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GOOD TIDINGS

At Sayville High School's 41st Annual Scholastic Awards Program...

One hundred twenty awards and one hundred fourteen scholarship awards, totalling over \$117,000, were distributed to seventy-seven Class of 2015 Seniors who were selected for their academic excellence and/or as a result of their involvement or leadership in cocurricular activities. In addition, nineteen Community Scholarships donors were in attendance to present their generous awards that evening.

TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Class of 2015 Valedictorian **SHREEYA PANIGRAHI**



Photo courtesy of Jo Art

With the highest weighted GPA of 108.566 among 280 students, Shreeya Panigrahi has been named Sayville High School's **Class of 2015 Valedictorian** for her brilliant High School career.

Shreeya shares many of the highest qualities of Valedictorians who have preceded her. She has spent the last four years in rigorous academic courses that included 11 AP classes, 13 Honors courses and intense Science Research. She is driven by an authentic love for learning and self-motivated with an outstanding desire and capacity to achieve greatness in a variety of disciplines.

Proof of her overall excellence and talents is in the accolades she has received throughout her High School career. She had earned the **AP Scholar with Distinction designation** (with *(Cont. on page 2.)*)

Class of 2015 Salutatorian **NICHOLAS COWAN**



Photo courtesy of Jo Art

With an outstanding weighted GPA of 107.143 among 280 students, Nicholas Cowan has been named Sayville High School's **Class of 2015 Salutatorian**.

A budding architect since childhood (Legos provided the medium for his early inspiration), Nicolas has used his innate talents to meticulously build a High School career on the solid foundations of scholarship, research, and service. As an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit Commended student, with memberships in the National Honor Society, Tri-M, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, Anchor Club and SWEEP, Nicholas has certainly excavated every opportunity at Sayville High School to enrich his learning experiences. In *(Cont. on page 3.)*

SHREEYA PANIGRAHI

the perfect score of 5 on five out of six AP exams), achieved a combined SAT Score of 2260, as well as received NYSSMA and SCMEA standings for her performance on the violin. She has been a member of the *National Honor Society*, *Tri-M*, *Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society*, *Science Olympiad*, *Quiz Bowl* and *Mathletes* to list just a few.

Shreeya's dedication to scientific pursuits in Sayville's *Research in Science and Engineering (R.I.S.E.)* Program during the past four years had garnered her many awards. Her project analyzing "energy waste and its economic and environmental impacts" won First Place in Environmental Science at the Molloy College Science Fair, and received a Silver Medal at the International Sustainable World Project Olympiad at I-SWEEP in Houston, Texas; she was selected to attend the *Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Partner for the Future* for studies in neuroscience, while her research project in vegetation and soil acidity across Long Island took Third Place at the *Long Island Junior Humanities and Science Symposium (LIJSHS)* at York College, New York and the *Long Island Science and Engineering Fair (LISEF)*, it was also entered into Intel Science Talent Search Research for which she received a Badge.

However, where Shreeya distinguishes herself from all her predecessors has been as a dedicated member of the Civil Air Patrol. Over the past six years and for a minimum of four hours a week at mandated meetings, Shreeya has been learning survival skills, leadership techniques, and aerospace education through the New York Wing Encampment at Stratton Air National Guard Base. Working her way up through the ranks, Shreeya is currently a Cadet Lieutenant Colonel—the highest rank granted to a civilian. Guidance Counselor Tim Dillon explained, "this program emphasizes leadership training, community service, and aerospace education training. Shreeya has a passion for this organization—

Class of 2015 Valedictorian

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where few females dare to tread, she has thrived." Such training included the Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course, where, as Flight Commander at the one-week course held in Colorado Springs, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Panigrahi learned the fundamentals of military space operations and graduated as one of two Distinguished Graduates.

Adding to an already stellar High School Career, most recently, as a 2015 National Security Language Initiative for Youth Finalist, Shreeya has been granted a full scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to study Russian in Moscow. (She will begin this summer program before June 27, making this the first time a Valedictorian will be absent from the Sayville High School Commencement ceremonies.)

In contrast to such a formidable resume of accomplishments, Shreeya Panigrahi conducts herself with the greatest humility and respect for others, which is returned to her by faculty and her peers. "She is unfailingly kind, impeccably polite, and unwavering in her commitment to being and doing her best," Mr. Dillon has said. "Shreeya is charming, engaging and authentic. She is quick with a smile and kind word for others. ...The world needs people like Shreeya! The world needs Shreeya Panigrahi to be her best and to share her gifts with her inimitable style."

As a first generation American who truly embraces the opportunities and advantages of this country, Shreeya has remained modest, unassuming, and polite in her intellectual pursuits. Not consumed by goals for academic standing, rather, Shreeya has found the greatest delight in the learning, and her superior academic gifts will take her far on whichever road she travels.

While her eyes may be on the sciences, Shreeya will attend Harvard University in the fall where possibilities even more astounding will open to her. Who knows where it will take her?



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Inducts 63 Students

Sixty-three Sayville High School students, who maintained a 94.5 weighted average throughout their High School careers, as well as demonstrated the attributes of scholarship, leadership, character, and service throughout their various cocurricula and extracurricula activities, were inducted into the National Honor Society this spring. NHS Faculty Advisor Kevin Recker and Principal Ron Hoffer presided. Congratulations to the following:

Angelica Albanese
Megan Ali
Eric Bartlett
Jared Bergen
Robert Broome
Travis Brown
Jillian Brudi
Nicholas Burkel
Chelsea Burnside
Corinne Caminske
Sean Caraher

Hailey Comiskey
Raven Dushnick
Sydney Entin
Nicole Farese
Madison Gallagher
Shaina Garrett
Christine Guniuessey
Samantha Hassett
Thomas Hauk
Kathleen Herbst
Lara Beth Hirsch

Emily Hollmann
Julia Howland
Melissa Hunter
Samantha Johnson
Elias Kalomiris
Lia Magliola
Christian Maloney
Samantha Mayo
Christopher McAuliff
Kylie McCoy
Sean McNally

Jamie Meere
Jenna Meere
Julia Miglino
Amanda Minutello
Jamie Monaco
Eileen Monahan
Jack Novak
Joseph O'Leary
Christopher Palmeri
Cielle Pappalardo
Emily Perun

Elizabeth Pigott
Bridget Pitre
Tyler Powers
Salvatore Prevosto
Samantha Robinson
Jaycee Rodman
Michael Rolland
Kaitlyn Ross
Jack Saracino
David Slager
Emily Sneddon

Kyra Squillante
Gabrielle Stallone
Sean Velazquez
Savannah Votino
Christy Wichert
Julianna Wilbert
Rachel Zarett
Daria Zeman

NICHOLAS COWAN

Class of 2015 Salutatorian *continued from cover*

in addition to taking rigorous AP (10) and Honor (14) classes, Nick has been devoted to scientific exploration through two Sayville programs: *R.I.S.E.* and *S.T.E.M. Academy*

Through the *R.I.S.E.* (*Research In Science and Engineering*) program in his Freshman year, Nick pursued his interest in architecture and sustainable design with a newly emerging field known as Green Architecture. "His goal for that year," explained Scientific Research/ *R.I.S.E.*, teacher Maria Brown, "was to design a 'green,' south-facing addition to his home that would be feasible economically and use green techniques to lower the price of heating and electric. The design criteria required the use of green materials and to cooperate with nature."

Nick thrived in this field of study and learned not only how to make scaled architectural drawings digitally, using the software Chief Architect, but he also began a scale model of the addition to his home. Continuing his work throughout the summer while enrolled in the Summer Intel Program, Nick finished his scale model and debuted it at the Molloy College Science Fair in the "Special Categories Division."

During his four years with *R.I.S.E.*, Nick completed four projects that expanded his focus beyond pure architecture to urban planning. Nick's project this year, using GIS mapping technology to indicate the probable locations for coyote expansion on Long Island, made him one of two (Emily Faughnan was the second) Sayville students chosen as Intel STS 2015 semifinalists for research projects using Geospatial Modeling tools. This same project most recently won the prestigious Gold Medal in the environmental management category at the International Sustainable World Project Olympiad at I-SWEEEP in Houston, Texas.

Also, Nick was one of the first Sayville students to go through the *S.T.E.M.* (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) academy program that followed a rigorous academic curriculum. With *S.T.E.M.* Nick went well above and beyond the 2-credit requirement in each advanced area by developing three individual capstone projects: the design of a 'green' hutch; the virtual renovation of an existing run-down home, and the model of a virtual home through a Makerbot 3-D printer. As a result, along with all his commencement honors, ribbons, and medallions, Nick will also graduate with a *S.T.E.M. Academy Designation*.

While Nick has epitomized the model innovative student who benefitted from both the *R.I.S.E.* and *S.T.E.M.* programs, these programs do not actually define him. He is much more than intense scientific study. Music has been his other passion, and since fourth grade when he took up the saxophone, Nick has found music both influential and fulfilling and has enjoyed many hours practicing and performing. Nick has participated in our Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and competed for NYSSMA and SCMEA Suffolk County.

Gifted with an incredible focus to accomplish everything he sets out to do, Nick has a wonderful personality. Well respected by Sayville faculty and peers alike, he is likeable, engaging, with a good sense of humor, as well as fair, kind, and modest. Within the High School community, he has marshalled his prodigious talents in service organizations. In addition, he works as a page at the Sayville public library.

This industrious and amazing young man, with the extraordinary mind of a master builder, is certain to design an astonishing future for himself which begins this fall at Cornell where he will pursue Urban Planning.

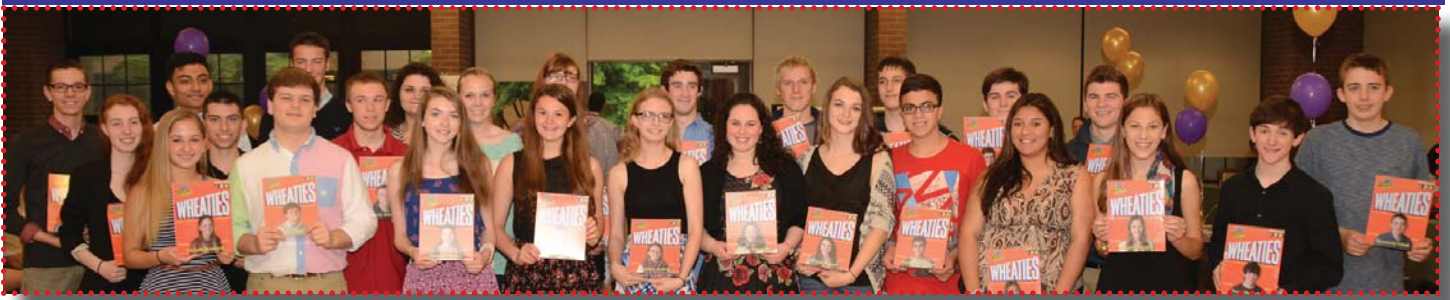


Fond Farewell TO OUR WONDERFUL RETIREES

(Left) • Cara Donaldson, Patricia Garnett, Stephenie Bauernhuber, and Claudia Carpenter; • (Right) Kenneth Lacamera (center) with BOE Vice President Thomas Cooley and Assistant Superintendent for Business John Belmonte.



Celebrating Quality of Character at the 2015 Spring Breakfast of Champions



Twenty-eight Sayville students were honored at this year's 2015 Spring Breakfast of Champions celebration. While their family members, who were invited to attend, beamed with pride, these distinguished students were recognized for consistently demonstrating qualities of kindness, 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. Sayville High School teachers and staff nominated these students for their positive conduct that has made a difference and provided the essential components for a successful High School Community.

Assistant Principal Jillian Makris welcomed the Champions and their family members and praised the students for "their daily contributions" that helped "make up the moral fabric of our school community."

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.

A satisfying breakfast, provided by Lovin' Oven, completed the heartwarming ceremony. Special thanks go to Assistant Principal Jillian Makris, who organized and hosted the morning ceremony, the technology department for making the plaques, and Mr. Ari Kramer and his chamber students who provided the soothing musical ambiance.

Congratulations to the following Breakfast of Champions:

Troy Arzt	Travis Brown	Reggie Elton	Karlee Ibanez	Matthew McDermott	Brian Walsh
Jared Bergen	Nicholas Burkel	Gianna Fazio	Jonathon Johnson	Sean McNally	Christian Williams
Amanda Bianco	Chelsea Burnside	Jarid Goineau-Fischer	Angelina Keller	Amanda Minutello	Olivia Zelli
	Abigail Creglia	Chase Hofmann	Rachel Kennedy	Ryan Muscarella	
	Raven Dushnick	Melissa Hunter	Michelle Kontryn	Anthony Pascarella	

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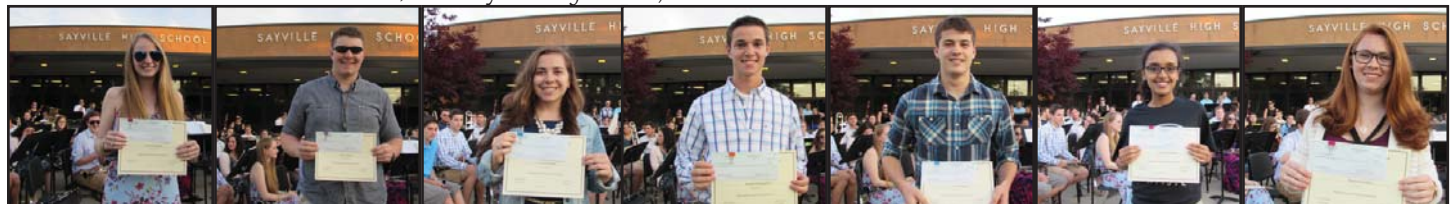


The following awards, grants, and scholarships were made possible by the tireless efforts of SMBA volunteers who held fundraisers throughout the year. The winners named below were culled from candidates who fulfilled the requirements of the application process. Congratulations to the 2015 Award Winners!

SMBA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS:

(L-R) Thomas Reilly - George Seyfert Music Award; Brian Walsh - John Lee Literary Award; Anthony Vetere - Piano; Emily Faughnan - Clarinet; Alex Sneddon - Saxophone;

Olivia Minogue - Dance; Joseph Cunningham - Dance; Liam Harrison - Trombone; Shreeya Panigrani - Viola; Meghan Gunther - Voice
(Not present for awards: Matthew McGrath - Double Bass; Shannon Bohman - William Colson Art Award; Timothy Costorf - Voice)



Also Congratulations to our 2015 SMBA Middle School and High School Award Winners

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Donald Schweikert (Woodwind); Grace Urmaza (Strings); Joshua Minutello (Percussion); Robert Steil (Woodwind); Sarah Hauk (Dance); Samantha LoGrippo (Theater); Thomas Kleppan (Woodwind); Shaun Gibbons (Theater); Lillian Schweikert (Visual Arts); Anthony DiBene (Brass); Matthew Zender (Voice); Tabitha DeGrange (Dance).

HIGH SCHOOL: Lara Hirsch (Strings); Jillian Brudi (Voice); Olivia Harrison (Woodwind); Megan McElroy (Strings); Francis Reilly (Voice); Savannah Votino (Voice); Samantha Mayo (Visual Arts); Conor Riccomini (Strings); Meghan Gunther (Literary)

2015 High School musical
They Struck it Rich With *Kiss Me, Kate*



"I've Come to Wive it Wealthily in Padua" may have been the fortune-seeking intentions of Petrucchio, a lothario who courts the unruly Kate in Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, but the Sayville High School Drama and Music Departments' production of *Kiss Me, Kate* definitely found treasures in the golden voices, rich acting, opulent costumes, and sparkling dancing of the outstanding cast. The production was also supported by a wealth of talent in the orchestra pit and behind-the-scenes crews.

While the musical comedy *Kiss Me, Kate* is about a theatrical company in 1948, performing a musical version of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* in Baltimore, Maryland, it utilizes "the-play-within-the-play" technique of the famous Bard. Offstage the slings and arrows of love's fortunes that assail the acting troupe parallel the onstage action within the play.

Despite snow-day cancellations that dramatically tightened the production schedules, Director Steven Hailey, Musical Director Karen DiMartino, Orchestra Conductor Ari Kramer, Sound Supervisor Andy Giammalvo, Technical Advisor Ken VanEssendelft, and a supportive production staff pulled it all together to ensure the show would go on.

And what a show it was. Blending highbrow sarcasm and lowbrow vaudevillian humor with the genius of Cole Porter and his unforgettable music, Sayville's production of *Kiss Me, Kate* was *Wunderbar*, "forsooth!"

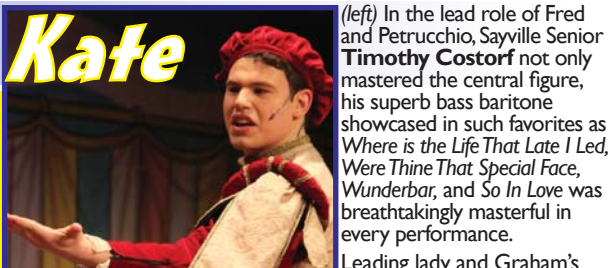


(above) As fellow suitors for Bianca's hand, Gremio (left), splendidly portrayed for amusing effect by Senior **Brian Walsh**, and Hortensio (center), played by Sophomore **Dylan FINDER**, also proved to be a great comic foil, along with Jamie Baio's character Lucentio. They blended their wonderful voices and slapstick antics for a thoroughly entertaining song-and-dance routine in *Tom, Dick or Harry*.



(left) Deserving tremendous praise: Senior **Alyssa Lofaro** and Junior **Rowen Mahoney** on alternating nights literally set the stage for the evening with *Another Openin', Another Show*; Seasoned Senior Players **Jake Vail** as Fred's Dresser led the company in *Too Damn Hot*; the gifted **Liam Haber** as politician Harrison Howell and Lilli's fiancé even made his one-scene cab driver role memorable; **James Velazquez** as Stage Manager knew how to keep a straight face for comic effect, while Senior **Dalen Ferreira** as "Pops" Donovan, kept his cool when everyone else was hot. The wonderful company and dancing ensemble imbued vitality to the stage and especially made *We Open In Venice* exciting.

(See full story and hundreds of photos at Tidings Online: *Kiss Me Kate*.)



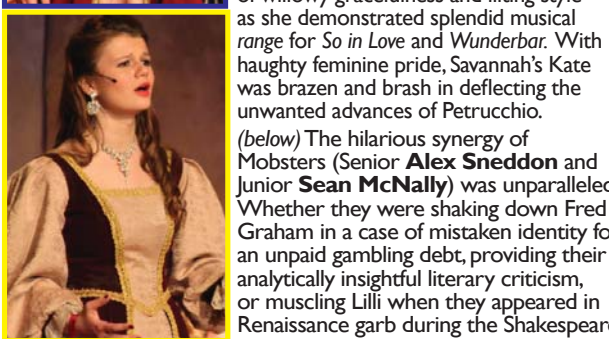
(left) In the lead role of Fred and Petrucchio, Sayville Senior **Timothy Costorf** not only mastered the central figure, his superb bass baritone showcased in such favorites as *Where is the Life That Late I Led*, *Were Thine That Special Face*, *Wunderbar*, and *So In Love* was breathtakingly masterful in every performance.



Leading lady and Graham's ex-wife Lilli Vanessi/Kate was a part shared by two actresses, Sayville Senior **Meghan Gunther** (3 nights) and Junior **Savannah Votino** (1 night):

(left) **Meghan Gunther** maintained a powerful presence as the untamed Kate. As an actor and singer, she demonstrated indefatigable physicality, throwing chairs across the stage in *I Hate Men* or wrangling with Petrucchio, all the while balancing feral intensity with refined qualities and incredible musical range for songs like *So in Love* and *Wunderbar*.

(below left) During her performance, **Savannah Votino** was the epitome of willowy gracefulness and lilting style as she demonstrated splendid musical range for *So in Love* and *Wunderbar*. With haughty feminine pride, Savannah's Kate was brazen and brash in deflecting the unwanted advances of Petrucchio.

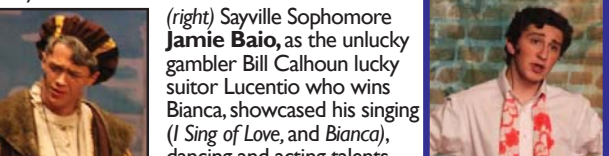


(below) The hilarious synergy of Mobsters (Senior **Alex Sneddon** and Junior **Sean McNally**) was unparalleled. Whether they were shaking down Fred Graham in a case of mistaken identity for an unpaid gambling debt, providing their analytically insightful literary criticism, or muscling Lilli when they appeared in Renaissance garb during the Shakespeare

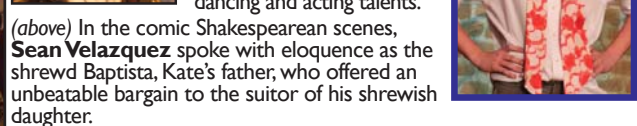


performance, the comedy team stole the show. The dynamic duo's final scene was a bang-up job—a song-and-dance number featuring Cole Porter's bawdy pleasure, the magnificent *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*.

(left) It was a tale of two Jillians for the role of Lois Lane/Bianca; both Sayville Juniors sang and tap danced their way into the audience's hearts: On alternating nights, **Jillian Dymek** and **Jillian Brudi** were remarkably confident and thoroughly convincing as both Lois, the sassy nightclub singer climbing her way into stardom by making the right "connections", and Bianca, the unwed younger sister of Kate. Each Jillian sang *Tom Dick and Harry*, *Why Can't You Behave*, and *Always True to You In My Fashion*, with effervescent charm.



(right) Sayville Sophomore **Jamie Baio**, as the unlucky gambler Bill Calhoun lucky suitor Lucentio who wins Bianca, showcased his singing (*I Sing of Love*, and *Bianca*), dancing and acting talents.



(above) In the comic Shakespearean scenes, **Sean Velazquez** spoke with eloquence as the shrewd Baptista, Kate's father, who offered an unbeatable bargain to the suitor of his shrewish daughter.

DRAMA

2015 Sayville Players AWARDS

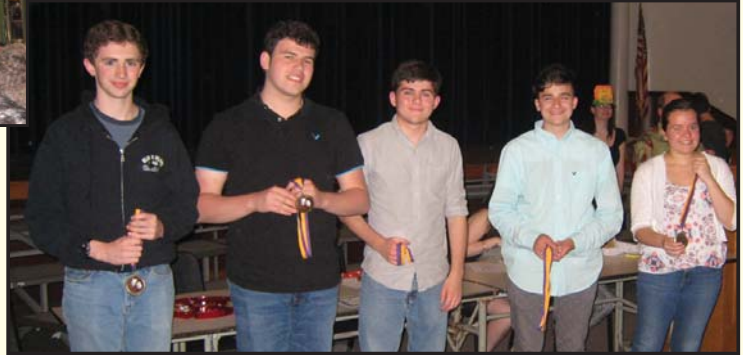
Photos by J. Abrams

When compared to any other High School awards ceremony, the annual *Sayville Players Induction and Awards Ceremony* has always been a great departure from “normal.” That is because the award recipients have a hand (*and sometimes some unusual props*) in the traditional passing of the slate of officers from the outgoing to upcoming.

Again this year, refreshing levity blended comic elements with a bit of nostalgia as the appointed successors were offered confounding advice filled with wit and occasional improvisations. In addition, award recipients (see below) were announced in recognition of accrued “points” for time and performance commitments. The ceremony concluded with *Lori’s Song** sung by this year’s *Lori Abrams Memorial Drama and Music Award* Winner* Alyssa Lofaro, whose performance was a moving tribute. Congratulations!



At the Sayville Players Honour Troupe 2015 Annual Awards Ceremony and Officer Installation, Drama Director Steve Hailey awarded the following:



- KENNETH REED MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE THEATRE: **Jake Vail;**
- OUTSTANDING DRAMATIST: **Tim Costorf;**
- INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY “CIRCLE” AWARD: **Alex Sneddon;**
- LORI ABRAMS MEMORIAL DRAMA & MUSIC AWARD: **Alyssa Lofaro;**
- HONOUR TROUPE HONORABLE MENTION: **Meghan Gunther, Alex Sneddon;**
- SAYVILLE PLAYERS HONOUR TROUPE 2015: **Tim Costorf, Gabby Giovan, Liam Haber, Jake Vail, Brian Walsh;**
- USAA NATIONAL DRAMA AWARDS: **Tim Costorf, Gabby Giovan, Liam Haber, Jake Vail, Brian Walsh.**



(photo above) Sunrise Music Teacher and Lori’s Song composer and writer Amy Baron, Drama Director Steve Hailey, Award Recipient Alyssa Lofaro, and Mrs. Judy Abrams.

*Established in 2001 by former Sunrise Drive teacher Judy Abrams in honor of her daughter, a SHS graduate, who died tragically in a car accident, the Lori Abrams Memorial Drama and Music Scholarship is awarded to a student for significant contributions in both drama and music. As a tribute to Lori’s memory, the Scholarship winner sings Lori’s Song at the drama ceremony.



(photo left) Three Sayville students, Zoe Rivera, Alex Sneddon, and Sean McNally, who were nominated, recently attended the Fifth Annual Islip Town Council’s Teeny Awards, held to honor the HS Theatre Arts programs in the Town of Islip. During the ceremony, Alex Sneddon won for Best Featured Actor in a Musical. Congratulations!

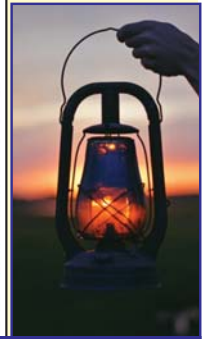
The Teeny Awards...Career Path to Success is a High School student recognition program, patterned after the Tony Awards. The objective of this program is to recognize outstanding talent and encourage students to continue their education and pursue careers in performing arts and theater. The funds contributed through sponsorships are applied to the cost of scholarship awards, and the administration of this innovative student presentation.

SAVA

Districtwide Art Festival of Fun Celebrating 2014-2015 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 2015 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 2015 SAVA awards and scholarship winners at the secondary level: (see list below).

SAVA Sayville Advocates For The Visual Arts
Sat. May 16 @ Sayville Middle School 11-3pm
K-12 Student Art Exhibition 2015



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

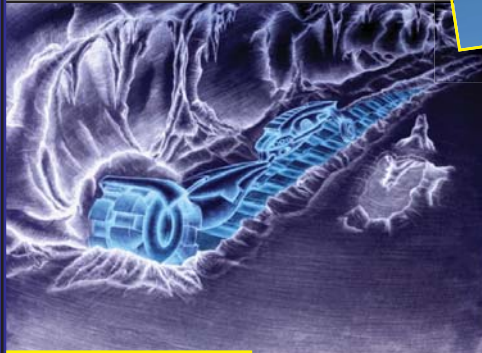
SENIOR AWARDS

- Drawing • Shannon Bohman
- Painting • Alyssa Klassert
- Media • Rachel Kennedy
- Fashion • Samantha Stokes
- 3D • Anna Smith
- Photography • Ryan Fargione
- Overall Fine Artist • Autumn Bradley



SENIOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- Drawing • Tara Litvin
- Painting • Brianna D'Amico
- Media • Skye Fasulo
- Fashion • Olivia Minogue
- 3D • Mackenzie Burns
- Photography • Julianne Lovece
- Overall Fine Artist • Alexa Truglio



UNDERCLASS AWARDS

- Drawing • Cory Levy
- Painting • Elizabeth Acierno
- Fashion • Amber Larokko
- 3D • Melissa Hunter
- Photography • Jillian DeCanio



UNDERCLASS PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- Drawing • Samantha Wilson
- Painting • Jamie Monaco
- Fashion • Michelle Kontryn
- 3D • Rowen Mahoney
- Photography • Sarah Sherard



Photos by O. Minogue

BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDED CITATIONS

AT THE JANUARY 15 BOE MEETING



Award presented by BOE President John Verdone and Principal Ron Hoffer with Science Research Teacher Maria Brown

(left) Sayville Recognized **Two Intel Semifinalists:**

- **Nicholas Cowan** for his Geospatial Modeling to Predict Potential Nature Range Expansion of the Eastern Coyote, *Canis latrans*, in Suffolk County, New York; and
- **Emily Faughnan** for her Trends Analysis of Missing and Exploited Children in the New England and New York Metropolitan Region, USA using Geospatial Tools.

AT THE FEBRUARY 12 BOE MEETING



(left) **Reflections Winners - Sunrise Drive** • (l-r) Brooke Aufiero (*Intermediate Visual Arts*); Riley Mercorella (*Photography*); Sienna Turner (*Primary Literature*); Summer O'Brien (*Primary Literature*); Leah Babcock (*Primary Visual Arts*); Nadia Moosa (*Intermediate Literature*); **NOT PRESENT:** Frances Kloska (*Intermediate Literature*); Maura Reilly (*Primary Visual Arts*); Amanda Anderson (*Intermediate Visual Arts*); with Principal Rose Castello and BOE President John Verdone.



(above right) **NYS School Boards Recognition Citations** were awarded by Sayville Superintendent Walt Schartner to **BOE President John Verdone** and **Trustee Norm deVenau** for achieving **BOARD MASTERY LEVEL 3**.



(left) **National Round of the Classical Singer Magazine Vocal Competition** • **Timothy Costorf**, with Mr. Hoffman and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.



(right, l-r) **Tara Litvin** • won an award for her graphite drawing from **Patchogue Sketch Club Award** and • **Shannon Bohman** for her charcoal drawings received the **Bellport Arts & Framing Award** as well as a **Special Award Given by the Diaz Family**, with Art Teacher Evan Hammer, Art Department Chairperson Deb Urso, and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.



(right) **Christopher Gale** • designed and created a logo that was chosen by Dr. Doucet of Patchogue Family Medical Care, with Technology Department Chairperson Bryan Coon, BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi, Teacher Chad Cross, and Principal Ron Hoffer.



(left) **Newsday Art Contest** • **Loriann Capra** and (not present) **Christina Guiffre** won this contest in December, with BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi and Art Department Chairperson Deb Urso.

AT THE APRIL 22 BOE MEETING



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(left and right) Leading the Pledge at the April 22nd Board of Education Business Meeting were the Cherry Avenue students who shaved their heads for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a fundraiser for childhood cancer research.



BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDED CITATIONS

AT THE MARCH 12 BOE MEETING

Awards presented by Principals Dr. Michele LeBlanc (LA), Dr. Lisa Ihne (CA), Rose Castello (SD) with BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi, BOE President John Verdone, and VP Thomas Cooley.



(above) **Sunrise Drive Town of Islip Sharpshooter Contest Winners** • Gr.4 **Justin Delaney** and Gr. 5 **Reese Skelly** with Principal Castello and BOE VP Cooley. (Not present for photo: Gr. 5 **Kerry O'Donoghue**, Gr.4, **Taylor Totevski**).



(left) **Lincoln Avenue Suffolk Zone Award Winners** • **Kathryn Schroeder** (not present: **Anthony Capuano**) with Dr. LeBlanc and BOE President Verdone.



(right) 2014-2015 **Lincoln Avenue National Geography Bee Winner** • **William Kretz** with Dr. LeBlanc and BOE President Verdone.



(right) **Cherry Avenue Science Fair Winners** • (l-r) **Allison Frontino** (Gr.1), **Angelina Sagginario** (Gr.5), **Samara Lee** and **Eliana Lee** (K), **Adria Vargas** (Gr.2), **Joseph Malossi** (Gr.3), **Owen Parrott** (Gr.4), with Principal Dr. Lisa Ihne and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.



(left) **Cherry Avenue National Geographic Geography Bee Winner** • **Jordan Carpentieri** with Fifth-grade Teacher Nicole Teufel Principal Dr. Lisa Ihne and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.

(right) **Cherry Avenue Winner for her age group in the Seventh Annual Bideawee "Love Your Pet" Contest** • **Erin Costa** with Principal Dr. Ihne and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.

(far right) **Cherry Avenue students' artwork selected for the annual Colors of Long Island, a student art exhibit at The Long Island Museum** • **Kate Leigh-Manuell** and **Chad Moccio** with Principal Dr. Ihne and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.



AT THE APRIL 22 BOE MEETING

Awards presented by Principal Dr. Lisa Ihne (CA), with BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi:



(above) **Cherry Students** shaved their heads and raised \$8,243.00 for St. Baldrick's Foundation for childhood cancer research. (l-r in two back rows) • **Brendan Dargis, Michael Argenziano, Joseph Kolczniski, Kenneth Corrao, Connor Cameron, Miles Cataldo, Nolan May, John Corcoran, and William Grandfield**, (not present for photo: **Andrew Watson**). **Special note:** (two boys in front row, l-r) **Braden Haas** raised over \$250.00, and **Leo Mongiello** raised over \$1,000.00, pictured with Principal Dr. Lisa Ihne and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.



(above) **Cherry Students** coordinated a community service project, raising over \$1,200 for MONDAY'S AT RACINE, a program providing free salon services to patients fighting breast cancer. (l-r) • **Kate Cassidy, Ava Eriksen, Nicole Reina, Molly Schollenberger, Juliet Wessels, Natasha Yajadda** (not present: **Olivia Massey**), pictured with Principal Dr. Lisa Ihne and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.



(above) **Cherry Students** coordinated and created a tribute video to Derek Jeter. They received much publicity from Newsday, Channel 12, Fox 5 and YES. (l-r) • **Chad Moccio, Thomas Marino, Joseph Kolczniski, Connor Cameron, Michael Argenziano** and **John Corcoran**, pictured with Principal Dr. Lisa Ihne and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.

BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDED CITATIONS

AT THE MAY 7 BOE MEETING

Awards presented by Principals Rose Castello (SD), Dr. Michele LeBlanc (LA), Dr. Lisa Ihne (CA), and Ronald Hoffer (HS), with BOE Trustees Keith Kolar and Carl Cangelosi:

(below) **Sunrise Drive Toshiba/NSTA Honorable Mention** is the top 10% of entries received • **Theodore Hynes** and **Paige Weber** (not present **Joseph Benedetto**), with Principal Rose Castello and BOE Trustee Keith Kolar.

(right) **Sunrise Drive SCMEA Central Division I, All-County Chorus participants** • **Alayna Pavao** (not present **Noelle Bartolotta**), with Principal Rose Castello and BOE Trustee Keith Kolar.



(above) **Sunrise Drive 2015 Suffolk Zone Physical Education Student Leadership Award** • **Kerry O'Donoghue** and **Joseph Moosa**, with Principal Rose Castello and BOE Trustee Keith Kolar.



(above) **Sunrise Drive** students entered their Science Fair Projects in Brookhaven National Laboratories competition • (l-r) **Steven Mercorella** (Gr.2), **Evan Como** (Gr.5), **Madelyn Andersen** (K), **Olivia DeSimone** (Gr.1), (not present **Aidan Orlando** (Gr.3) and **Emma Yasinski** (Gr.4), with Principal Rose Castello and BOE Trustee Keith Kolar.

(left) **Cherry Avenue 2015 Suffolk Zone Awards** • **Brigid Manning** (not present **Chad Moccio**) with Principal Dr. Lisa Ihne and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.

(above) **2015 Pilot Club Essay Contest Winner "Sayville My Hometown"** • **Erin Marshall** (LA), **Ava Niggemeier** (CA), and **Kenneth Lopresti** (SD), with Principal Rose Castello and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.



(right) **Lincoln Avenue** for raising over \$1,100.00 to benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation • **Daniel Ayrovainen**, with Principal Dr. Michele LeBlanc and BOE Trustee Norm deVenau.



(left) **Cherry Avenue Town of Islip Sharpshooter Contest Winners** • **Natasha Yajadda** (Gr.5), **Macklin Murtha** (Gr.4), **Kylie Hanna** (Gr.4), **Braden McNamara** (Gr.5), with Principal Castello and BOE Trustee Carl Cangelosi.



(left) **Lincoln Avenue Science Fair Winners** • **Cate Doxsee** (Gr.5), **Jack Lankowicz** (K), **Amelia Leo** (Gr.1), **Mia Santana** (Gr.4), (not present **Dylan Gutheil** (Gr.2), **Joseph** and **Daniel Blanco** (Gr.3), with Principal Dr. Michele LeBlanc and BOE Trustee Norm deVenau.



(left) **High School** students won first place in the New York State **National History Day Competition** for the website they designed and presented • (center) **Jared Bergen** and **Emily Sneddon**, with Principal Ron Hoffer, Social Studies teacher LynnAnn Perlin, and BOE Trustee Norm deVenau.

AT THE JUNE 11 BOE MEETING (Cont. on p. 11)

Awards presented by Principals Rose Castello (SD), Dr. Michele LeBlanc (LA), Thomas Murray (MS), Ronald Hoffer (HS), Athletic Director Dennis Maloney, with BOE President John Verdone, VP Thomas Cooley, Trustees Norm deVenau, and Carl Cangelosi:

(below) **3rd Place in National "Think Outside the Bag" contest**— Mrs. Moran's **LINCOLN AVE 4th Grade** • Brianna Adams, Andrew Alexopoulos, Alison Almeida, Daniel Ayrovainen, Sarah Blaskiewicz, Serena Buono, Adam Burgardt, Joshua Carpenter, Caydence Ehlers, Scarlett Ferraioli, Niyah-Marie Fortunato, Madeline Gibbons, Thomas Golio, Liam Higgins, Michael Keenan, Kyle Knussman, Gianna LaFata, Kevan McCann, Brianna Pepe, Michael Peterson, Aidan Rueb, Kaylin Rutherig, Nicholas Spiotto, Benjamin Suskawicz, Zachary Zehner.



(right) **Sunrise Drive • Courtney Castagna** received Honorable Mention for her poster in the (CAPS) Child Abuse Prevention Services 2015-16 **Bully Prevention Contest** • (far right) **Samuel Smith** and **Mark Bashen** mentored another student every Friday morning.

(above) For their time, dedication and service enhancing the front garden with parent chairperson **Marie O'Doherty** — **LINCOLN AVE 5th Grade** • Annie Bench, Alexandra Bostinto, Gwen Brown, Liam Busch, Thomas Cea, Jeremy Chuisano, Molly Clark, Kiera Collins, Colin Gover, Aidan Keane, Katrina Kranzle, Thomas Ligori, Riley Mahler, Christopher McCabe, Rylie Mullaney, Daniel O'Doherty, Christopher Racioppi, Gianna Racaneli, Shane Romano-Jansen, Kathryn Schroeder, Ava Walsh, Daniel Weber, Josefina Wilson.

BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDED CITATIONS

(Cont. from p. 10)

AT THE JUNE 11 BOE MEETING



(above) Middle School NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM medalists: • Gold Medalist--Avery Rosado (right side in photo) Bronze Medalists (l-r) Christian Simpson, Cassandra Rosado, Nita George, (not present) Emily Benedetto.



(above) Middle School NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM Honorable Mention • Isabella Wilson, Liam Wallace, Ian Surdi, Lorenzo Pensabene, Victoria Maffettone, Bettina Bonfiglio, (not present) Timothy Mohrmann.



(above) Middle School NATIONAL FRENCH EXAM Honorable Mention • Jordan Ramsaywak, Donald Schweikert, Harrison Bench.



(above) (l-r) Middle School • Taylor Schmittzeh for exemplary behavior assisting a severely autistic child at a camp; • Ava Herrera won the Town of Islip Recycling Poster Contest.



(below) Middle School 1st Place 8TH GRADE MATHLETES TEAM • Christian Simpson, Andrew Faughnan, Sierra Boyce, Mackenzie Damon, Sohum Sheth, Jordan Ramsaywak, Nicholas Cameron, Abigail Sneddon, Amy Tomko, Cassandra Rosado, Avery Rosado, Benjamin Scapellati, Liam Wallace, Robert Cascio, Nita George, Madelyn Wagner, Megan Donnelly, Gabriella Medeck.



(left) Middle School 1st Place 7TH GRADE MATHLETES TEAM • Samir Patel, Tyler Karpowicz, Ihtesham Khan, Connor Brennan, Isabelle Byrne, Jeremiah Ramsundar, Sarah Nolan, Christopher Quartuccio, Olivia Battell.



(above) High School • Anna Smith earned the highest award possible as a Girl Scout. Her culminating project was to build a walking path & bench at Mill Pond in Sayville.



(left) Middle School 3RD PLACE (out of 25) in Suffolk County Math Contest held at Brookhaven National Lab • (l-r) Christian Simpson, Nicholas Cameron, (not present) Mackenzie Damon, Amy Tomko, Abigail Sneddon.



(left) High School ROBOTICS TEAM • Jacob Hoeg, Caitlin Gormley, Dillon Esposito-Kelley, Sean Caraher, Jason Burns, (not present) Michael Nyman, Steven Giardina, Robert Kirk, Matthew Tomko.

(below) ANTICIPATED MILITARY SERVICE: Jamie Mas, and Kyle Bianco, (not present) Drake Davison, Patrick Fitzgerald, Jessica Reilly



(left) High School SENIORS WITH MASTERY IN TWO LANGUAGES • Brian Sputh, Erin Koehler, Zoe Gomes, Melissa Mangold, Jordan Zanetti



(above) Class of 2015 Valedictorian and Salutatorian (l-r) • Shreya Panigrahi and Nichola Cowan.



(left) Athletics BOYS GOLF • (l-r) Brendan Haselton-NYS Qualifier in Boys' Golf and finished in the top 50 in this year's event AND Michael Nadeau-Two Time NYS Qualifier in Boys Golf and finished 28th in this year's event.



(right) Athletics BOYS WINTER TRACK • James Reilly finished 16th in NYS in the 600 meter dash (with coach Sam Lynch).

(above) Athletics BOWLING • Alexander Henry-Boys Bowling-Rolled a perfect 300 game on January 6th against Connetquot High School. It is the first recorded perfect game in our school's history (with coach Stephen Aronsen).



(above) Athletics GIRLS GOLF • Ceili Howland -NYS Qualifier for the Girls Golf tournament AND Meghan O'Mara-Two Time NYS Qualifier in Girls Golf.



(above right) Athletics SWIMMING • Sean Caraher NYS Qualifier in Boys' Swimming in the 100-meter breaststroke. (with coach Mike Brocki).



(above) Athletics GIRLS SOCCER • Coach Joe Nasta honored by team members upon his retirement.

TIDINGS

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2015 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.



The Marinus Buys Memorial Award • for Most Outstanding Athlete: MATTHEW SELTS



SPECIAL SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS

(above photos clockwise: left to right)



The Buck MacKenzie Award • for Service, Sportsmanship, and Athletics: KAITLYN WANDELT

The Sayville Coaches Award • Erin MacDevitt
The Outstanding Scholar-Athlete Award • Emma Philbin
The William Costanzo Memorial Award • Kevin Murphy
The Warren Collins Memorial Award • Connor Gaffney
The Harvey Case Memorial Award • Jessica Griffin



GOLD KEY AWARD WINNERS

(PHOTO LEFT) • Erin Lankowicz, Emma Philbin, Bridget Read, Jessica Reilly, Kaitlyn Wandelt, and Erin Gunther (not present for photo Angela Szeplin)

ATHLETIC/MVP AWARD WINNERS

Most Valuable Boys Cross Country•Eric Bartlett
Most Valuable Girls Cross Country•Moira Mahoney
Ron Smith-Boy•Tyler Campbell
Ron Smith-Girl•Tara Litvin
Carl Varone Track•James Reilly
Paul Kelley Track•Clay Peres
Betty Martin MVP Field Hockey•Annah Murphy
Demie Bineares Scholarship•Jordan Zanetti
Huron Smith Memorial Soccer•Adam Laterza
Most Valuable Boys Soccer•Alexander Spau
Most Valuable Girls Soccer•Zoe Gomes
Most Valuable Cheerleading•LeighAnn MacLellan
Cheerleading Leadership•Kara Intermesoli
Most Valuable Baseball•Timothy Peyton

Golden Bat Baseball•Kevin Newell
Most Valuable Softball•Olivia Kaczmarek
Most Valuable Softball•Jessica Griffin
Golden Bat Softball Award•Jessica Griffin
Barney Pazourek Memorial•Matthew Selts
Sayville Football Booster Club•Kevin Murphy
Most Valuable Female Golf•Meghan O'Mara
Most Valuable Male Golf•Michael Nadeau
Most Valuable Girls Basketball•Erin MacDevitt
May Hazen Girls Basketball•Erin Gunther
Major Merrill Wish Basketball•Hunter Schenkel
Bud VanWyen Memorial Basketball•Austin Read
Most Valuable Girls Volleyball•Rebecca Seeba
Most Valuable Boys Volleyball•Paul Close

Most Valuable Girls Swimming•Paige Kolar
Most Valuable Boys Swimming•Sean Caraher
Otto Kubelle Memorial Girls Tennis•Shannon Bohman
Otto Kubelle Memorial Boys Tennis•Jake Hoffman
Evelyn Stoll Girls Track•Samantha Robinson
Atalanta Girls Track•Erin Gunther
George Rhodes Memorial Wrestling•Daniel Murphy
Jules Molzon Memorial Wrestling•Tyler Campbell
Most Valuable Bowler•Alexander Henry
Most Improved Bowler•Michael Castagna
Most Valuable Girls Lacrosse•Kaitlyn Wandelt
Girls Lacrosse Defense•Molly Andrews
Most Valuable Boys Lacrosse•Matthew Selts
Boys Lacrosse Gladiator•Daniel Murphy

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