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# 13 Athletic Excellence

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.



Amy Dean • The Buck MacKenzie Award for Service, Sportsmanship & Athletics









THE WILLIAM COSTANZO **MEMORIAL: Patrick Waters** 

WARREN COLLINS MEMORIAL:





Zachary Sirico • The Marinus Buys Memorial Award for Most **Outstanding Athlete** 

#### SPECIAL SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS (photos above, right and left)

THE SAYVILLE COACHES: **Melanie Trinkwald** THE OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR-ATHLETE: Matthew Leshinger

**Matthew Starr** THE HARVEY CASE MEMORIAL: Amanda Famularo

GOLD-KEY AWARD RECIPIENTS

(photo right)

**Craig Davidson Kevin O'Connor Amy Dean** John Riess Melanie Ann Dylan Schreiber **Drinkwater** Scott Scolnick **Matthew Starr Peter Haves** Kelly McElroy Kayla Stein



The Most Valuable Boys Cross-Country Award Curran Boyce

The Most Valuable Girls Cross-Country Award
• Kelly McElroy

The Ron Smith Award (Boys) • Peter Hayes

The Ron Smith Award (Girls) • Kiona Bustamante The Carl Varone Track Award • Christopher Belchei The Paul Kelley Track Award • Thomas Monahan

& Jon Lyons The Betty Martin Field Hockey Award • Taylor Mills The Demi Bineares Scholarship Award • Claire

Luceri & Gianna Minogue

The Huron Smith Memorial Soccer Award-Boys Matthew Leshinger

The John Schroeder Scholarship Award-Girls Melanie Ann Drinkwater

The Most Valuable Girls Soccer Award

 Madison Hoon The Most Valuable Boys Soccer Award

• Robert Hammerle

The Most Valuable Cheerleading Award • Jenna Morfogen

The Cheerleading Leadership Award • Elizabeth Clarke

The Most Valuable Baseball Award • Robert **McCauley** 

The Golden Bat Baseball Award • Joseph Walsh The Most Valuable Softball Award • Emily Sellitti The Golden Bat Softball Award • Kristen Bricker

The Barney Pazourek Annual Football Award

 Zachary Sirico The Sayville Football Booster Club Award John Haggart

The Most Valuable Female Golf Award

 Shannon Haselton The Most Valuable Male Golf Award

Kyle Burke The May Hazen Girls Basketball Award Amy Dean

The Major Merrill Wish Basketball Award

 Matthew Starr The Bud Van Wyen Memorial Basketball Award

Robert Colarusso The Most Valuable Girls Volleyball Award

 Kelly Leach The Most Valuable Boys Volleyball Award Daniel Feuring

The Most Valuable Girls Swimming Award Meaghan Scheck

The Most Valuable Boys Swimming Award Kieran Harrison

The Otto Kubelle Memorial Girls Tennis Award Stefanie Ebo

The Otto Kubelle Memorial Boys Tennis Award Tyler Hoffman

The Evelyn Stoll Girls Track Award

 Kelly McElroy The Atalanta Girls Track Award • Erin Gunther

The George Rhodes Memorial Wrestling Matthew Leshinger **Award** 

The Jules Molson Memorial Award

Nicholas Pesko

The Most Valuable Bowler Award

 Kristina Etergineoso The Most Improved Bowler Award

Ian Scheff

The Most Valuable Girls Lacrosse Award

Madison Hoon

The Girls Lacrosse Defense Award Elizabeth Koehler

The Most Valuable Boys Lacrosse Award

Spencer Andrews

The Boys Lacrosse Gladiator Award

Kevin O'Connor



DONORS: The Sayville Teachers Association - The Ron Smith Award; Mrs. Martin - The Demi 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; Mrs. 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

#### SAYVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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#### **GOOD TIDINGS**

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
TWO
WORDMASTERS

Last year, we had an amazing Fifth-grader from Cherry Avenue win the highest honors with a perfect score in the WordMasters Challenge—a national language arts annual competition entered by approximately 220,000 each year.

This year, we have TWO PERFECT SCORE WINNERS: Brendan D'Andrea and Liam Cummings.

Competing in the third interval Spring Challenge, in the most difficult Blue Division, Brendan and Liam were among only 149 Fifth-graders nationwide to achieve this level.

WordMasters coach at Cherry Avenue Mrs. Elizabeth Denton was thrilled by their success. When they both were Fourth-graders, they had been recognized by WordMasters as most improved. This year they are CHAMPS!



# TIDITIGS FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# REBECCAMONASTERO



# Valedictorian for the Class of 2013

With a weighted GPA of 107.286, Rebecca Monastero edged ahead of 292 students to be the Class of 2013 Valedictorian.

Although humble in the spotlight of publicity, Rebecca has often risen in the headlines for her significant scientific accomplishments as a Sayville R.I.S.E. student. Her research on the *Interactions of Mercury and Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Avid Seafood Consumers*, conducted this past summer as a Simons Fellow at Stony Brook University under the mentorship of Dr. Jaymie Meliker, earned her a spot

as one of the 53 Long Island science students named from among the 300 national semifinalists in the *Intel Science Talent Search* this fall. It also won her a top 10 finalist position in the *Neuroscience Research Prize* by the American Academy of Neurology.

For such an illustrious high school career, Rebecca was recently honored with the *Outstanding Senior Science Student* by the Suffolk County Science Teachers

Association of New York State.

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### CURRAN BOYCE

# Salutatorian for the Class of 2013

With the second highest weighted GPA of 106.852 out of 292 classmates, Curran Boyce has been name Salutatorian for the Class of 2013.

Both a gentleman and a scholar, Curran has excelled on every level, earning *National Merit Finalist*, *Presidential Scholar Semifinalist*, and *AP Scholar with Distinction* designations, as well as winning leadership awards, volunteer service awards, math and science awards, social studies awards, cross country and track accolades, to name

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but a few. He also held the title of Quizbowl Champion for two consecutive years.

By virtue of his piercing intelligence and innate curiosity, Curran has distinguished himself as a gifted student with a maturity beyond his years. His passion for history, economics, and government compelled him to work on a "campaign for Senator Lee Zeldin, in student politics, and by serving as a member of the *Town of Islip Youth Bureau*," notes his Guidance Counselor Stephanie Adamson, who sums up his ambitions perfectly. "He hopes that in a few years he will be entering a 5-year Naval

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DR. WALTER F. SCHARTNER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SAYVILLE SCHOOLS

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RAYMOND J. NELSON, PRESIDENT
JOHN VERDONE, VICE PRESIDENT
THOMAS COOLEY, NORMAN DEVENAU,
KEITH KOLAR, MAUREEN DOLAN,
DEBORAH VAN ESSENDELFT,

#### **BOARD NOTES**

AT SAYVILLE BOE MEETINGS Student Recognition was given to students (pages 8-11). Retiring Staff members were also recognized (page 9).

AT THE JUNE 13TH BOE MEETING Goodbyes were made to Special Ed Coordinator Mary Bohleber and Deputy Superintendent Geri Sullivan Keck:





SUPERINTENDENT DR. WALTER F. SCHARTNER, REPORTED ON:

1. Reorganization Meeting – July 1, 2013 @ 6 p.m. immediately followed by Business Meeting July 1, 2013.

#### **EVENTS**

- June 18 Cherry Ave Moving-Up OJHS, 1:00 p.m.
- June 19 Sunrise Dr. Moving-Up OJHS, 9:30 a.m.
- June 19 Middle School Moving-Up Middle School, 4:30 p.m.
- June 20 Lincoln Ave Moving-Up OJHS, 9:30 a.m
- June 20 PTA Pre-Prom at *The Grange* 4:00 6 p.m.
- June 22 High School Commencement, Saturday, 10 a.m.
- July 1 Board of Education Reorganization Mtg., Admin Bldg. 6 p.m., followed immediately by Board of Education Regular Mtg.

Have a wonderful summer!

### REBECCA MONASTERO

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#### Class of 2013 Valedictorian

Beyond her extraordinary years of dedication on numerous and noteworthy scientific studies, beyond her stellar academic numbers and rank, however, is an amazing, well-rounded young lady who comprises diverse talents and who has captured the admiration of her peers, as well as the High School community.

In addition to the rigorous five AP courses she has taken this year, Rebecca still pursues outside hours as a Youth Squad Member of the Sayville Community Ambulance Company and participates as treasurer for both the High School Student Government and the Anchor Club (for which she earned the *Distinguished Service Award*).

She has trained and performed in ballet and lyrical dance recitals, and is a member of the Sayville Girls Varsity Golf team. A talented vocalist and violinist, Rebecca has competed in the SCMEA festival, NYSSMA and All-State, for which she has garnered NYSCAME Acceptance, NYSSMA and All-State honors. Not just a performer, however, Rebecca is an outstanding service member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, High School String Ensemble for which she also earned the *Tri-M Outstanding Service* 

Award as a Junior for fulfilling over forty hours of service.

"Her motivation and achievements have been exceptional, over the four years that I have worked with her," acknowledged Research teacher Maria Brown, "but her humbleness, sincerity, and willingness to help others have touched my life and the lives of many others on numerous levels. I must say, she is truly a joy to teach and engage with in eclectic discussions. She is always upbeat, and other students and faculty truly enjoy being around her."

Service to others in a variety of disciplines has been the constant in Rebecca's life, and with remarkable maturity she will focus on her greatest passion; "I cannot imagine anything more motivating than life as a physician." Her future patients will be extremely fortunate.

Next fall, Rebecca will be attending Stony Brook's Woman in Science & Engineering's Direct Med Program on scholarships.

This eight-year program interviews only thirty-four candidates from a nationwide application process and selects only an elite eight students. This is where, Rebecca—one of the eight—will begin her amazing destiny.



At the Third Annual Senior Citizen Dinner Dance, an early evening of fine dining and fun dancing was just the ticket to great entertainment, that is, if you had one of the free Sayville Senior Citizen Gold Cards!

While they served drinks and entrees, the Sayville High School student volunteers engaged their guests in conversations, thoroughly enjoying the Seniors' stories and perspectives on life. But on the dance floor, shyness melted away and by the end of the evening everyone joined in the dance.

(For more details go to Sayville Public Schools website, click on Tidings Online)

### **CURRAN BOYCE**

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### Class of 2013 Salutatorian

Officer Appointment, after spending four years at Yale University and participating in the NROTC program. He plans on serving his country before searching for a job in the private sector in business or in the political arena."

Dedicated, hardworking, with an excellent work ethic, and identified as the kind of student who embraces rigorous academic programs, Curran has also tempered this strong drive with genuine kindness, patience, and empathy for others.

As a positive influence within the community, Curran leads by example. In his senior year, he has captained his Varsity Cross Country Team and Varsity Winter and Spring Track. He currently serves as President of the Student Government and Vice President of the National Honor Society. Last year he was the Second Vice President of Student Government, Altar Server Coordinator at St.

Lawrence the Martyr Church, and was Class President in both his Sophomore and Freshman years.

Throughout his High School career, Curran has balanced leadership with service, accolades with humility, and strength with compassion. Friendly, approachable, and attentive are qualities for which he has been recognized by his peers. He looks to the future with a discerning eye, hoping to impact the political system with lasting positive change.

With these signature attributes of a true leader, it is no wonder his "greatest goal" is aimed at the highest office in the White House, as President of the United States. This country could use a young man like Curran Boyce.

Toward that end he is already on track. Following five former U.S. Presidents (*Taft, Ford, Bush, Clinton, Bush)*, Curran Boyce can affix his name to Yale University when he attends this fall.

#### **CHERRY AVE STUDENTS MEET PEN PALS**



After months of corresponding, the Cherry Avenue Student Government, comprised of Fourth and Fifth-graders, finally met face-to-face with their Pen Pals at Good Samaritan Nursing Home to exchange stories and artwork and perform a little show, singing New York, New York.

Ms. Jeannette Anderson, along with co-advisors Ms. Fee and Ms. Metzler, had originally launched this activity to help students reach out to the Sayville community and develop a true sense of service; but, soon, it became more than just service. It developed into a real bond, spanning generations.

Good Sam Director of Recreation, Christine Schomberg expressed immense appreciation for the "work and coordination in getting all of the students here at Good Samaritan... to perform and meet our residents! Thank you to the other teachers that assisted you and to the Music teacher who choreographed the cute songs! You guys are great! We would love to keep in touch with you next year, as I believe this was a big success!"

Photo: Pen Pal
Benny, who wrote to
the students about
enjoying handball while
growing up in 40s
proved to be a big hit.
Ms. Schomberg added,
"It brings tears to my
eyes seeing the picture
of the boys with Benny!
Adorable!"



# Breakfast of Champions Wholesome Goodness of Character

This Spring, a celebration of good character was held during the Sayville High School BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS.

Invited family members and select students enjoyed a wholesome breakfast provided by 21 Main while basking in the spotlight. Each student had been nominated by faculty or staff because he or she had made Sayville High

School a better place. During the ceremony, moderated by Jillian Makris, TWENTY students were acknowledged this school year by Sayville teachers and staff members. Congratulations to the following students who were recognized:



Kaleigh Acevedo Amanda Bonkoski Alexander Bortzfield Jacaueline Johnson Olivia Kaczmarek Victoria Keghlian Sean Lorthioir Dylan McManus Jamie Meere Jenna Meere Erin Murphy Brian Novak Caroline Pace Alyssa Racioppi Jake Rubenstein Michael Santiago Andrew Schneider Katherine VanDorn Christine Ward Cassandra Wilson

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#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

#### Inducts Eighty Students

Eighty Sayville High School students who demonstrated the attributes of scholarship, leadership, character, and service through various cocurricula and extracurricula activities were inducted into the National Honor Society this spring. In addition, these academic high-achievers have maintained a 94.5 weighted average throughout their High School careers. NHS Faculty Advisor Kevin Recker and Principal Ron Hoffer presided.



Jay Abad
Michelle Anderson
Spencer Andrews
Kerry Barrett
Kathleen Barry
Krista Becker
Marade Bergen
Britton Boyce
Kristen Bricker
Edward Burke
Stephen Callis
Julia Cameron
Kaitlyn Cassidy
Michelle Civitella

Michael Coan Adam Creglia Kelsey Dargis Joseph DeBonis Nicole DelGaudio Joseph DePompeo Melanie Dietrich Scott Dodaro Esra Erdogan Michael Farese Carley Farrell Kara Finnen Aaron Fisher Dana Fox Tiare Fridrich
Ariana Garrett
Emily Goczan
Caroline Greco
Shannon Haselton
Colleen Henderson
Julia Hirsch
Dara Hofmann
Liam Hofmeister
Kristi Kacinski
Zoe Kalomiris
Aneri Kinariwalla
Jordan Kobel
Eric Laliberty

Heather Leahy Jennifer Lembeck Scott Litvin Sean Lorthioir Emily Lowe Julia Magnani Meghan Maloney Susan Mangaluz Michael Marchan Meghan Marshall Sabrina Mayrose Jill Mediatore Madison Mills Sarah Monastero Kevin Murphy
Alexandra Murray
Emily Nowlan
Connor O'Malley
Shannon O'Neil
Tejas Patel
Samantha Peterson
Samantha Pittari
William Potts
Jaclyn Roppelt
Jack Rosa
Anthony Ruiz-Alatorre
Jesus Ruiz-Alatorre
Olivia Russell

Richard Salloum Pamela-Sue Smith Patrick Smith Katya Sparwasser Sydney Teplitz Mary Thayer Angela Vetere Briana Ward Shannon Wissemann Morgan Young

# SMBA

This year, a new element was added to the annual High School Outdoor Concert.
Replacing the long-standing tradition of an awards night at the Middle School, the SMBA (Sayville Music Boosters for the Arts) "Evening in Celebration of the Arts" award ceremony was held out in the open air.

nnouncements of the awards, grants and scholarships, made possible by the SMBA fundraisers throughout the year, opened the event before the concert.

2013 SMBA Senior Scholarship Winners

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#### Celebrates Talent at HS Outdoor Concert

The award-winners were culled from candidates who fulfilled the requirements of the application process.

Congratulations go to all the Middle School and High School winners (listed here).

SMBA photo courtesy of SMBA Website



Peter Hayes - George Seyfert Music Award; Kimberly Miller - Red Cobb Theatre Award



#### HIGH SCHOOL \$250 SMBA GRANT WINNERS (above)

Literary Arts: Jennifer Lembeck

heater: Meghan Gunther

Brass: (not present)

Strings: Shreeya Panrgrahi Susan Mangaluz Brianna D'Amico (not present) Dalen Ferriera &

Shannon Wissemann Nick Burkel

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANT WINNERS (left)

Strings:
Alex Urmaza
Percussion:
James Baio
Mary Elizabeth
Wissemann

Theater: Meghan Fawcett **Brass: Andrew Faughnan** 

Woodwind:
Thomas Faughnan
Julianna Giovan
(not present)
Isabella Giovan
(not present)

Lorelei Olk - William Colson Art Award Christian Savini - John Lee Literary Award



Orchestra: Craig Davidson, Caroline Pace

Band: Kieran Harrison, Christa Saracino

Vocal: Matthew Iovino, Jameson Rebolz, Denise Natoli, Danielle Post

Theater: Matthew Spina, Elizabeth Larkin

Theater Production: Michael LoPreto Literary: Gianna Minogue (not present) Dance: Shannon Lynch, Valerie

Murray

# SAVA Celebrating 2012-13 SAVA Artistic Achievements

at Districtwide Art Festival of Fun

A steady stream of spectators enjoyed their time at the annual SAVA Districtwide art show, where talent was obvious from the youngest student artists all the way to the exceptional works in the 2013 Senior Showcase.

Throughout the day, guests enjoyed face painting, gift baskets, balloon-animal fun, tables for creating fashion illustrations, hands-on cave painting and the 2012-2013 Virtual Museum.

Also, at the celebration, student awards (see below) were distributed.

The culminating

event was the result of tremendous efforts by the dedicated Art Department faculty and volunteers.

Congratulations to all our artists!



#### SENIOR AWARDS

Fine Artist-Lorelei Olk

Fine Artist: People's Choice-Meg Mulry

Painting-Jackie Christensen

Painting: People's Choice-Jackie Christensen

Drawing-Lorelei Olk

Drawing: People's Choice-Meg Mulry

Fashion-Alex Leigh-Manuel

Fashion: People's Choice-Mackenzie Cannini

Media-Emily Diehl

Media: People's Choice-Kayla MacFarlane

3D-Melanie Trinkwald

3D: People's Choice-Amy Dean

#### **UNDERCLASSMEN AWARDS**

Drawing-Jamie Lambert

Drawing: People's Choice—Julia Simpson Painting—Sara Walsh & Autumn Bradley Painting: People's Choice—Kara Stenberg

3-D-Kristi Kacinski

3-D: People's Choice-Victoria Ross

Media-Emily Milano

Media: People's Choice-Michael Coan

Fashion-Shannon Bohman

Fashion: People's Choice-Samantha Stokes

#### STUDIO IN ART WINNERS

I-Samantha Wilson

2-Rachel Zarrett

3-Julia Lyons

4-Samantha Murphy

5-Elizabeth Pigott

6-Daniel Johnson (MS)









This year, a special reception

acknowledged two wonderful, retiring, art teachers, Anne Marie Podlas and Kim Kamensky. The time they spent in the district has left its mark, not only in the young

artists they inspired, but in the hearts of their colleagues.

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# SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT Recognizing Excellence

At the 39th Annual Scholastic Awards Program, approximately 250 awards from all categories of the arts, business, technology, academics, sciences, and the humanities, as well as memorial awards, were given to 149 deserving Seniors in the Class of 2013.

Attending the program to congratulate specific

award recipients were many of the representatives from local organizations that offered 120 Community Scholarships of approximately \$120,000 to graduating seniors.

Three students (listed below) joining the military were honored with a special initiation ceremony, which was presided over by General Dennis Fagan and Captain Michael Huggins, assisted by Valley Forge Military Academy Graduate KeriAnn Murphy (Sayville Class of 2012), who's attending West Point in the fall.

Congratulations to all the recipients for your remarkable dedication and scholarship.

#### The Class of 2013 Outstanding Academic Excellence Awards



(photo above) Among those honored were Valedictorian Rebecca Monastero and Salutatorian Curran Boyce along with their 23 classmates (listed below) who ranked in the top twenty-five.

Erin Abraham
Curran Boyce
Kelly Cavanagh
Caroline DeLuca
Katherine Farrell

Erica Ferer James Giattino Peter Hayes Matthew Iovino Samantha Jarvis Kerry Keenan Elizabeth Koehler Kelly McElroy Taylor Mills Rebecca Monastero Denise Natoli Katie Oskey Deborah Rico Jacqueline Ryder Eliot Simon

Matthew Stephan Courtney Takats Travis Villez Rachael Wachter Marissa Whitby

(photo right) Receiving Recognition for MILITARY SERVICE were Class of 2013 Seniors Curran Boyce, Hunter Grant, and Thalia Rojas. General Fagan, Captain Huggins, and Military Academy Graduate KeriAnn Murphy participated.

Local Representatives/Organizations Awarded more than \$120,000 in Community Scholarships to Members of the Senior Class







# DRAMA

Sayville

Players' **Induction and Awards Ceremony** blended comedy and nostalgia at the annual installation, where the traditional passing of the office added refreshing levity to this high school awards ceremony.

Once again, the departing slate of officers bequeathed amusing props or confounding advice filled with wit and unpredictable improvisations upon their successors. As recipients were announced and awarded, there was genuine catharsis when the winners of the memorial awards were named. Drama Director Steve Hailey explained:

#### Sayville Players Theatre Arts 2012-2013 AWARDS

At the Sayville Players Honour Troupe 2013 Annual Awards Ceremony and Officer Installation, Drama Director Steve Hailey distributed the special, Sayville Players Senior awards to:

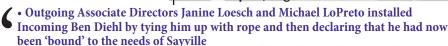
Kenneth Reed Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sayville Players (plaque) Kim Miller Lori Abrams Drama & Music Scholarship Christian Sayini

Outstanding Dramatist Award (plaque) Matthew Spina Thespian Circle Awards (plaques) Janine Loesch, Kaitlin McNamara,

Outstanding Theatre Production Awards: (plaque)
Michael Forsberg, Keith Frislid, Lorelei Olk, Chuck
Verbeck

Sayville Players Leading Player Awards: Matt Iovino,
Danielle Post

International Thespian Society Troupe #6416
Membership (medals) Janine Loesc, Julia Cameron,
Michael LoPreto, Emily Nowlan, Danielle Post,
Matthew Spina, Angela Vetere



Players. They left him to untie hinself as best he could.

- Treasurer Liam Hofmeister installed Incoming Treasurer Emily Nowlan, presenting her with the pen she would need to sign the one financial document she might need to sign during her tenure.
- There were also props involved, as well, [for all the other installations], but I only remember the hat!

The ceremony concluded with the Lori Abram Memorial Drama and Music award winner Christian Savini, singing Lori's Song.

#### The Lori Abrams Memorial Scholarship: Christian Savini

The Lori Abrams Memorial Christian Scholarship was established in 2001 by sang Lori's former Sunrise Drive teacher Judy Song Abrams in honor of her daughter, who died tragically in a car accident.

Christian Savini's contributions throughout his High School career in both drama and music earned him the Lori Abrams Memorial Drama and Music Scholarship.

As the Scholarship winner and a moving tribute to Lori's memory,

Christian
sang Lori's
Song
(composed
and written
by Mrs. Amy
Baron) at
the
conclusion
of the

Drama Awards ceremony.

Congratulations, Christian!





During the May meeting, the Sayville Board of Education recognized the retiring staff. In June, the District wished the following staff members well at a special luncheon given in their honor.

Thank you for your service and dedication: Physical Education teacher Stephen Neugebauer; Deputy Superintendent Dr. Geri Sullivan Keck, Special Education Coordinator Mary Bohleber, LOTE teacher Adrienne Desiano, Art teacher Kim Kamensky, Moniter Joan Jetter, Art teacher Anne Marie Podlas, Elementary teacher Janice Bowers, Principlal Account Clerk Elaine Dory, Head Cook Cheryl Heckle, Elementary teacher Susan Chaskin.

Below photo left (I-r) At the BOE meeting, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Geri Sullivan Keck and Cordinator of Special Education Mary Bohleber were among the retiring staff awarded citations by BOE President Ray Nelson, Trustee Maureen Dolan, and Superintendent Dr. Walt Schartner.







#### BOE Citation Awards

#### BOE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED BY BUILDING PRINCIPALS AND BOE MEMBERS



MS President's Volunteer Service Award: Elizabeth Acierno, Kalista Alfano, Emily Antos, Hannah Bishop, Jillian Brudi, Sarah Bunk, Seamus Burns, Michael Castagna, Matthew Castagna, Jillian DeCanio, Devin Dolan, Michael Earvolino, Brendyn Erlanger, Nicole Farese, Meghan Fawcett, Daniel Forsberg, Gianna Fraccalvieri, Katherine Gennosa, Isabella Giovan, Julianna Giovan, Kiera Golon, Abigail Good, Elizabeth Gouvis, Emily Hanrahan, Christopher Hichborn, Lara Beth Hirsch, Julia Hodgkinson, Luke Kleppan, Danielle Koster, Rebecca Kranz, Alexander Leyboldt, Erik Lindquist,

Michael Lofaro, Claudia Lynch, Jordan Maddy, Madison May, Moira Mahoney, Rowen Mahoney, Megan McElroy, Sean McNally, Amanda Minutello, Rebecca Mohrmann, Michael Nyman, Lyla Patterson, Bridget Pitre, Joseph Razzano Jr., Francis Reilly, Camryn Schilling, Gianna Scoleri, Emily Sneddon, Jonathan Verbeck, Savannah Votino, Mary Elizabeth Wisseman



(below) • LA NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEOGRAPHY BEE



WINNER: D.
Gennosa

(right) • LA
SHARPSHOOTER
WINNERS:
K. Alexopoulous,
A. Jones,
M. Radzewsky,
and J. Intermesoli



(below) • LA SANDY RELIEF: Fundraiser - J. Gench, R.Gover, and N. Liguori;



(right) • LA SANDY RELIEF: Food Drive - H.Votino



(below)
• SD PTA
REFLECTIONS
WINNERS: K. Vahle &
B. Young (Literature);
S. Collins & A. Boucher

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(left) • SD
SHARPSHOOTER
WINNERS: N. Young,
E. Famularo,
D. O'Donoghue, and
C. Giattino

(right) • SD COMMUNITY SERVICE IN GUATAMALA brought school supplies, toys, candy and trinkets for children in remote village during a family vacation: M. Teplitz



(Visual Arts); C. Smith (Photography) not present



(right) • CA NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER: J. Reinhardt; (below) • CA SHARPSHOOTER WINNERS: L. Flaumenhaft, C. Neumeyer, J. Politoski, and B. Murtha



April 11, 2013

(left) CA Suffolk Zone PE Student Leadership Award • C. Keghlian, K. Gross

(below left) CA students
raised \$738 to honor their
classmate, Cameron
Riccomini, who passed away
in November from a rare
form of cancer •
G. Ferrara, J. Catalina,
I. Harris, and
M. Dionisio, who raised
an additional \$1,000
through fundraising at her
mother's workplace.





March 14, 2013 **BOE Citation Awards** 

(below) • SD As St. Jude Math-athon Paricipants, two students raised the **MOST** money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: L. Lessing & N. Cook-Coleman

(above) • LA SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:

(K) J.Alliegro (I<sup>ST</sup>) D.Blanco

J. Blanco (2<sup>ND</sup>) N. Kranz D. Kranz

(3<sup>RD</sup>) D. O'Doherty (4<sup>™</sup>) C. McGrath

(5<sup>™</sup>) L.Weber

(above right ) • LA SEED STUDENTS received HONORABLE MENTION in the Toshiba/NSTA Explora Vision Competition: S.Patel, A. Jones, T. Kane, J. Golio



(right) • CA SCIENCE FAIR **WINNERS:** 

(K) M. Philp

R.Wiebke (I<sup>ST</sup>) E. Marino

(2<sup>ND</sup>) B. Flaumenhaft

(3<sup>RD</sup>) A. Sagginario

(4<sup>™</sup>) B. Hoss

(5<sup>TH</sup>) A. Vargas

(left) Matthew Leshinger • 2013 Division I League Champion wrestler at 132 lbs. Overall record of 154-26, was both All-League Finalist

and All-County for 4 years. (Matt's win this year gave Sayville its second ever State championship since Peter Yozzo in 1983.) A senior with a weighted GPA of 93.567, Matt was recruited by Columbia University.

(right) Christopher Belcher • 3-year Varsity Winter Track Champion, undefeated in the 55m this year, ranking 8th in the country. This season alone, Chris won All- State, with 1st Place NYS 55m Championship, All-County with 1st Place Suffolk County Championship, is a Suffolk County Record Holder in 55m with 6.35 time, is a Small School Champion in the 55m, took 1st Place in the 55m at the Milrose Games and is now the record holder, 1st Place in Elite Invitational in the 55m, is the Stanner Games Champion in the 55m, achieved All-League, and received the Section XI New York State Sportsmanship Award.





(above) • SD SCIENCE **FAIR WINNERS:** 

(l<sup>sr</sup>) K. Cummings (2<sup>ND</sup>) E. D'Ambrosio

(K) J. Weber

(3<sup>RD</sup>) E.Como

(4<sup>™</sup>) L.Yoder

(5™) D. Rastello

May 9, 2013



CA • M. Perez helped raised \$738 to honor deceased classmate Cameron Riccomini..



(above) • WINNERS OF THE PILOT CLUB ESSAY CONTEST: Sayville My Hometown: C. Jones, T. De Grange, with Pilot Club Representatives



ove) • SD 3rd GRD Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair HONORABLE MENTION -Como



(above) • SD raised \$250 for Ronald McDonald D. Lewis



(above right) • SD Students initiated cleanup of Peace Pole area: P. Wandelt, S. & N. Furno

BOE Awards were presented by Principals Dr. Stimmer (CA), Dr. Lebiuric (LA), Dr. Lebiuric members: President Nelson, VP Verdone, BOE trustees Cooley, deVenau, and Kolar.

# ELEMENTARY AWARDS

(photo left ). After many trees were lost during Super Storm Sandy, these environmentally conscientious students, led by Eric, planted a tree to beautify Lincoln Avenue, as well as replenish oxygen: (I-r) LA's E. & E. Bossert, D. & N. Kranz, and SD's A. & J. Spitzfaden







MIDDLE SCHOOL 8th-grade NATIONAL FRENCH EXAM (left) GOLD F. REILLY • Ranked #1

> (right) BRONZE E. OTERLOH • Ranked #6



MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

(below) THE NATIONAL SPANISH COMPETITION TOP 25% IN THE COUNTRY

(right) A.Worrell • NATIONAL SPANISH competitor



Allyson Bricker Julianna Giovan ason Intermesoli Kevin Peterson Gianna Scoleri

#### **BRONZE**

Andrew Cameron Alec Fox Jennifer Marciano Matthew Tomko

**SILVER Anna Brennan** Megan MacFarlane Jahan Rahman

Robert Strain





**BRONZE** K. EICHELE Ranked #8 (below left) ONORABLE K. SERMIER • Ranked #13











(left) Scholastic Writing Awards M. FAWCETT & L. KLEPPAN

> **Sayville Eagle Scouts:** DYLAN SCHREIBER, CRAIG DAVIDSON, DYLAN PAGE.

**KEITH FRISLID** (not present)



(photo below; I-r) • HIGH SCHOOL AWARD-WINNING ATHLETES

• CHRISTOPHER BELCHER: (not present for photo) New York State Qualifier for Varsity Boys Track: 2nd place in the 100-yard dash; • KYLE BURKE: Suffolk County Champion Wrestling and 3rd-Place finish in New York State; • ROBERT HAMMERLE & (not present) MADISON HOON: All-New York State Varsity Soccer Players; • (not present) TYLER HOFFMAN: Ranked in the Top 20 for New York Varsity Tennis; • TAYLOR MILLS: Named an All-State Varsity Field Hockey player; • SHANNON HASELTON: 5th in Suffolk County for Girls Golf, All-County Player, and New York State Qualifier.









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#### **HIGH SCHOOL June 13 BOE CITATIONS**



(far left)
CLASS OF 2013
VALEDICTORIAN
Rebecca
Monastero
(left)

CLASS OF 2013 SALUTATORIAN Curran Boyce • SERVING OUR
COUNTRY IN THE
MILITARY
(right)
Curran Boyce
and Thalia Rojas.
Hunter Grant (not
present),



(below) MEMBERS OF THE ROBOTICS TEAM



Shaun Coon, Matthew Dowd, Stephen Pace, Ryan Reitzel, Christopher Tobin, Ryan O'Mara, Andrew Pilon, Tristan Ramirez, Robert Roth, Michael Nyman, Rebecca Kranz, Thomas Kroll, Jacob Hoeg, Zachary Yale, Melanie Drinkwater, and MS MEMBERS: Matthew Tomko, Matthew Odierna, Andrew Cameron. Awards presented by Mr. Hoffer

# **2xChampions**

LONG ISLAND CLASS "A"
SUFFOLK COUNTY CLASS "A"
LEAGUE 6 CHAMPIONS
& SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM

#### VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM (

Erin Abraham, Sabrina Bencivenga, Kristen Bricker, Alexandra

Casazza, Jacqueline Christensen, Amanda

Eremita, Cynthia Griffin, Jessica Griffin, Olivia Kaczmarek, Kerry Keenan, Annalise McClellan, Christina Milone, Mia Palmeri, Sarah Schick, Emily Sellitti, Julia Simpson, Maria Slager, Caitlin Slevin, Lyndsey Shaw, Hailey Comiskey; Coaches Rowan and Guercio.



# VARSITY CHEERLEADING TEAM

(below) Sabrina Bencivenga, Elizabeth Clarke, Alyssa Fagan, Nikki Ferrara, Kaytie Ferremi, Faith Haller, Anna Harris, Kara Intermesoli, Cheryl Johnson, LeighAnn MacLellan, Kylie McCoy, Jenna Morfogen, Bridget Read, Nicole Sgroi, LeeAnna Sullivan, Kristen Tisch. (not present) Coach: Darla Randazzo (Volunteer Jennifer Ferremi in photo..)

 RANKED I3<sup>™</sup> IN THE NATIONAL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP, ORLANDO, FLA











(above) BOE RECOGNITION given to staff mentors, advisors, councilors, and volunteers. (SEE FULL LIST ONLINE)