

Highlights

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of the Sayville School District

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NEWSWORTHY

National Merit Scholarship Winner

Senior Trevor Caverly has won a National Merit Scholarship and is among the top students nationwide to receive this honor. (*Out of the 1.4 million students who took the PSAT exam in 2005, nearly 8,200 scholarships have been awarded.*) Trevor will attend the University of Rochester next fall.

Microsoft Office Specialist in Word

Cynthia Cheng, a Ninth-grade student enrolled in Mr. Chad Cross' Microsoft Word/PowerPoint course, received a 912 out of a possible 1000 points on the **Microsoft Office Specialist Word Core Exam**. In the five-part exam, with 640 points as passing, Cynthia received 100% on three parts. Cynthia is now a certified Microsoft Office Specialist in Word!

Performed Solo at Carnegie Hall

Lea Johnson, a high school senior who plans to attend the *Hart School of Music* in the fall, performed the solo *Non So Piu Cosa Son* from the opera **The Marriage of Figaro** in the Young Musicians Concert at Carnegie Hall.

2007 SERIES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

For their academic excellence throughout their high school careers, the NYS Education Department has awarded scholarships to the following Seniors:

William Beck	Palak Patel
Joseph Catapano	Viral Patel
Trevor Caverly	April Rueb
Michelle DeBonis	Matthew Santoro
Modhura Ghosh	Brendan Walsh

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates in Class of 2008

Due to their outstanding 2006 PSAT exam achievements, four Class of 2008 members qualified for the National Merit Scholarship program: **Cory Faragon, Katelyn Harlin, Erika Schreiber, and Stephen Tuozzolo** rank among the top students competing in next year's selection process. Good Luck!

SO MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS (SO LITTLE NEWSLETTER SPACE)

Here's just a sampling of the many student achievements districtwide...

The Mercedes G. Astor Scholarship Winner and Alternate

Since September 1968, Dowling College Benefactor John Astor established the annual Mercedes G. Astor Memorial Scholarship to honor his late wife, Mercedes. The winner is required to attend a four-year college or university in the United States.

Each year since then, the top twenty Sayville Seniors bid for the scholarship, valued at \$4,000 (\$1,000 per college year) by submitting their applications in anonymity. These students must be nominated by a school authority and have had to demonstrate excellence in scholastics, character, leadership qualities, extracurricular participation, social

behavior, exemplary citizenship, and the ability to get along well with others. Additionally, the candidates are asked to write letters explaining what makes them deserving of this award. Their submissions undergo a review process by which the winner is selected. Although again this year, all the submissions were outstanding, congratulations go to Class of 2007 Seniors Matthew Santoro for winning this year's Mercedes G. Astor Memorial Scholarship and to Viral Patel who was named the alternate. In the fall, Matt plans to attend Boston College and Viral has accepted Northeastern.

Awards & Honors

Four Sayville Middle School students, Katie V., Elizabeth K., and Curran and Garret B., who participate in the Sayville's **Young Science Researchers Club**, were among the 150 Long Island participants (60 at the sixth- and seventh-grade level) to compete in the Ninth Annual Science Fair in the Honors Program at Nassau Community College.

Katie and Elizabeth entered their project *Testing for E. Coli Bacteria in the Waters of Sayville, NY*; Curran and Garret entered *The Effects of Ultraviolet Radiation on Brine Shrimp*. The panel of judges awarded Curran and Garret's project **FIRST PLACE**. Congratulations and acknowledgements go to both teams for your exemplary research!

Opened to all Middle School students interested in hands-on, real-life, practical science applications, **Young Science Researchers Club** gives students the option of completing teacher-led group projects or individual research under the supervision of club advisor and Earth Science teacher Anthony DeAngelis.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD NOTES

AT THE MAY 10TH BOE MEETING

Recognition was given to:

- Students (p. 2)
- Mentors (p. 2)
- Tenure Candidates (p. 3)
- District Volunteers (p. 3)
- Staff Recognition:



Kathy Nolan (photo above) for her Humanitarianism

DR. ROSEMARY F. JONES,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
 reported on the following:

1. Overview: 2007-2008 Proposed Budget
 - a) Budget Vote & Election, May 15, 7 am to 9 pm, High School Lobby
2. Schools Closed May 25
3. Date for Reorganization Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 28 Schools Closed: Memorial Day
- June 1 SAVA All-District Art Show, Middle School Commons, 7-9pm
- June 6 All-District Elementary Band/Orchestra Concert, Middle School, 7:30 pm
- June 7 Board of Education Workshop Meeting, 7 pm, Admin. Bldg.
- June 11 Workshop – “Parent’s Role in Preventing School Violence” 7-8 pm Middle School
- June 14 Board of Education Meeting, 8 pm, Old Junior High Auditorium

Parent Members needed for SBT

If you wish to become a SBT member, (use coupon p. 13, printed in District Calendar)

- Provide your name,
- Day & evening phone #s,
- Address
- Child(ren)’s name(s) & School to which you are applying.

Send to:

District Steering Committee
 99 Greeley Ave, Sayville, NY 11782

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PASSED WITH 1492 YES; 845 NO
Sayville School District would like to thank the community for your continued support of our children’s education.

BOE Citations Awarded to Students

Awards were presented by Principals Dr. Walt Schartner (MS), Michele Gunther (LA), Rose Castello (SD), BOE President John Verdone, BOE Vice President Norm deVenau, and BOE Trustee Allison J. Cruz.

PILOT CLUB ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS
 (presented by Allison J. Cruz & Maryann Hamilton): Julianne J. (LA), Gianna F. (CA), Christina B. (SD)



(photo right) **Winners:**

- Olivia B. (K)
- Timothy M. (1)
- Kaitlyn R. (2)
- Jared B. (3)
- Kevin M. (4)
- Scott D. (5)

Honorable Mentions

- Joseph M. (4)
- Bridget R. (4)
- Joseph D. (5)
- Rowan N. (5)

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Bronze Medallion
 presented by Prudential Rep. Lonnie Sesskin to Taylor C.



For ALS research, Taylor campaigned and raised \$1,000.

Taylor’s extraordinary volunteer hours in community work also qualified her for the *President’s Volunteer Service Award* certificate and a letter from President Bush.

SUNRISE DRIVE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS & HONORABLE MENTIONS



(photo below) **GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE SD WINNERS:**

- Tied 1st Place 5th Gr: **Richard S. & Nicholas R.;**
 Winner of tiebreaker: **Richard;**
- 2nd Place 5th Gr: **Mary Kate M.;**
- 1st Place 4th Gr: **Emma P.;**
- Tied 2nd Place 4th Gr: **Daniel M. & Kevin M.**



(above) **TOWN OF ISLIP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: SD WINNERS**
 MaryKate M. (Language Arts) & Sabrina M. (Scholarship & Athletics)



SIXTY-EIGHT DISTRICT MENTORS HONORED AT BOE MEETING



TEN CHERRY AVENUE MENTORS, PROGRAM INITIATED BY TONI FABIAN;
 EIGHTEEN LINCOLN AVENUE MENTORS, PROGRAM COORDINATOR: AMY LOBACZ
 FIFTEEN SUNRISE DRIVE MENTORS, PROGRAM COORDINATOR: TONI FABIAN

EIGHTEEN MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTORS, PROGRAM COORDINATOR: PAUL SIMONSEN
 7 HIGH SCHOOL MENTORS, PROGRAM COORDINATOR: RONALD HOFFER

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RECOGNIZING DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS

The BOE acknowledged the following District Volunteers for their service throughout the academic year.



DISTRICT SITE-BASED TEAM

Fran Bavaro, Marian Farese

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Kathy Lawrence, Adam Rizzo

COORDINATING COUNCIL OF PTAs

Gerilyn Panzarino

SMBA

Denise Fliedner

MS/HS PTA

Paula Troha, Margaret Cipriano

CHERRY AVENUE PTA

Kathy Pelletier, Denise Wolmart

LINCOLN AVENUE PTA

Sherrylyn Ross, Ginny Sullivan, Libbey Stueber

SUNRISE DRIVE PTA

Kim Eichele, Patricia Gallagher, Doreen Mattia

SEPTA

Patricia Hillery, Nancy Clarke

DISTRICT VOLUNTEER PHYSICIAN FOR VARSITY AND JV FOOTBALL

Dr. Anthony Capellino

PARENT MEMBERS CSE

Alicia Allegue, Susan Castagna, Dari Creglia, Lorraine Derpich, Jennifer Ferremi, Debbie Gatta, Amy Hutchison, Janet Ibanez, Eileen McElroy, Gus Merced, Karen Russo, Monica Smith

COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to JV Girls Basketball **COACH TIFFANY COOLEY** who was recognized as **LEAGUE V COACH OF THE YEAR** by Suffolk County Girls Basketball Association for a tremendous season.

NEWLY TENURED

Congratulations to the staff members who achieved tenure this year.

- STEPHEN ARONSEN•HS Social Studies
- CHRISTIAN BANNON•HS Mathematics
- RICHARD CASKEY•HS Technology
- TIFFANY COOLEY•HS/MS Physical Ed
- DOROTHY COYLE•CA
- STEPHANIE CRUZ•HS Guidance
- ANTHONY DEANGELIS•HS Science
- MELISSA DREYER•HS Science
- GREGORY FINLEY•MS Mathematics
- ANDRIA FLYNN•CA
- ERIC FRANK•SD
- STEPHEN GREENWALD•District/Elem
- NICOLE JOHNSON•CA Special Education
- KATHLEEN KAGIWADA•CA Reading
- KRISTOFER KROL•MS Technology
- JULIA LANG-SHAPIRO•HS Art
- AMY LOBACZ•LA Social Worker
- GARRETT LYNCH•MS Social Studies
- GEORGIA MALAFIS•HS English
- JENNIFER MCCLEERY•LA Special Education
- LIANA MYSKA•LA
- ELIZABETH QUINLAN•HS Social Worker
- GERARD SAMPSON•LA/SD Special Education
- DOUGLAS SHAW•HS English
- ADAM SZNITKEN•HS Mathematics
- WILLIAM VOGEL•HS Technology
- MICAELA ZAFONTE•HS LOTE - Spanish

“Should the United States Tighten its Borders?”

Social Studies Department Holds Debate on Immigration

Strong arguments clashed between the teams of Sayville High School students who stood before the assembly of invited teachers and students at this year’s schoolwide debate. Prior, students had gathered information, researched the topic, prepared their arguments, and selected debaters who would best represent their viewpoints—and it showed. This year’s debaters for: **YES:** Frank Peluso, James Muller, Matt Muller, Drew d’Agostino, Nicole Todaro, Matt Spelman, Bryan Redmond, and **NO:** Bishnu Panagrahi, Rima Pancholi, Stephen Tuozzolo, Brian Ellison, Tessa Buono, Emma Levy were contagious in their passion and insights. The energetic arguments kept the audience at the edge of their seats.

Special thanks go to the Social Studies Department moderators, who in lieu of an official debate club, annually organize these schoolwide debates to give students a feel for the forum.



HELPING HANDS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Each year, the Social Studies Department finds enough volunteers from the High School student population to assist Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk on projects. Once again, fourteen Sayville students lent helping hands and put up vinyl siding on a house in Mastic. Participating in this worthwhile community service were Kristen Banaszak, Karyn Carey, Lauren Dodaro, Katelyn Harlin, Karl Hart, Brianna Lind, Kathleen Lynch, Megan Macri, Brittany Mayrose, Ed McLaughlin, Kaitlyn Nowicki, Erika Schreiber, Kristen Troccoli, and Nigel Whelan.

Photos courtesy of Tara Patin



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Congressional Arts Competition **WINNER**



Congratulations to Sayville Senior (and AP Art student) Lorraine Rilling, who had her charcoal drawing *Waiting for Dinner* selected as the **WINNER** in the 26th Annual Congressional Arts Competition.

Accompanying her to the competition were art teacher Mr. Evan Hammer and Lorraine's mother. After the judging, Lorraine and her mother were congratulated by Congressman Steve Israel.

Waiting for Dinner is on display in the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. Additionally, Lorraine received plane tickets from *Southwest Airline* so that she and her family could fly to the artists' reception, held at the Capitol in late June. Kudos to Lorraine and her art teacher Mr. Evan Hammer!

Artistic Awards

Competing with nearly 300 other student artists who submitted work to the Heckscher Museum Juried Art exhibition, Sayville Juniors Samantha Carley and Taylor Pratt (*photo right with Mrs. Dalpiaz*) came home with awards. Taylor received **Special Achievement (First Place)** in Ceramics and Samantha received **Honorable Mention (Second Place)** in Ceramics as well as a Memorial Scholarship from the museum. Their artwork remained on exhibit for two weeks in the Heckscher Museum. Congratulations Taylor, Samantha, and teacher Mrs. Bobbie Dalpiaz!



For the common good of the Common Ground, the High School Art and the Tech Departments joined efforts on a project with the Common Ground, Gillette Park, Sayville. The students in **Mixed Media** created mosaic stepping stones, **Intro to Painting** took the plain green garbage pails and painted landscape scenery on them, the **Ceramics** students made a birdbath, and the **Technology** students in Pete Carbocci's classes created birdhouses and butterfly houses.

Visitors to the Common Ground can enjoy the lovely artistic enhancements in the park.

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BAFFA

As if there weren't already such good tidings in the Art department, the BAFFA reception brought even more. At the Bay Area Friends of the Fine Arts gallery at the Gillette House, the Sayville Art Department had the most winners of any district in their Student Invitational Art Exhibit. Our winners included:

- **FIRST PLACE Pen & Ink Drawing**-Elysa Lomangino
- **FIRST PLACE Watercolor Painting**-Rachel Sigismondi

- **SECOND PLACE Functional Ceramics**-Deanna Esposito
- **SECOND PLACE Watercolor Painting**-Aly Rofrano
- **THIRD PLACE Acrylic Painting**-Brianna Lind
- **THIRD PLACE Oil Painting**-Natassia Miller
- **THIRD PLACE Traditional Sculpture**-Dana Pacifico
- **THIRD PLACE Mixed Media Drawing**-Zach Stewart

Congratulations to the artists as well as their teachers, Evan Hammer, Bobbie Dalpiaz, and Kim Kamensky!



Making a Difference!

Family and Consumer Science MS Students

Committed to helping the community and the world around us, the Family and Consumer Science students in teacher Jeanne Incantalupo's Seventh- and Eighth- grade classes participated in exciting service-learning activities this year.

The Seventh-grade classes took a stand against hunger on Long Island. Coordinating with the Sayville Middle School fundraiser for Island Harvest, the students employed their newly acquired sewing skills to make fabric gift bags. These bags, filled with packaged cookie mix, were donated to the food pantry for local distribution. Special recognition goes to an industrious Seventh-grader, Zach Stephan, who successfully sewed over ten bags for donation!

The Eighth-grade

students were also enthusiastic about helping the community on this fight against hunger project. As part of their Food Science and Cooking Unit, they measured the cookie mix to fill the fabric gift bags for distribution.

After mastering the sewing machine, the Seventh-graders also made camouflage fleece scarves (photo above) for the U.S. soldiers overseas. Along with the districtwide supply collection for the soldiers, the scarves were donated to the United Service Organization (USO) and distributed to soldiers in Iraq. "Special thanks to Mrs. Galima's Knitting Club," Ms Incantalupo added, "for their scarf donations and to Janine L. (Sixth grade) for her beautiful crochet blanket. I would especially like to congratulate both my



Seventh- and Eighth-grade students for their contributions and hard work."



SEEDLING LAW STUDENTS

Their legal caseload is challenging. It requires applying all their literary, civic, and math skills to solve problems.

No, this is not your trendy law firm. This is a Classroom, Inc.'s computer simulation program used by Mrs. Jean Galima's seventh-grade SEED students (or SEEDlings, as she calls them). In the *West End Law* simulation, students take on the law in a "real-life context" program that is modeled on the law profession. In small groups, the students examine the pros and cons of presented facts upon which they make decisions that will affect the operation, reputation, and clientele of the general practice law firm, *West End Law*. They learn about copyrights, contract language and terms, how jury selection is done and what motions are used in courts.

Student Gabrielle Pacia, who wants to be a lawyer, feels this program has helped her understand the process. Jessica Rosati and Tiffany Bruno think it's "challenging yet riveting, because you never know how a case will turn out. We learn from our errors."

This ongoing SEED activity, has the students agreeing: law is complicated.



Sayville Four are Best in Media Arts Show

AT THE 2007 LONG ISLAND MEDIA ARTS SHOW

Among the thirty-four Sayville students who accompanied Mr. Chad Cross, photography and graphics teacher, to the 2007 Long Island Media Arts Show, hosted by Five Towns College, sixteen submitted their designs and photography in the competition. With thousands of works submitted in this year's show, Mr. Cross' students, who take Independent Study Photography or Advanced Computer Graphics courses, expected to learn much from what they viewed and how the professors and professionals would judge the entries.

"We are a small school and with only sixteen students

competing out of four thousand," Mr. Cross said. "It is easy to see how we might fly under the radar. Only sixty of those four thousand students were given the best in show ribbon, including four of Sayville's own: Sarah Paul and Christina Maneri for photography, and Kevin Kwiatkowski and Dan Calise for computer graphics."

Alicia Flinn, who submitted eight landscape pictures, "wasn't really nervous." She found more enjoyment in seeing what her peers were doing, and views the Media Arts Show as helpful to her future photography career. "I love photography for giving me the ability to express myself."

During the judging of his award-winning package-design graphic project, Kevin Kwiatkowski admitted he felt "nervous." After waiting two hours for the final evaluation from college professors and working professionals, Kevin appreciated their criticism, both good and bad, and viewed it as a tool he could use when he returned to the classroom. "Outside praise raises their confidence," Sayville Technology teacher Mr. Bryan Coon conceded and was as pleased as his colleagues Mr. Cross and Mr. Bill Vogel with Sayville's relatively high number of "Best in Show" recipients.

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SMS String Ensemble End 2007 Tour in Concert



SMS String Ensemble: Amanda Bonkoski, Allie Gressler, Valerie Murray, Courtney Mignone, Erica Weinberg; Kyle Tieman-Strauss, Emily Fox, Jackie Kalomiris, Katherine Greenbaum, Allyson Marchan, Melanie Drinkwater, Katie VanDorn and Miss Savage

For their last concert on their 2007 Tour, the Sayville Middle School String Ensemble, (a student-driven community-service orchestra that, on a volunteer basis, performs for residents in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities) was joined by the Sayville High School Chamber Orchestra in a performance at Sunrise Assisted Living Facility, Patchogue. The concert was a tremendous show for the residents and a great opportunity for the students.

CELEBRATING Cinco De Mayo



Sixth-grade students in Mrs. Adrienne De Siano's Spanish classes commemorated **Cinco De Mayo**—the 1862 Mexican army's victory against the French during a battle fought in Puebla—with research and fiestas!

Students brought in food and prepared a class dialogue as they play acted in the roles of “vendedores (vendors), “fotografos” (photographers), “bailadores” (dancers), mariachi bands, and “amigos” (friends). Many students attended the fiesta dressed in the festive colors of the Mexican flag—green, white, and red.

CHERRY AVENUE SUPPORTS Long Island Cares



Taking part in Long Island Cares, the Suffolk County Executive's First Annual Food Drive, Cherry Avenue students and families once again demonstrated their generosity to those in need. Successfully getting the word out was the responsibility of the Student Council members. These students created posters which were displayed throughout the building, and visited each classroom to talk about the food drive and encourage participation. The Food Drive was a great success. Thanks to the efforts of these Fifth graders, Cherry Avenue was able to fill three large donation bins with much-needed items. Long Island Cares received all the donated items and will be distributing them to local food pantries.

“Pencil” Pal Grandmother VISITS CHERRY



Both Mrs. Susan Metzler's first-grade students and her 93-year-old grandmother (who grew up on Long Island, but lives in Virginia) couldn't wait to meet each other. Grandma Wiley had been the Cherry Avenue students' class “pencil” pal throughout the school year, and while up visiting family, was about to appear in person.

When she came to the classroom door, Grandma Wiley was greeted with cheers, hearty hellos, and shy giggles. Quickly the students formed a circle at

the foot of her chair, listened to her stories of past and present experiences, and asked her questions.

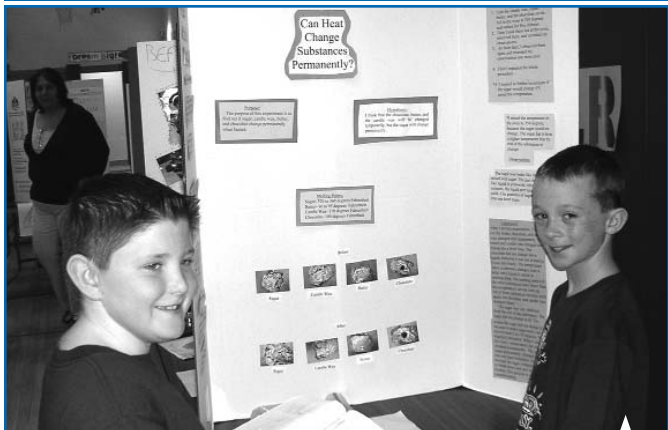
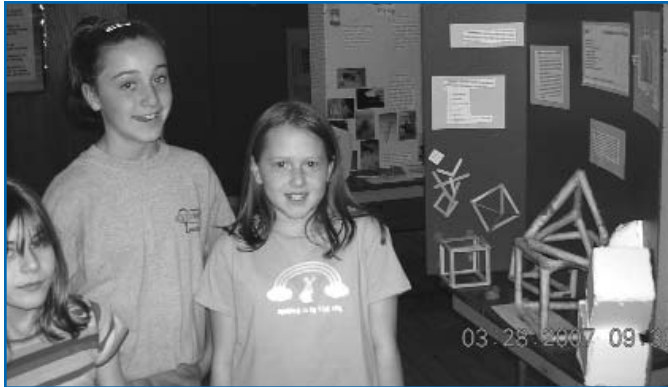
“The children seemed to hang on every word Grandma Wiley shared.” Mrs. Metzler said. “Grandma Wiley encouraged them to read, telling them ‘you will never be bored if you have a book.’” Grandma Wiley also encouraged the children to be kind to one another.

Faces, young and old, were beaming with love and excitement that day.

Lincoln Science Fair

At the Lincoln Avenue Science

Fair, elementary students browsed through diverse exhibits. Fifth-grade students Gabby, Kathleen, and Nicole check out **What is the Strongest Type of Polyhedron?**, while Third-graders Jack and Ryan ponder the question **Can Heat Change Substances Permanently?**



Learning the LINKS

During their routine gym classes, all the students in Sunrise Drive were introduced to an activity that would encourage lifelong fitness and exercise—golf. "It's a great sport that can be done at any age," explained their Physical Education teacher Ryan Cox, who created and launched the new golf unit.

Mr. Cox gave two preliminary lessons on golf terms, clubs, and etiquette, and had the Kindergarten through Fifth-grade students concentrate on one major aspect of golf—the basic skill of putting. "They learned the proper stance, grip, and approach. We practiced with mini-hockey sticks so the students could safely learn the proper technique before moving up to regular youth-size official putters."

Finally, the students enthusiastically put their

skills to the test on a ten-hole miniature golf course set up in the gym. Each hole targeted different abilities. Fifth-grader Connor Lulenski assisted in designing the course by creating hills for some of the holes. In addition, Miss Katie Finn (the long-term substitute gym teacher for Miss Hamilton) made an outstanding "LEARNING THE LINKS" bulletin board for student reference.

Offering high praise to the students for doing "a wonderful job," Mr. Cox added, "we are looking forward to doing it again next year."



A Community Project That *Shines* At Sunrise Drive

Sunrise Drive student council members participated in a service-learning project entitled "Care Bags." Care Bags are backpacks decorated by the students and filled with items that can be used by children who are suddenly entering the foster-care system.

Council advisors Mrs. Toni Fabian, Mrs. Mary Pat Holler, and Mrs. Christine Engelbert enlisted the assistance of the student council and successfully raised funds for the bags and contents by selling window clings that say "My Child Shines At Sunrise Drive." Not only did the profits help the student council, but the clings, displayed in cars and windows, demonstrated tremendous school spirit in the community. Donations

such as toiletries, pens and journals, stuffed animals, books, and candy, were also collected.

At a recent Student Council meeting, students hand decorated approximately 60 Care Bags with their artwork, sorted the bags by age range for 3-17-year-olds, stuffed them with age-appropriate items, and donated them to the Suffolk County Department of Social Services.

"It is our belief," Mrs. Fabian remarked, "that children going into the foster homes will be comforted by having a special bag filled with items of their own." By a prior arrangement with the Department of Social Services, the Sunrise Drive Care Bags will be distributed by Social Services staff as needed.



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Dr. Rosemary F. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Celebrating with SMBA

• Congratulations to all the students in grades 5-12 who were recognized for their talents during the Evening in Celebration, SMBA's largest fundraiser. SMBA volunteers coordinated their efforts with the various Departments to arrange this delightful evening.



SMBA Senior Awards

GEORGE SEYFERT MUSIC AWARD:
Katherine Buono

ELWOOD "RED" COBB THEATER AWARD: Kieran Siao

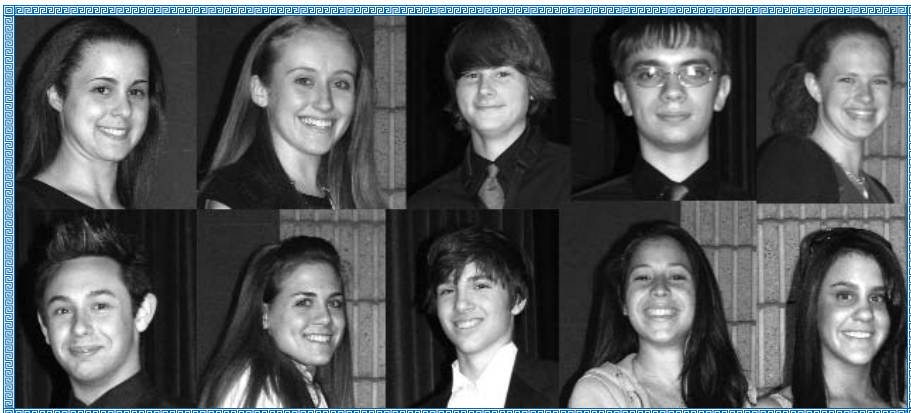
JOHN LEE LITERARY AWARD:
Modhura Ghosh

WILLIAM COLSON VISUAL ARTS AWARD: Lorraine Rilling

*SMBA Celebration photos
courtesy of Tove Abrams*

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Senior Conrad Jones has been recognized by the Jazz publication, Drumbeat Magazine, (June '07 issue), for his outstanding trumpet playing.



SMBA Senior Scholarships

- Alyssa Sciarrino (Strings)
- Allison Bohman (Theater)
- Patrick McNeill (Woodwind)
- Trevor Caverly (Strings)
- Emily Hepding (Theater)
- Matthew Rivera (Woodwind)
- Lyndsay Kollegger (Visual Arts)
- Conrad Jones (Brass)
- Michelle DeBonis (Visual Arts)
- Lea Johnson (Voice)

Sayvilletes SOAR in Barbershop Concert

In preparation for an evening concert hosted at Syosset High School, the Sayvilletes joined with three other student groups from Syosset, Manhasset, and Central Islip in an all-day Barbershop clinic, directed by outstanding conductor Lindi Boctney.



During the clinic, the Sayvilletes learned two songs for an individual performance, and three more songs for a group performance with the other schools. Blending their glorious sound with The Greater Nassau Chorus (a prestigious women's barbershop group), the Five Towns college Men's Barbershop, and the other school groups, the Sayvilletes soared in sonorous harmonies!

Trumpeting ^{MORE} Musical Triumphs

Five performing groups from Sayville High School won 20 out of 25 awards at the Music Festivals competition held in Washington D.C. The Jazz Ensemble, the Wind Ensemble, the Jazz Choir, the Orchestra, and the Sayvilletes won first place in their categories with outstanding ratings.

The Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble also won for the best overall Concert Band and the best overall Jazz Ensemble and were Grand Sweepstake winners for this festival.

Additionally, awards were given to the Wind Ensemble for best tuba, best low brass, best woodwind, and best percussion sections, while the Jazz Ensemble won the best rhythm, saxophone, and brass sections.

Best Soloists awards were given to Trevor Caverly and Alyssa Sciarrino for orchestra, Matt Rivera for Jazz Ensemble, Katie Buono and Gary Fujarski for Jazz Choir, and Conrad Jones for Wind Ensemble.

Congratulations for a spectacular accomplishment!