Dear Readers,

SCOPE Education Services hosted its 14th Annual School District Awards Dinner on March 23, 2015 at Villa Lombardi’s. School districts from around Long Island selected individuals in the categories of School Board Service, Community Service, Teacher Service, Support Staff Service and Administrative Service for recognition. With a total of 38 school districts participating, 144 individuals were honored at a dinner attended by more than 1,000 guests.

The awards ceremony honored those individuals who have gone far beyond what is expected to provide the students of their respective school districts with an outstanding education. Those being honored included elementary and secondary teachers, teacher assistants, school psychologists and counselors, coaches, security personnel, clerical staff, custodial/maintenance staff, transportation staff, school board members, members of the school and school district administration, PTA members and other volunteer community members. The common thread among those being honored was their hard work and commitment to providing the children of their districts with the best possible learning experience.

Award presentations were made by Michael O’Brien, Associate Director of SCOPE; Susan Schnebel, President of SCOPE and Superintendent of Islip School District; Dr. Walter Schartner, Treasurer of SCOPE and Superintendent of Sayville School District; John Lorenz, Immediate Past President of SCOPE and Superintendent of Farmingdale School District; and Dr. Charles Russo, Past President of SCOPE and Superintendent of East Moriches School District. Pictures were taken as each honoree was presented with a plaque honoring his or her service to the district.

While SCOPE organizes and hosts the event, the honorees are selected by their respective school districts to receive the award. Honorees are invited to attend with a guest, at no cost to the school district, and are treated to a well-deserved evening of recognition. Thank you to all of the school districts and individuals who attended and assisted us in honoring those who give so much to the children of Long Island. I would also like to thank the many sponsors of this event for their ongoing support. All of our sponsors are listed in this edition of the Forum; without their support, this event would not be possible. I also send a big thank you to Jennifer Milillo, Ann Nuzzo, Christine Cosme and all of the SCOPE staff who assisted in making this event a huge success.

Congratulations to all of the 2015 honorees! I hope you enjoy this edition of the Forum, which is dedicated to these individuals and their accomplishments. Our 15th annual awards program is scheduled for March 14, 2016. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

George L. Duffy
Executive Director

SCOPE Education Services, a not-for-profit organization currently celebrating its 50th anniversary, 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
SCOPE Honors Many at 14th Annual Awards Dinner

Celebrating 50 Years of Serving Children

“Leading Long Island’s public schools to greatness” was the theme of SCOPE’s 14th annual School District Awards Dinner, at Villa Lombardi’s in Holbrook on March 23. The annual event was part of SCOPE’s celebration of 50 years serving children and their families. More than 140 employees from dozens of school districts across Long Island were honored for their extraordinary contributions and dedication during the 2014-15 school year.

Awards were presented in five categories: School Board Service, Community Service, Teacher Service, Support Staff Service and Administrator Service. Honorees in these five categories received a personalized plaque in recognition of their outstanding achievements.

In his welcoming remarks, SCOPE Executive Director George Duffy thanked those in attendance for serving their communities with such dignity and dedication. He also thanked them for addressing the challenges that thousands of students face on a daily basis. Susan Schnebel, President of SCOPE’s Board of Directors and Superintendent of Islip School District, addressed the honorees by telling those assembled, “Those being honored this evening are the cornerstones of our community. They are extremely passionate and proud.”

Mr. Duffy individually acknowledged the honorees in each of the five categories as they were called on stage to receive their plaques. Afterward, many honorees commented on how grateful they were to be recognized, as well as how much the recognition had inspired them to continue to strive for excellence each day in their communities.
Celebrating Exemplary Leadership and Service

There is no greater way to lead Long Island’s public schools to greatness than to lead by example. During SCOPE’s 14th Annual School District Awards Dinner, those individuals who demonstrated exemplary leadership and service were recognized for their outstanding contributions. Awards were presented in five categories: School Board Service, Community Service, Teacher Service, Support Staff Service and Administrator Service. Congratulations to the worthy award recipients listed below.

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE AWARDS
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Mary Louise Cohen
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Norman diVena
Saylorville UFSD
Ines Gaughan
Harborside CSD
Susan Kozoumas
Riverhead CSD
Tom Locascio
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Frank Miranda
New Hyde Park- Garden City Park UFSD
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Deer Park UFSD
Evelyn Rothman
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD
Diane Shaprio
Levittown UFSD
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Anthony Speruta
Williams Floyd UFSD
Hazel G. Stroud
Tuckahoe CSD
John N. Swennie
Commack UFSD
Alfred T. Taylor
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Dr. Thomas Tulliver
Wyandanch CSD
Lillian Tyre-Johnson
Bridgehampton UFSD
Maryann Zampano
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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
Susan Schaal, Presenter
Michael Alcalas
Saylorville UFSD
Sam Arnet
Mattituck-Cutchogue CSD
Paul Austin
Iddy UFSD
Ron Becker
Deer Park UFSD
Maria Grilli
Kings Park CSD
Marcos Drago
Amityville UFSD
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Ruthie Pincus
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Andrew Pustak
East Moriches UFSD
Ann Pusiak
Williams Floyd UFSD
Jeanette Roberto
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Susan Schiuck
New Hyde Park- Garden City Park UFSD
Marianne Schopf
Smithtown CSD
Phyllis Semis
Deer Park UFSD
Mary Jean Sewell
West Babylon UFSD
Tayana Thulad
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Michaud Verdi
Levittown UFSD
William Wegner
Center Moriches UFSD
Robyn Weiner
Garden City UFSD

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE AWARDS
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Alan Adcock
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Michael Cervello
Port Jefferson UFSD
Jennifer Careere
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Dr. Danielle Colby-Rooney
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Steve Costello
Levittown UFSD
Dr. Jeff Dailey
Deer Park UFSD
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Lericia Garcia
Bay Shore UFSD
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North Babylon UFSD
Dr. Timothy P. Hearn
Bayport-Blue Point UFSD
Ronald Hoffer
Seaford UFSD
Dr. James H. Hunderfund
Malverne UFSD
Linda Kalamon
Hauppauge UFSD
Margaret Marenghi
New Hyde Park- Garden City Park UFSD
Dr. Rita Melikian
Garden City UFSD
Victoria Melone
Harborside CSD
Paulette Miller
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD
Sean O’Mara
Riverhead CSD
Dr. Lisa Omeis
Lindenhurst UFSD
Daniel Omatore
Valley Stream UFSD #24
Peter Patarastro
Amityville UFSD
Carole Perkino
Center Moriches UFSD
Steven Rowley
East Moriches UFSD
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Bridgehampton UFSD
Charlene Wilson
Bay Shore UFSD
David Zambler
Westbury UFSD

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Alan Adcock
Massapequa UFSD
Michael Cervello
Port Jefferson UFSD
Jennifer Careere
West Babylon UFSD
Dr. Danielle Colby-Rooney
Kings Park CSD
Steve Costello
Levittown UFSD
Dr. Jeff Dailey
Deer Park UFSD
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Martin-McCabe UFSD
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AMITYVille

The Amityville School District has named Diane Castonguay its new assistant superintendent for finance and operations, replacing Interim Assistant Superintendent Sydney Freifelder. Castonguay joins Amityville with seven years of educational business experience and a rich background as a CPA in the private sector. “We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Castonguay to our administrative team,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Kelly. “Her wealth of experience will be a positive asset to the district, and we look forward to the contributions she will make here.”

Carle Place

Carle Place Middle School teacher Caryl Lorandini was chosen as a New York State Master Teacher. The program encourages educators to mentor their peers and deepen their own scholastic and professional development. She will join a network of more than 500 outstanding educators who demonstrate a deep understanding of their content area and communities.

COPIAGUE

For the past 16 years, Copiague School District teacher and coach Carole Olsen has demonstrated her dedication and commitment to the enrichment of the women’s basketball program at Walter G. O’Connell Copiague High School. On March 19, following a successful 2014-15 season, Olsen received the Suffolk County Women’s Basketball Coaches Association award for coaching excellence and League III Coach of the Year.

ES BOCES

Gail Barraco, Eastern Suffolk BOCES administrative coordinator for the school library system, was named community representative for the Digital Public Library of America. The DPLA is a free online library that provides access to millions of books, photos, maps, audiovisual materials and more from libraries, archives and museums across the United States. Items in the collection come from a wide range of institutions, from very small museums to large entities. “I am very excited to be involved
in this,” Barraco said. “As a community representative, I will inform users about the vast resources in the DPLA and plan workshops for librarians on what is in the collection and ways they can use it to support instruction.”

HARBORFIELDS

The Harborfields Central School District is pleased to announce that Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School health teacher Sue Crispino was named New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Elementary Health Educator of the Year. “The students have all benefited from her energetic style and the creativity she shares each and every day,” said John Valente, Harborfields director of health, physical education, athletics and medical services.

LONGWOOD

Longwood School District educator Deborah Lang received the highest recognition by the Town of Brookhaven Office of Women’s Services during their 29th annual Women’s Recognition Night. She was among 12 Brookhaven residents recognized for excellence in their professional endeavors at an awards ceremony at Brookhaven Town Hall on March 19. For more than 15 years, Ms. Lang has served as a technology teacher at the junior high school, where she has played a vital role in establishing and creating opportunities for students to learn, share and expand their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. She volunteers countless hours on STEM-related committees including School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, Longwood Youth Sport Association and First Lego League.

NASSAU BOCES

Nassau BOCES has appointed Dr. Tracey A. Nekulak of Carle Place as its new executive director for human resources. She brings more than 28 years of experience in education, serving most recently as assistant superintendent for personnel and administration for Valley Stream CHSD. In her new role, Dr. Nekulak will oversee all aspects of employee recruitment, retention and management for the agency, which has more than 4,200 full- and part-time employees.

SEWANHAKA

The Jamaica Square Civic Association honored Floral Park Memorial High School Principal Dr. Kathleen Sottile as a Woman of Distinction in honor of Women’s History Month. Sewanhaka Central High School Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ralph Ferrie was in attendance at the meeting and commended Dr. Sottile on this wonderful achievement.
BABYLON
Seniors in the Zone
The New York State Association has named Babylon High School seniors Kristen Altieri and Brendan Laing Suffolk Zone winners for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Each year, the association honors a male and female athlete from each school district in the Suffolk Zone chapter for their outstanding physical education achievements. Students are selected based on physical education achievement, scholarship in the classroom, outstanding character, leadership and for being a role model.

High School toured Coe Hall at Planting Fields, a Gold Coast 1920s-era mansion and estate at Oyster Bay. The tour complemented the students’ lessons on F. Scott Fitzgerald’s 1925 novel, “The Great Gatsby,” set on Long Island’s North Shore Gold Coast during the Roaring ’20s.

DEER PARK
Deer Park Educators Perform Free NYC Polyphonic Concert
Several Deer Park School District educators – including Dr. Jeff Dailey, director of fine and performing arts, teachers Gregory Gullotti of John F. Kennedy Intermediate School and John Quincy Adams Primary School, and Gregg Romano of JFK performed a free program of early polyphonic music as part of the Collectio Musicorum ensemble. Polyphony, the combining of multiple musical lines, can be traced back to the early Middle Ages and has been called the major contributor of Western culture to music. This concert, also featuring musicians Patrick Fennig, Tim Keeler and Richard Lippold, presented pieces that are often mentioned in textbooks, but rarely performed, including selections by Leoninus and Chypre, the latter accompanied by a trio of gems horns; instrumental dances from 13th century England; three “Robin” motets from the Bamberg Codex; and a complete performance of the Tournai Mass, the first complete surviving setting of the mass ordinary.

EAST ISLIP
A Helpful Visit with the Judge
Members of the East Islip High School mock trial team and their adviser Patricia Lester visited the Alfonse M. D’Amato U.S. Courthouse in Central Islip. East Islip mock trial alumnus Kevin Yim arranged the visit.

EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES
NYSED Deputy Commissioner Visits ESBOCES, Tours Facilities
Dr. Cosimo Tangorra, deputy commissioner of the New York State Education Department, traveled to Long Island to meet with administrators at Eastern Suffolk BOCES to discuss the organization’s unaccompanied youth program, and tour a number of ESBOCES facilities. Dr. Tangorra met with ESBOCES COO Dr. Julie Davis Lutz, ESBOCES District Superintendent Dean Lucera, and other top administrators who oversee special education, career and technical education, adult education, the STEM High School and many other ESBOCES programs. Dr. Lutz said, “It’s fantastic that an NYSED official has chosen to visit ESBOCES. Taking the time to step into so many of our classrooms is both an honor and a brilliant way to obtain a firsthand perspective of the successful programs for which we are known.”

HARBORFIELDS
12 Harborfields Athletes Sign National Letters of Intent
Twelve student-athletes from Harborfields High School signed National Letters...

ISLIP
Science Olympians Prove EXCEL-lent
Islip Middle School Science Olympiad students in the district’s academically gifted EXCEL program competed against 33 other teams in the Eastern Long Island region, earning nine medals and third place overall at the event at Candlewood Middle School in Dix Hills. The results qualified the team for the state competition in Syracuse.

LONGWOOD
LHS Students Win Nationwide Space Explorer Challenge
Under the guidance of Advanced Science Research teacher Dr. Lucinda Hemmick, the Longwood High School Climate Group has been selected as one of only 15 teams nationwide to participate in the 2015 ASE AstroSat Challenge.

MASSAPEQUA
Berner Middle School Issues Chromebooks to Enhance Anytime, Anywhere Learning for Students
A new digital dawn is shining on Berner Middle School. As part of Massapequa School District’s “Learning… Anytime, Anywhere” initiative, all seventh- and eighth-grade students will soon be issued Chromebooks as a way to access a host of web-based educational tools that will help them advance and succeed as 21st century learners.

PORT JEFFERSON
Port Jefferson Named Best Community for Music Education
The Port Jefferson School District has been ranked among the NAMM Foundation’s “Best Communities for Music Education” in America for the ninth consecutive year, an honor that acknowledges schools and districts across the U.S. for their commitment to and support for music education as part of the core curriculum.

MINOLA
QR Codes to the Rescue
To encourage more students to read a wider variety of books, Hampton Street School’s library media specialist Diane Nodell created an interactive recommendation station for students to explore potential new book selections. To launch the station, approximately 20 second-graders were selected to write a book talk summary on their favorite book, describing why they love it and why someone else should read it. Using the district-issued iPads, students then took the summaries and converted them into short video descriptions where they “sold” the book to other students and created a QR code for others to access the video.

SACHEM
Seneca Middle School Holds St. Baldrick’s Fundraiser
Seneca Middle School held its second annual St. Baldrick’s fundraiser on March 17. Through the efforts of 39 brave “shaves,” comprised of faculty and students, the school surpassed their goal and raised more than $14,000 to fund childhood cancer research. A school-wide assembly was held where the entire student body and faculty enjoyed a performance by the Mulvihill-Lynch Studio of Irish Dance, followed by a variety of giveaways and raffles, and the culminating event of watching the brave volunteers have their heads shaved.

SAG HARBOR
School Book Drive Aids Louisiana Students
Sag Harbor eighth-graders are on a mission to collect books and school supplies for fellow students at Theodore Roosevelt Middle School in Kenner, Louisiana, who suffered the effects of Hurricane Katrina. To date, more than 2,000 books have been collected by the students.

THREE VILLAGE
‘Seussical the Musical’
The stories made famous by Dr. Seuss came to life on stage at P.J. Gelinas Junior High School as the Gelinas Theatre Company performed its 31st annual musical, “Seussical the Musical.”
As part of SCOPE’s celebration of 50 years of service, students and staff in SCOPE’s pre-K programs in Commack, Comsewogue, Eastport-South Manor, East Islip, East Meadow, Island Trees, North Babylon, Riverhead, Sachem and Elwood school districts joined together to show their appreciation for those serving in the military.

More than 70 boxes of essential toiletries and assorted necessities were donated and sent to military personnel along with letters of appreciation.
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