding Teaching Award. Needles was nominated for the honor by art education colleague Rebecca Mir of the Guggenheim Museum.

### WILLIAM FLOYD

#### William Floyd Named 'District of Distinction'

The William Floyd School District was named a "District of Distinction" for March 2016 by District Administration magazine, a district-level publication for leaders in K-12 education that showcases effective and innovative programs from districts across the nation that can serve as models for replication. William Floyd was selected as one of 33 school districts for March for "Differentiated Professional Development for Teachers," in which teachers with skills in certain areas were tapped to become teacher leaders and provide training to their colleagues.





## BAYPORT-BLUE POINT Supporting Cancer Research

James Wilson Young Middle School helped to spread awareness of childhood cancers and raise funds for research during the school's annual St. Baldrick's event this March. The middle school raised \$17,283 during the event.



## BRENTWOOD Celebrating Differences

The Brentwood School District launched Celebrating Differences, a program that touches upon the different special needs that encompass our population. The entire faculty and staff, including teachers, monitors, teaching assistants, custodians and kitchen staff, wore "homemade T-shirts." A portion of the proceeds for each shirt was donated to the Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation.

The entire student body participated by rocking their most colorful, fun, mismatched socks. The socks served as a conversation starter for students. To end this beautiful day, parents of children with Down syndrome visited with students.

## COPIAGUE Terrific Success for Copiague's Top 20

As a way to honor the accomplishments of the top 20 students in the graduating Class of 2016 while simultaneously giving recognition to the dedicated faculty who helped them on their journey to success, Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School hosted

a special luncheon for the students and their families.

Gathered in the school's cafeteria, Principal Joseph Agosta read a short summary of each of the top 20 students' accomplishments and anticipated post-high school endeavors. Following their introduction, the students expressed their gratitude to the teacher whom they value most and credited them for helping them throughout their academic journey.



## EAST ISLIP East Islip Middle Schoolers Host Discussion with Local Legislator

East Islip Middle School's student government met with Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi to discuss topics such as parliamentary procedures, "Robert's Rules of Order" and how to properly organize meetings.



## EAST ROCKAWAY Rhame Girls Learn the Meaning of Beauty

Third-graders at Rhame Avenue School took part in the Beautiful Me project, a self-esteem workshop with psychologist Dr. Alissa Nunes and social worker Dawn

Ragone.

The girls learned the benefits of healthy self-concepts and relationships. They also redefined what it means to be beautiful.



## ELWOOD Forensic DNA Fingerprinting

Led by representatives from the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory DNA Learning Center, seventh-grade students at Elwood Middle School discovered how scientists create DNA fingerprints through a hands-on forensic experiment.



## FREEPORT Only Student from New York State Selected for Advanced Summer Science Research Program

Valeria Ventura, an eighth-grader at J.W. Dodd Middle School, has been selected to participate in the Physicists Inspiring the Next Generation 2016: Exploring the Cosmos with the National Radio Telescope Observatory summer program. She is one of just 20 students nationwide — and the only one from New York — to be accepted to the program. Ventura is currently a student of Brookhaven National Laboratory scientist Dr. David Biersach's Scientific Computing class, which meets every Wednesday at Freeport High School, and of Tom Doyle's Science Research class.

At NRAO, Ventura will join a select team of undergraduates and scientists to conduct research to observe the "invisible" universe.



## HAUPPAUGE 'Legally Blonde: The Musical' Rocks with Memorable Songs and Dynamic Dances

The Hauppauge High School Fine and Performing Arts Department's extraordinary talents rocked on stage with a highly entertaining production of 'Legally Blonde: The Musical.' Featuring memorable songs and dynamic dances.

"I am continually amazed by the level of talent and professionalism that Hauppauge students bring time and again to our productions," said Hauppauge theater teacher Ruth Pincus. "In addition to sharing their extraordinary talents with our community, these productions teach our students important lifelong skills."

## HICKSVILLE One Hundred Reasons to Smile

Kindergartners at Old Country Road Elementary School in the Hicksville Public School District celebrated their 100th day of school with a variety of educational and Common Core-aligned activities related to the number 100.





## ISLIP

### A Novel Naval Acceptance for Islip Senior

Islip High School senior Cheyenne Coughlin has been accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, the first female student from Islip to earn this distinction.

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Cheyenne for years, and she exemplifies character, determination and compassion," said Superintendent of Schools Susan Schnebel. "On behalf of the entire Islip school family, we are so proud of her."



in February 2014 to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by young men of color. Students gained knowledge of the skills and tools needed to advance to postsecondary education or training and see for themselves the possibilities their futures might hold.



## LYNBROOK

### Lynbrook Hosts FIRST Tech Challenge Qualifier

Lynbrook High School hosted the 2015-16 qualifier tournament for the NYC/Long Island FIRST Tech Challenge robotics competition on Feb. 7. This is the first time that Lynbrook has been chosen to host a qualifying event.

Starting with a single team of 10 members, the Lynbrook High School Robotics Club has grown fourfold in the past five years.



## PORT JEFFERSON

### Drama Students Head to Broadway

Earl L. Vandermeulen High School Drama Club members attended an evening performance of the Broadway production "Something Rotten!" on Jan. 14 at the St. James Theatre in New York City. The Port Jefferson students were accompanied to the performance by Drama Club advisors Mary LaSita and Tony Butera.



## SEAFORD

### Seaford High School Students Earn National Art Awards

Five Seaford High School students earned recognition for their artistic talent in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition conducted by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a longstanding organization that identifies the exceptional talent of youth and brings their work to national audiences.

## WILLIAM FLOYD

### WFHS Foreign Language Students Explore Latino Culture Through Gastronomy

Derek Robinson's Spanish 4 classes at William Floyd High School, with the assistance of Kim Massa, Languages Other Than English chairperson, visited the A la Carte cooking school in Nassau County. The trip aimed to enhance students' knowledge of Spanish culture by allowing them to experience the preparation and tasting of a variety of traditional Spanish dishes.

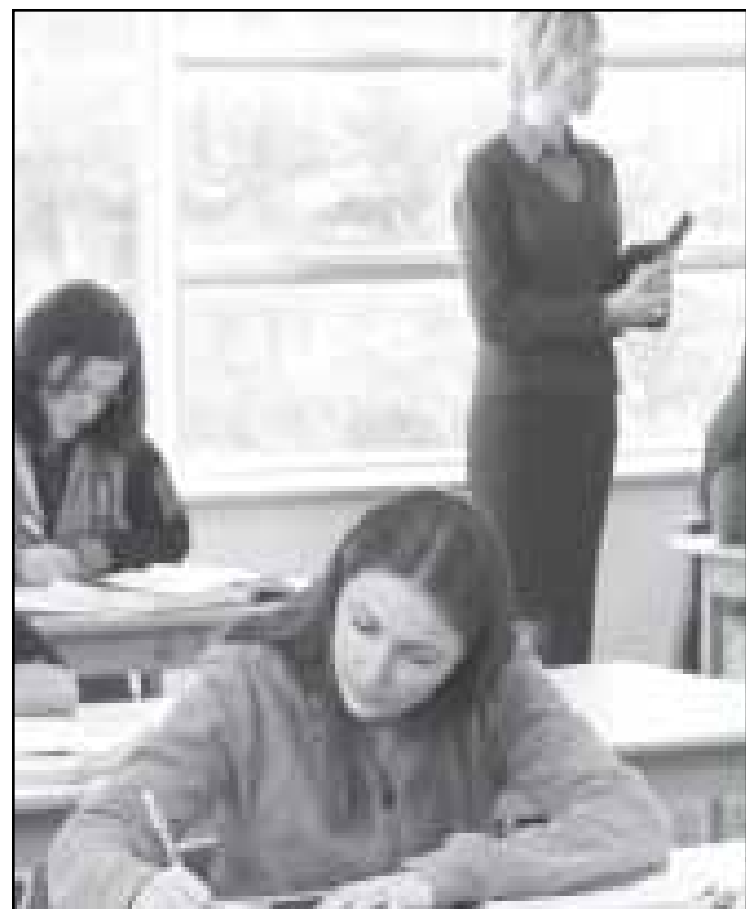
The students prepared a plethora of popular dishes and gave positive feedback upon returning from the trip. Many said they enjoyed the environment and experience and truly appreciated the hands-on approach to learning about culture and food. The interaction and teamwork was an excellent way for students to get to know their classmates and better understand the Spanish culture and language.



## LONGWOOD

### Ten Longwood High School Students Chosen to Participate in 'My Brother's Keeper' Initiative

Ten Longwood High School students were chosen to attend a very special event at Brookhaven National Laboratory to celebrate the second anniversary of the 'My Brother's Keeper' initiative. My Brother's Keeper is a public-private initiative launched by President Barack Obama



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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 116, on the grounds of Republic Airport located at 2140 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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Wednesday, July 20, 2016 • 10 a.m.-noon

### Child Care In-Service/Pre-K Wednesday, Aug. 17-18, 2016

New and Returning Site Supervisors

### Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016

Day Care Staff/SACC Assistants and Support Staff

### Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016

UPK Teachers • 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Pre-K Teachers • 12-2 p.m.

Substitutes • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016

New Teacher • 9:30-11 a.m.

UPK Assistants • 12-1 p.m.

Pre-K Assistants • 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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