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GOOD-BYE  
WITH ENORMOUS  
THANKS!



On behalf of the entire school district, BOE President John Verdone expressed heartfelt sentiments and well-wishes to the retiring Dr. Walter F. Schartner who has been a very big presence as teacher, coach, administrator, and Superintendent during his 39 years in Sayville Public Schools.

# TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



## MICHAEL EARVOLINO

### Class of 2017 Valedictorian

With the highest weighted GPA of 106.400 among 242 students, Michael Earvolino has been named Sayville High School's Class of 2017 Valedictorian and will be graduating with a distinguished S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy designation for completing rigorous High School curriculum and authentic research projects.

Michael's strong passion for science and technology has guided his curriculum choices. In his freshman year, he began working with Ms. Maria Brown in the R.I.S.E. Program, and as a sophomore, expanded his horizons with the R.I.S.E. Tech Program that honed his technology skills. In addition to academic achievements, he has demonstrated great aptitude in a range of technical subjects from robotics through computer programming, 3-D printing, graphics, and chemistry.

"Michael is one of the rare students," Science Research Teacher Maria Brown has

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Photo courtesy of Jo Art

## MATTHEW TOMKO

### Class of 2017 Salutatorian

Matthew Tomko holds the second highest weighted GPA of 106.328 among 242 students and has been named Sayville High School's Class of 2017 Salutatorian.

An outstanding student, Matt is a member of the National Honor Society, Treasurer in Tri-M Music Honor Society, and was named National Merit Scholar Finalist. He has taken a total of twelve AP classes—earning him an AP Scholar with Distinction designation—and fifteen Honors classes, including *Scientific Research* and *R.I.S.E Tech* with Research Teachers Maria Brown and Rick Caskey. Through this program, Matt's research has been groundbreaking. His analysis of the *Riemann Hypothesis*, explained as "a hypothesis regarding a complex mathematical function from a perspective of continued fractions..." is paving the way for future research on this topic."

During his entire school career Matt has demonstrated an exceptional gift for Mathematics. Under the guidance of Middle School Mathlete advisor Joanne Gryzmala,

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# Michael Earvolino - Class of 2017 Valedictorian

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stated, “who is always thinking ‘outside of the box,’ problem-solving and moving forward on interesting and innovative projects.”

His was the creative mind that addressed a need and successfully developed a mobile application that helped parents use their Android smart phones to navigate the high school building on Go To School Nights. As a result of this accomplishment, Michael was invited to the 2016 Long Island STEM Hub Annual Celebration and Student Showcase at Brookhaven National Laboratory to present his Open School Night application, and for the past two academic years, Michael has participated in a Scientific Computing Seminar Program conducted by Brookhaven National Lab.

Sayville Advanced Placement Chemistry teacher Melissa Dreyer has great praise for Michael’s scientific acumen. “AP Chemistry is not for the average student as it is one of the most rigorous courses we offer at our school...it takes tremendous dedication and hard work to succeed. Michael willingly and enthusiastically took on this class as a tenth grader with no prior background in chemistry.” Ms. Dreyer extolled Michael for his incredible gifts in science and his maturity which “sets him apart.”

“Michael is a very conscientious student,” Science Research Teacher Maria Brown concurs, “who is involved and performs well in and out of the classroom environment.” Ms.

Brown along with many of Sayville faculty have described this remarkable young man as enthusiastic, helpful, diligent, humble, trustworthy, a role model and leader, with a great sense of humor, and who works well with others.

As one who can appreciate the science behind sports and music, Michael also enjoys the art of both. As a Varsity Bowler for the Sayville School team, which he joined as a seventh grader, he has maintained an average 207—his highest game was 279—and placed third in the SBBCA Doubles tournament. Michael has readily shown his musical prowess in Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, Mid Island Band, and Brass Choir, competed in NYSSMA, and has been playing the Baritone Horn since fifth grade.

Michael’s awards and honors include membership in both the Tri-M Music Honor Society and National Honor Society while his extracurricular activities include Robotics, SWEEP, Regional Quiz Bowl, Yearbook, and he has served as Senior Editor of the school newspaper, all this while also earning his Eagle Scout rank. Most recently, Michael was recognized at the 2017 Breakfast of Champions for being an essential component for a successful high school community.

There is no doubt; Michael Earvolino has earned his place as Valedictorian of the Class for his brilliant high school career. He plans to study Computer Science at Stony Brook University in the fall.

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS 78 STUDENTS

Celebrating its thirty-second induction ceremony, the Sayville Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society recognized the achievements of seventy-eight Middle School students.

The NJHS is the leading organization that recognizes exceptional middle-level students who have successfully demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character throughout their Middle School years. In addition to demonstrating these exemplary qualities, each student had to maintain an average of 95 or above for four quarters and was required to submit a letter of application. *Congratulations to the following:*



Michael Argenziano  
Callaghan Babcock  
Noelle Bartolotta  
Zachary Beach  
Annie Bench  
Joseph Benedetto  
Matthew Bonfanti  
Elizabeth Bossert  
Kate Cassidy  
Miles Cataldo  
Molly Clark  
Keira Collins

Evan Como  
John Corcoran  
Brooke Dubay  
Ava Eriksen  
Samantha Ferrara  
Patrick Folks  
Madison Galaris  
Brett Geffner  
Colin Gover  
Caroline Gozaloff  
Ava Gross  
Sarah Hinteman

Jose Jaimes  
Kayla Kane  
Eva Kosak  
Katrina Kranzle  
William Kretz  
Thomas Liguori  
Devin Lillis  
Brigid Manning  
Olivia Massey  
Elisa McGuinness  
Riley Mercorella  
Anthony Mesi

Jordan Messina  
Catherine Meyers  
Gabriela Meza  
Cecelia Micelli  
Chad Moccio  
Maggie Mongiello  
Joseph Moosa  
Rylie Mullaney  
Miiikka Nelson  
Sarah Newman  
Daniel O’Doherty  
Kerry O’Donoghue

Anthoula Paloubis  
Alayna Pavao  
Andrew Person  
Jack Quinlan  
Gianna Racanelli  
Christopher Racioppi  
Jude Ramsaywak  
Sarah Ramsundar  
Allison Reilly  
Olivia Reiss  
Angelina Sagginario  
Sophia Sanchez

Kathryn Schroeder  
Swati Sheth  
Reese Skelly  
Shayla Smith  
Samuel Smith  
William Streek  
Kristin Vahle  
Sam Verdone  
Juliet Wessels  
Brooke Wilkens  
Natasha Yajadda

EIGHTH-GRADE

Rhyan Christiansen  
Jenna Guerra  
Ashley Luffman  
Linda McAuliff  
Nicole Moccio  
Emily Steffens  
Samantha Young

# Matthew Tomko - Class of 2017 Salutatorian

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Matt won First Place for two consecutive years at Suffolk County Middle School Math Contest held at Brookhaven National Lab. So it is no wonder that High School Math teacher and Mathletes advisor Christopher Surrusco noted, "He is the most intuitive student that I have ever seen in Mathletes. He has consistently been the highest scorer on our Mathletes Team over the past four years.... without a doubt, Matt is the most naturally gifted math student I have had the pleasure to associate with in my thirty years teaching."

If math has been Matt's interest since childhood, music has been his passion since (before) birth. Born into a musically talented family—his mother is a music teacher, choral director and singer—Matt has inherited the proclivity for this talent. As a clarinetist, Matt played for Sayville High School Pit Orchestra, the High School Wind Ensemble, and for the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra Principal Orchestra. As an alto saxophonist Matt has performed with the High School Jazz Ensemble and the audition-based Nassau/Suffolk Jazz Ensemble. In addition, he has volunteered as a student-assistant teacher of clarinet and alto saxophone for the Sayville Summer Music Program. Taking electronic music in his Junior year helped Matt tap into his own creative energies and write an original composition entitled "Kickin" that was one of eleven electronic works to be featured at the 2016 NYSSMA All-State Conference.

High School newspaper advisor and English teacher Doug Shaw admitted knowing Matt first by reputation and then by Matt's school newspaper contributions. "It was not until this

year," Mr. Shaw said, referring to Matt's enrollment in his AP Literature class, "that I had the pleasure of teaching him... Matt thinks on a level far beyond that of a typical, even exceptional high school student. He has a unique ability to see directly to the core of complex issues and articulate his knowledge with neither arrogance nor pretension.... In class discussions, Matt is not an aggressive participant. He seems to prefer to wait and listen to his classmates, and then thoughtfully respond to the discussion. It is very clear that Matt has earned both the respect and admiration of his classmates."

In Sayville, Matt has participated in extracurricular activities, including the State Champion Boys Varsity Golf and Varsity Bowling Teams, Mathletes, the school newspaper and Robotics Club. As a junior, he took math classes at Stony Brook as part of the Della Pietra High School Applied Math Program, and Saturday Advanced Math Classes at BNL through MoMath. Last summer, Matthew was one of fifty high school students selected to participate in Brookhaven National Lab's prestigious High School Research Program where he wrote programs for the Collider-Accelerator Department's website.

Coincidentally Class of 2017 Salutatorian Matthew Tomko has shared the same outstanding opportunities—Robotics, R.I.S.E., R.I.S.E. Tech, and Brookhaven Computer Science programs—with Class Valedictorian Michael Earvolino. It seems appropriate that Matt, too, has chosen to study Computer Science at Stony Brook in the fall.



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Inducts 80 Students



Eighty Sayville High School students were honored at the recent 2017 National Honor Society Induction ceremony. Fulfilling the first attribute of "scholarship" by maintaining a 94.5 weighted average throughout their High School careers, these students have also demonstrated "leadership, character, and service" in a wide variety of cocurricular and extracurricular activities. NHS Faculty Advisor Kevin Recker and Principal Ron Hoffer gave words of encouragement and congratulations to the following students:

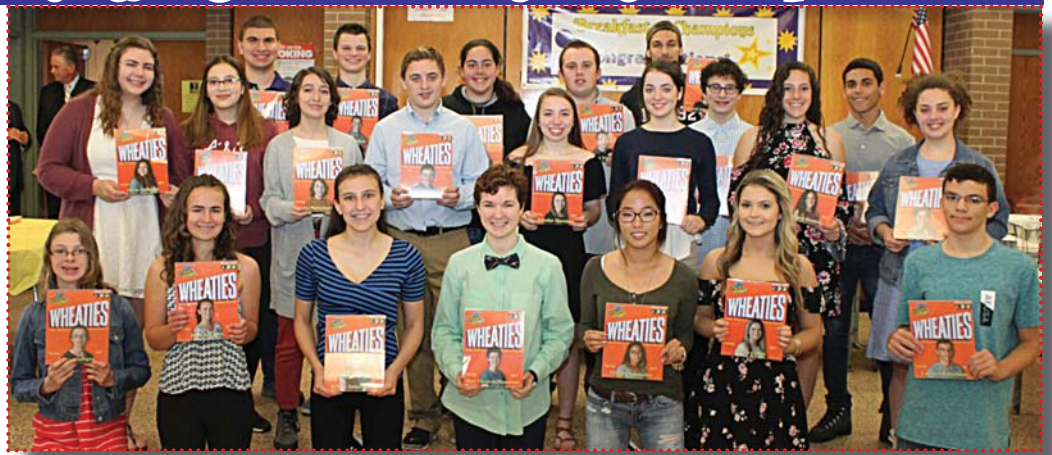
Emily Abrahall	Charles Crawford	Noelle Dufrenoy	Ryan Hendrickson	Nicholas Moosa	Zoe Rivera	Carson Stecher
Dea Ahlgrim	Matthew Cutolo	Chloe Dymek	Christopher	Kayla O'Brien	Kaila Kotkiewicz	Julia Stueber
Emily Aracri	Christopher	Alexa Farinella	Hichborn	Ryan O'Connell	Taylor Lauri	Gabriele Thornton
Chloe Argenziano	D'Amour	Thomas Faughnan	Jeremy Hirsch	Sean O'Halloran	Mackenzie Leddy	James Velazquez
Thomas Bast	Olivia Davidson	Maria Fiorillo	Julia Hodgkinson	Christina O'Leary	Michael Lofaro	Alexa Villez
Meghan Caraher	Hanna Decker	Amelia	Hailey Keyser	Lyla Patterson	Claudia Lynch	Declan Wallace
Matthew Castagna	Jenna Deignan	Flaumenhaft	Aidan Kolar	Daniel Perun	Annabelle	Kaitlin Weber
Michael Castagna	Andrew Deutsh	Katherine Gennosa	Moira Mahoney	Katherine Post	Rosenzweig	Amanda Wessels
Christopher Castelli	Kristin Dietrich	Victoria Geraci	Ellen McAuliff	Douglas Read	Jacob Rossi	John Wilkens
Daniel Cliff	Devin Dolan	Kiera Golon	Colleen McGrath	Kailee Reynolds	Lauren Runco	Ryan Wilson
Bella Coan	Kathryn Donohue	Cade Hansen	Ava McNevin	Philip Rinaldi	David Salloun	Matthew Zafonte
Isabella Colombo	Kyla Downey	Meghan Hart	Marnie Monahan	Alicia Rivera	Madeline Schaefer	Mikayla Zeman

# Starting the Day Off Right With Breakfast of Champions

## THE SPRING 2017 CELEBRATION

It's the most important meal of the day, "they" say, but at Sayville High School, the semiannual Breakfast of Champions—a fifteen year tradition—is important for other reasons. It is a time to stop and take note of those students who through their positive conduct have made a difference in the lives of others and provided the essential components for a successful High School Community.

The deserving Champs were nominated by Sayville High School teachers and staff and recognized for consistently demonstrating qualities of kindness, humility, motivation, compassion, enthusiasm, diligence, and good citizenship beyond the classroom or athletic field or for achieving their personal best by striving to overcome major obstacles. After each staff personalized his or her appreciation for a particular recipient, each student received a Breakfast of Champions certificate and plaque created with their portrait on a Wheaties Box background. The heartwarming Breakfast ended with a tasty breakfast that was served up with a smile by the Sayville Food Service. And special thanks go to the members of the Sayville String Quartet and Mr. Ari Kramer for the lovely musical interludes.



Congratulations to the following

Olivia Anderson	Sarah Bunk	Kiera Golon	Jennifer Marciano	Lorenzo Pensabene	Mary Elizabeth Wissemann
Ariana Annarumma	Daniela Conte	Matthew Kinahan	Joshua Minutello	Maggie Schroeder	
Edward Annunziata, Jr.	Valentina Contreras	Taylor Lauri	Mary Mulligan	Ian Surdi	
Anna Brennan	Marissa Dionisio	Ryan MacDevitt	Joshua Ojeda	Tyler Tuskan	



## S.M.B.A.

The following awards, grants, and scholarships were made possible by the tireless efforts of SMBA volunteers who held fundraisers throughout the year. The winners named below were culled from candidates who fulfilled the requirements of the application process. Congratulations to the 2017 Award Winners!

(RIGHT, l-r) Mary Elizabeth Wissemann (John Lee Literary), Rebecca Mohrmann (Theater Production), Sarah Bunk (Strings), Angelina Keller (Theater Performance), Francis Reilly (Woodwinds), Isabella Giovan (Woodwinds), Jamie Baio (Musical Theater), Matthew Tomko (Electronic Music Composition), Taylor Grandfield (Theater Production), Emily Llewellyn (Musical Theater), Meghan Fawcett (Theater Performance), Conor Riccomini (George Seyfert Music), Elizabeth Gouvis (Red Cobb Theater), and Elizabeth Acierno (William Colson Art)



(ABOVE RIGHT, l-r) Dea Ahlgrim (voice), Erika Powers (keyboard), Daniel Perun (woodwind), Kaila Kotkiewicz (brass), Harrison Berg (brass), Timothy Mohrmann (woodwind), Isabelle Byrne (strings), Sean Haselton (strings), Meghan Dooley (dance).



(BELOW, l-r) Victoria Earvolino (theater performance), Nora O'Donnell (voice), Justin Doucet (brass), Asher DeVerna (strings), Cody Lopresti (keyboard), Matthew Sullivan (percussion), Amelia Wells (voice), Katie Zender (woodwind), Michael Pitre (woodwind), Riley Lapine (keyboard), Emily Maha (visual arts), Maggie Mongiello (voice), Caterina Harris (dance), Angelina LaFroschia (dance), Emily Hartman (woodwind), Giovanna Calicchio (voice).

## 2017 SMBA MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANT WINNERS



(ABOVE, l-r) Ryan VanBoxel (brass), Aidan DeVerna (theater performance), and Gianna Romano (voice).

# THE 2017 SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL *CATCHES A Life In Living Color*

Catch Me If You Can, the popular Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks movie—based upon the real life memoirs of Frank Abagnale, Jr.—that became a Tony Award-winning Broadway musical comedy, touched down on the Sayville High School stage in spectacular style.



Once the house lights dimmed, the black-and-white image of CBS Evening News Anchorman “Walter Cronkite” (Otto Cooley) appeared on the screen—to report—in his signature dry tone—the breaking news: “... you will see some wonderful and talented high school performers singing, dancing, and acting their way into your hearts.”



Not long after the curtain rose for the excitingly vibrant opening number *Live In Living Color*, Sayville audiences realized that “Walter Cronkite” had not lied about the performance, although perhaps the most trusted newsmen in America had been a bit understated. Sayville put on a phenomenal show that received standing ovations every night. But no part was too small for the huge talent on stage:

The cast was headed by two leads, Senior Jamie Baio and Junior James Velazquez who bounced off each other with wonderful energy:

## BUT NO PART WAS TOO SMALL FOR THE HUGE TALENT ON STAGE:



**JAMIE BAIO** • (FRANK ABIGNALE, JR.) was the consummate actor with his body language and dramatic gestures as well as irresistible in the spotlight with his energizing acting, dancing, and amazing vocal talents.



**JAMES VELAZQUEZ** • (CARL HANRATTY) was excellent as the uptight FBI Agent. James showed he could “let loose” by making all the right moves in the FBI dance routine *Breaking All The Rules*.



**EMILY LLEWELLYN** • (Paula Abignale) gave a poignant portrayal of the complicated woman who regaled men

with her French accent and sultriness, but Emily’s exceptional voice in *Don’t Be a Stranger* left audiences wanting more.



**ALEX PITTARI** • (FRANK ABIGNALE, SR.) With a quality beyond his years, Alex played Frank Sr., the smooth operator whose paternal influence led his impressionable son astray.



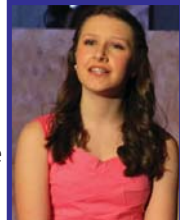
**OTTO COOLEY** • when he wasn’t Cronkite, was *FBI Agent Cod*, quipping snide asides behind wry grins, playing for laughs.



**CHRIS QUARTUCCIO** • was the pragmatic *FBI Agent Branton*, and turned on the charm as dashing *Dr. Ben Casey*.



**SHAUN GIBBONS** • nailed the expressions and the personality of the *Rookie FBI Agent Dollar* with his signature “jaw-dropping” epiphany.



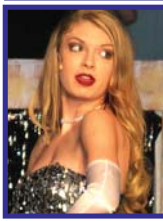
**DEA AHLGRIM** • was the sweet and sympathetic love interest *Brenda Strong*; and Dea blew audiences away with her *strong* performance of *Fly Fly Away*.



**MEGHAN FAWCETT** • was unforgettable in her quirky role as the “Hunky-hunk-of-You-Betcha!” mother, *Carol Strong*.



**LUKE ROSARIO** • portrayed dynamic *Roger Strong* and was a match-made-in heaven for his effervescent wife.



**ANGELINA KELLER** • played it slinky and sly as the seducing fashion model *Cheryl Ann*.



This musical was the result of many, too many to name here. Go to the school website ([sayvilleschools.org](http://sayvilleschools.org)), *Tidings Online*, search “Catch Me If You Can” and see the full story with hundreds of photos.



# DRAMA

## 2017 Sayville Players AWARDS

Improvisation is the hallmark feature at the annual *Sayville Players Induction & Awards Ceremony*. Each year, the Players show their creative sides (often with props) in the traditional passing of the slate of officers from the outgoing to incoming by blending comedy with a bit of nostalgia and by giving advice to their newly elected successors. In addition, award recipients (see right) were announced in recognition of accrued "points" for time and performance commitments.



On a serious note, the Players' newly installed President James Velazquez made a special presentation to Mr. Steven Hailey, retiring this year after 39 years in Sayville: "What you've done as a teacher, as a director, and in every facet... Thank you!"



The ceremony concluded with Lori's Song\* recited this year by **2017 Lori Abrams Memorial Drama and Music Award\* Winner** Dylan Finder.

(photo right, l-r) Drama Director Steve Hailey, Mrs. Judy Abrams, 2017 Memorial Award Recipient Dylan Finder, Sunrise Music Teacher and Lori's Song composer/writer Amy Baron, Lori's dear friend and Class of 1995 Graduate, Melissa Olivo.

\*Established in 2001 by retired Sunrise Drive teacher Judy Abrams to honor her daughter, a SHS graduate, the Scholarship Winner is recognized for significant contributions in both drama and music. A perpetual plaque is displayed in Sayville High School commemorating the recipients of these awards.



At the Sayville Players Honour Troupe 2017 Annual Awards Ceremony and Officer Installation, Drama Director Steve Hailey awarded the following:

- KENNETH REED MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE THEATRE: **Gena Mizzi**
- OUTSTANDING THEATRE PRODUCTION: **Elizabeth Gouvis**
- OUTSTANDING DRAMATIST: **Angelina Keller**
- LORI ABRAMS MEMORIAL DRAMA & MUSIC AWARD: **Dylan Finder**
- SAYVILLE PLAYERS HONOUR TROUPE 2017: **Jamie Baio, Andrew Cameron, Meghan Fawcett, Dylan Finder, Daniel Forsberg, Taylor Grandfield, Elizabeth Gouvis, Angelina Keller, Emily Llewellyn, Gena Mizzi, Rebecca Mohrmann, Emily Osterloh, Mary Elizabeth Wisemann**
- USAA NATIONAL DRAMA AWARDS: **Jamie Baio, Andrew Cameron, Meghan Fawcett, Dillon Finder, Elizabeth Gouvis, Angelina Keller, Emily Llewellyn, Emily Osterloh, Daniel Forsberg, Taylor Grandfield, Rebecca Mohrman, Mary Elizabeth Wisemann**



## AT THE 44TH HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS

(right) In a special tribute, Christopher Russo was honored by General Dennis Fagan as the only Class of 2017 member joining the military.

(below) One hundred five community scholarships, totaling over \$133,000, were distributed to seventy Class of 2017 Seniors selected for their academic excellence and/or as a result of their involvement or leadership in cocurricular activities. Fifteen Community Scholarship donors were in attendance to present their generous awards that evening.



# SAVA

## Districtwide Art Festival of Fun Celebrating 2016-2017 Artistic Achievements

At the Annual SAVA Districtwide Art Show, talent was on exhibit! Students from all grades presented their creativity in a variety of mediums. Guests enjoyed the exceptional work in the 2017 Senior Showcase, along with face-painting, gift-baskets raffles, and balloon-animal fun. Putting up a show takes tremendous effort, and thanks to the dedicated Art Department faculty and volunteers, this year's festival was a success. During the art show, Department Chairperson Deb Urso announced the 2017 SAVA awards and scholarship winners at the secondary level: (see list below).

**SAVA** Sayville Advocates For The Visual Arts  
Sat. May 13 @ Sayville Middle School 11-3pm  
**K-12 Student Art Exhibition 2017**



**SAVA awards/scholarships were handed out on the secondary level:**

**SENIOR AWARDS**

- Drawing • Mary Cascio
- Photography • Sarah Sherard
- Painting • Elizabeth Acierno
- Fashion • Jessica Ferretti
- 3D • Julianne Salvia
- Fine Artist • Steven Montalto

**SENIOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

- Drawing • Michael Danielson
- Painting • Calista Tomasetti
- Photography • Jillian DeCanio
- Fashion • Alexa Laskowitz
- 3D • Colin Ewald
- Fine Artist • Emma Davis

**UNDERCLASS AWARDS**

- Drawing • Mackenzie Damon
- Painting • Noelle Dufrenoy
- Fashion • Taylor Lauri
- 3D • Aja Carter
- Photography • Kailee Muscarello

**UNDERCLASS PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

- Drawing • Sirapatr Wetayawanich
- Painting • Jaden Sconzo
- Fashion • Nicolette Brudi
- 3D • Emily Manning
- Photography • Olivia Davidson



# BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDED CITATIONS

## AT THE FEBRUARY 14 BOE MEETING

Awards presented by BOE President John Verdone, High School Principal Ron Hoffer, and Art Teacher Evan Hammer.



(above) • **William Folks** (not present Allison Neumeyer) designed banners in-house to highlight Award-winning High School.



(above) • **Mary Cascio** (not present Gianna Fraccalvieri) were High School Artists of Excellence for Advanced Visions 13 at LIU.

(no photo) • Although they could not attend the BOE meeting, James Bajio and Francis Reilly were honored with citations for their participation in the **All Eastern Honors Chorus/Band**.

(below) L-r) • **Timothy Kanaley, Michael McKillop, Matthew Sesack, Michael Corwin** (not present Drew Geffner, Nicholas Glatman) took Second Place-Long Island Virtual Enterprises Competition Trade Fair: Firm Favorite Booth Award.



## AT THE MARCH 9 BOE MEETING

Awards presented by Principals Dr. James Foy (SD), Dr. Michele LeBlanc (LA), Dr. Lisa Ihne (CA), BOE Trustees Keith Kolar, BOE President John Verdone and Carl Cangelosi.



(above, L-r) SD Sharpshooters • **Elle Maslak, Carly Brady, Dylan Kent, Trey Tellier.**

(left) SD Suffolk County Marathon Essay Contest Winner • **Lily Williams.**



(right) CA Students' Artwork exhibited in Colors of Long Island, at the Long Island Museum, Stony Brook • **Samantha Rampulla, Tyler Abatelli.**



(right) LA student wrote and published his first book entitled "Ghostified" • **Liam Donovan.**



(above,) CA Artwork was selected for Sayville Library for Youth Art Month • **Caitlin Pattilio, Max Person**

(right) LA Perfect Score on the Word Masters Challenge Meet • **James Kretz.**



(above, L-r) LA Town of Islip Sharp Shooter Contest Winners • **Michael Walsh, Daniel Duque, Kamryn Restivo** (not present for photo Rachel McAuliff.)

(left, L-r) LA Suffolk Zone Award Winners • **Daniel Gunther, McKenna Farrell.**



(left) SD students sold Thanksgiving Turkeys for needy families (bottom row, L-r)

• **Marissa Stephan, Haydyn Proscia, Emerson Holbrook, Christopher Costa, Emma Tassino, Dylan Kent; (middle row) Emma Como, Elizabeth Holahan, Makenzie Muscarello, Ian Donenfeld, Courtney Pascarella, Brody O'Connell; (top row) Daniel Holahan, Neeve McGinnis, Luke Meserve, Alexander Clark, Faith Roben, Elena Haakonson, Tyler Brown, Grace Garafola, Dakota Schmidt, Sydney Young; (Middle top) Kaylee Cummings.** (Not present: Ella Holt, Thomas Eichele, Gina Eichele, Maia Ludwig, Carly Brady)



# BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDED CITATIONS



## DR. JOHN E. STIMMEL NAMED NEXT SAYVILLE SUPERINTENDENT •

At the March 9, 2017 business meeting, the Sayville Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. John E. Stimmel as the next Superintendent of Sayville Public Schools, effective July 1, 2017, to

replace Dr. Walter Schartner who is retiring after forty-four years in education.

Dr. Stimmel, an educator for thirty-four years, has been a strong advocate for students. With over ten years in the classroom and twenty-four years of combined administrative experience which includes his positions in previous districts as elementary school assistant principal, elementary school principal, and middle school programmer, Dr. Stimmel joined Sayville School District fourteen years ago as the Cherry Avenue Elementary School Principal. In 2013, he advanced to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

It is with great pride that Sayville School District congratulates Dr. Stimmel for his new appointment.



Awards presented by Dr. Lisa Ihne (C.A), Dr. Michele LeBlanc (L.A), Dr. James Foy (SD), with BOE Trustees Keith Kolar and Carl Cangelosi.

## AT THE APRIL 19 BOE MEETING



(above, l-r) CA Town of Islip Sharpshooter Contest Winners • **Tyler Sebor, Jolie Whalen, Eilise Marino** (not present Alex DelGiorno).  
(below, l-r) CA Suffolk Zone Winners • **Eilise Marino and Luke Hansen.**



(right) 2ND PLACE Town of Islip Basketball Sharpshooter Contest (5TH GRADE GIRLS) • **Eilise Marino**



(right, l-r) CA Science Fair Winners • **Adria Vargas (4th), Allison Cook (2nd), Isabella Schutte (K), Joseph Malossi (5th), Seamus McCartney (1st), Max Person (3rd).**



(left, l-r) SD Science Fair Winners • **Aidan Orlando (5th), Sara Stewart (3rd), Matthew Mercorella (K), Mannix Stewart (1st), Taylor Brink (2nd), Maura Reilly (4th).**



(below, l-r) SD 4th Grade students who won Honorable Mention in Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision with Teacher Cynthia Dwyer • **Haley D'Ambrosio, Maura Reilly, Kyle Karpowicz.**



(above, l-r) SD students participated in SCMEA (Suffolk County Music Education Association) All-County Music Festival Chorus • **Skyler Collins, Nadia Moosa.**



(left) SD student in SCMEA All-County Music Festival Band • **Emily Helbock.**



# FOND FAREWELL TO OUR WONDERFUL RETIREES

BOARD OF EDUCATION CITATIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE RETIRING STAFF AT THE MAY 23RD BOE MEETING: Lisa Gray, Steven Hailey, Rose Janke, Patricia McLary, Joanne Grzymala, Walter Schartner and (not present) Timothy Southerton.



(above) BOE President John Verdone and Dr. John Stimmel, Sayville's incoming Superintendent, acknowledged Dr. Walter Schartner upon his retirement after 39 years in education.

(photo left) At the retirees luncheon, held on June 7, 2017 • (l-r, back row) Walter Schartner, Timothy Southerton, Steven Hailey • (front row) Rose Janke, Patricia McLary, Joanne Grzymala, and Lisa Gray.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDED CITATIONS

## AT THE MAY 23 BOE MEETING

Awards presented by Principals, Dr. Lisa Ihne (CA), Dr. Michele LeBlanc (LA), Dr. James Foy (SD), BOE Vice President Thomas Cooley, BOE Trustees Carl Cangelosi and Keith Kolar.



(above, clockwise l-r) LA Science Fair Winners • Kailey Chiusano (4th), Abigail Breen (5th), Townsend Doxey (3rd), Lily Phillips (2nd), Charles Marr (K), Lily Gavin (1st).



(below, l-r) Pilot Club Essay Contest Winners "Sayville, My Hometown" • Camden Cheshire (LA), Dylan Kent (SD), Jolie Whalen (CA).



(above, l-r) SD Suffolk Zone Award Winners • Delaney Walters, Trey Tellier.

## AT THE JUNE 1 BOE WORKSHOP

### The BOE approved the appointment of the next Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction - Dr. Christine Criscione

With over twenty years of experience in education, Dr. Criscione began her career in New York City where she served as an elementary classroom teacher, then as a staff developer. After moving to Nassau BOCES where she worked on different assignments, Dr. Criscione went to Deer Park where she served as a building principal and district administrator.

"I am confident," Dr. Stimmel stated, "that Dr. Criscione will bring energy, enthusiasm and creativity to this important office.... Please join me in extending a warm welcome."



(above, l-r) BOE President John Verdone, Trustee Maureen Dolan, Norm DeVenau, Keith Kolar, BOE VP Thomas Cooley, Dr. Christine Criscione, and incoming Superintendent Dr. John Stimmel.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDED CITATIONS

AT THE JUNE 8 BOE MEETING

Awards presented by Principals Thomas Murray (MS), Ronald Hoffer (HS), Athletic Director Dennis Maloney, BOE President John Verdone, Trustees Keith Kolar and Norm DeVenau.



(above, l-r) MS National Spanish Exam Winners with teacher Kim Petrone • (Silver Award) **Amber Gidden, Sanjeeda Rahman**, (not present Christina Guiffre) and (Bronze Award) **Adam Jones**.



(above, l-r) MS Community Service for Suffolk County Girl Scouts • **Arya Flynn-Fisco, Morgan Bissell, Hannah Burton, Kaylee Divinsky, Kaylin Rutherig, Margaret Brown, Madison Smith**.



(below) Principal Ronald Hoffer was awarded by BOE President John Verdone the NYS certificate recognizing Sayville High School as a **NYS "Reward School"** for an amazing **Sixth Consecutive Year**.



(above) Anticipated Military Service • **Christopher Russo**.

(below, l-r) Members of the Robotics Team with Mr. Bryan Coon • **Liam Gaffney, Daniel Forsberg, Dillon Esposito-Kelley, Brendyn Erlanger**.



(left, l-r) Class of 2017 Valedictorian • **Michael Earvolino**  
Class of 2017 Salutatorian • **Matthew Tomko**.



(left, l-r) Highest Boy Scouts – Eagle Scout Award • **Christopher Pitre and Conor Davis**.



(below, l-r) 2017 Special Olympic Games South team with Donna Trpicovsky • **Jacob Feldman, Avital Apelbaum, Ashley Daigle, Julianna Sagginario** (not present for photo *Kaitlyn Finley, Reginald Elton*).



(left, l-r) Boys Swimming Team • **Timothy Kanaley** NYS Qualifier in 4x100 Freestyle Relay, 200m Freestyle Relay and 200m Medley

• **Brendon Kolar** NYS Qualifier 50m, 100m Freestyle, 4x100 Relay, 200m Medley Relay. (Not present *Matthew McDermott*: NYS Qualifier 100m Fly, 200 IM, 4x100 Relay and 200m Free Relay)

(below, l-r) Girls Golf Team Suffolk County Champions and Undefeated League Champions with Coach Timothy Dillon • **Hannah Rose Niggemeier, Hailey Keyser, Ceili Howland, Marnie Monahan, Jayna Catalina, Ryan C. O'Connell, Elizabeth Mulhill**. (Not present *Bettina Bonfiglio, Emma Cannetti, Morgan Cresci, Ava McNevin, Holly Quintana*.)



(below right, l-r) Varsity Girls Golf • **Hannah Rose Niggemeier** NYS Qualifier for the second year. She



finished 4th in Suffolk County with a combined two-day total of 170.

• **Ceili Howland** NYS Qualifier for the third year. She finished 3rd in Suffolk County with a combined two-day total of 166.

# TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 2017 Athletic Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following Sayville Athletes who were presented with Inspirational, Most Valuable Player, and Athletic Special Awards for their excellence in sports. These students have demonstrated the highest individual accomplishments throughout their High School careers and have earned recognition from their coaches, their teammates, and the Athletic Department.

# SPECIAL SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS

(right) The Marinus Buys Memorial Award • for Most Outstanding Athlete: **KELLY MARRA**



(Above clockwise)

SAYVILLE COACHES AWARD • **HUNTER SELTS**;  
OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD • **RYAN MUSCARELLA**;  
WILLIAM COSTANZO MEMORIAL AWARD • **ERIN PEYTON**;  
HARVEY CASE MEMORIAL AWARD • **JASON INTERMESOLI**;  
WARREN COLLINS MEMORIAL AWARD • **JOSEPH HARCLERODE & SARAH LATERZA**.



(above) The Buck MacKenzie Award • for Service, Sportsmanship, and Athletics: **PHILIP GUNTHER**

## GOLD KEY AWARD WINNERS



**GOLD KEY** (front left, l-r) • **Emily Arzt, Alexa Laskowitz, Lauren DeSimone, Kayla Torres**; (back) **Philip Gunther, Conor Davis, Erin Peyton**. (not present for photo *Deirdre Gilbert*)

For all photos, go to [Sayvilleschools.org:TIDINGS ONLINE](http://Sayvilleschools.org:TIDINGS ONLINE), click on 2016-2017 School Year/Athletic Awards.

## ATHLETIC/MVP AWARD WINNERS

Most Valuable Boys Cross Country • Philip Gunther  
Most Valuable Girls Cross Country • Jenna Newman  
Ron Smith-Boy • Luke Hession  
Ron Smith-Girl • Moira Mahoney  
Carl Varone Track • Conor Davis  
Paul Helley Track • Douglas Read  
Betty Martin MVP Field Hockey • Emily Arzt  
Demie Bineares Scholarship • Jennifer Marciano  
Huron Smith Memorial Soccer • Robert Strain  
Most Valuable Boys Soccer • Pierce May  
Most Valuable Girls Soccer • Kelly Marra  
Most Valuable Cheerleading • Carmella Perrone  
Cheerleading Leadership • Fay Vail  
Most Valuable Baseball • Brock Murtha

Golden Bat Baseball • Jacob Russo  
Most Valuable Softball • Lyndsey Shaw  
Golden Bat Softball Award • Lyndsey Shaw  
Barney Pazourek Memorial • Jack Coan  
Sayville Football Booster Club • Michael Dionisio  
Most Valuable Female Golf • Ceili Howland  
Most Valuable Male Golf • Sean Haselton  
May Hazen Girls Basketball • Sarah Laterza  
Major Merrill Wish Basketball • Joseph Harclerode  
Bud VanWyen Memorial Basketball • Philip Gunther  
Most Valuable Girls Volleyball • Caroline Rupp  
Most Valuable Boys Volleyball • Michael Steck  
Most Valuable Girls Swimming • Leighann Gensch  
Most Valuable Boys Swimming • Brendon Kolar

Otto Kubelle Memorial Girls Tennis • Hannah Niggemeier  
Otto Kubelle Memorial Boys Tennis • Dillon Esposito-Kelley  
Evelyn Stoll Girls Track • Kayla Torres  
Atalanta Girls Track • Erin Peyton  
George Rhodes Memorial Wrestling • Hunter Seltz  
Jules Molzon Memorial Wrestling • William Sesack  
Most Valuable Bowler • Michael Castagna  
Most Improved Bowler • Emma Clark  
Most Valuable Girls Lacrosse • Kelly Marra  
Girls Lacrosse Defense • Emily Manning  
Most Valuable Boys Lacrosse • Jason Intermesoli  
Boys Lacrosse Gladiator • Seamus Burns  
Most Valuable Girls Fencing • Mary Elizabeth Wissemann  
Most Valuable Boys Fencing • Jarid Goineau-Fischer

AWARD DONORS The Sayville Teachers Association - The Ron Smith Award; Mrs. Martin - The Demie Bineares Scholarship Award; Mrs. May Hazen - The May Hazen Girls Basketball Award; Mr. Merrill Wish - The Major Merrill Wish Basketball Award; The VanWyen Family - The Bud VanWyen Memorial Basketball Award; The Landrio Family - The Most Valuable Girls Swimming Award; Kubelle Family - The Otto Kubelle Memorial Girls & Boys Tennis Award; Mr. & Mrs. Daley - The Evelyn Stoll Girls Track Award; The Walsh Family - The Atalanta Girls Track Award; Ms. Rhodes Teague - The George Rhodes Memorial Wrestling Award; Mr. Gary Smith - The Huron Smith Memorial Soccer Awards; The Sayville Football Booster Club - Barney Pazourek Memorial Award; The Sayville Fire Department - The Barney Pazourek Memorial Award Plaque; Mr. & Mrs. Shea - The Buck MacKenzie Award