

Highlights

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DRAWING THE CONNECTION IN SAYVILLE'S ART DEPARTMENT

NEWSWORTHY

Congratulations to the following nine students from Sayville Middle School and three from the High School who had their artwork exhibited in the annual "Colors Of Long Island



Exhibit" at the Stony Brook Museum, along with more than three hundred students from across Long Island. (Of special note: when **Newsday** advertised the opening of the exhibit, the painting by Sayville Eighth-grader Samantha Abel was selected from 300 student works to illustrate the brief article. Above artwork by Michele DeBonis)

HS STUDENTS

(Mr. Evan Hammer) Aly Rofrano
Natassia Miller Michele DeBonis

MS STUDENTS

(Mrs. Debra Urso) Amanda Selinikio
Samantha Abel Holly Citeno
Alex Blitman Domenique Miller
Nicole Allegrezza Joseph Hains
Michaela Foti Kate Tobin

TV55 Educator of the Week

Congratulations to **Merrileen Heidrich**, Sunrise Drive Second-grade teacher for her nomination and selection as WLNY-TV55's **Educator of the Week**. This special award for extraordinary Long Island teachers acknowledges Mrs. Heidrich for her exceptional skills at differentiating instruction. Both in and out of the classroom, Mrs. Heidrich has shown commitment and dedication to her students and is a leader among her peers at Sunrise Drive. Sayville is very proud of Mrs. Heidrich for her well-deserved award. (see photo p. 7)

It is often said that positive feedback from a former student is perhaps a teacher's best legacy. What then would be *working* with a former student who has also become a teaching colleague? Exceedingly amazing, right? Well, this has occurred not once, but *twice*, in Sayville School District's Art Department.

FIRST: Lincoln Avenue Art Teacher Mrs. Anne Marie Podlas recalls that when she moved in 1965 from a private school in Queens to public school in Sayville, "Sunrise Drive Elementary school was where my love for Art started. I came from a school with no formal Art class, just a crayon lesson on copying what the teacher created maybe once a month."

"In Sayville, once a week for 45 minutes, I was introduced to the wonderful world of Art. Miss Mary Vahanian was a young Art Teacher with long red hair who was very patient, kind, and full of inspirational creativity. She opened doors to Art that I never knew existed and inspired me to be an Art Teacher! I owe a lot to the experiences that I had with her, especially in my Sixth-grade Art class."

As Mrs. Podlas went on to college, she assumed her Sunrise Drive Art Teacher married and had a family, but little did she guess that one day she and Mrs. Mary Anselmo (who just retired in 2006) would become colleagues in Sayville Schools!

SECOND: When she was a student in Lincoln Avenue Elementary school, Mrs. Jeanette Ainslie felt fortunate to have Mrs. Podlas as her Art Teacher. "I always looked

forward to Art class. I remember walking down the hallway, anxiously awaiting the exciting projects that Mrs. Podlas had planned for the day. She would *always* greet the class with a warm, welcoming smile, and direct us to sit at the numbered tables in eager anticipation. I remember loving to create something original, something memorable. Mrs. Podlas also introduced me to the world of Art History and taught me how to use a wide variety of art materials. I always wanted to be just like her. She loved her job as an Art Teacher and loved her students."



Mary Anselmo

Many years later, Mrs. Ainslie fulfilled her dream of becoming *just like Mrs. Podlas*. "I started my educational career teaching Fifth grade at a NYC public school, hopeful that someday I could fulfill my dream of becoming an Art educator. Years later, I felt lucky when I was hired and began teaching Art at Sayville Middle School and now at Sunrise Drive (replacing the now retired Mary Anselmo). I love my job and love my students. I am very fortunate, once again, to be learning from, while working with, Mrs. Podlas. She has been my inspiration, my teacher, and now my friend. I feel blessed to know her and lucky to have learned from her. I hope someday I can be as influential to my students as Mrs. Podlas has been for me."

Drawing the connection between her teacher, Mrs. Anselmo, and her student, Mrs. Ainslie, Mrs. Podlas, who herself has served more than 25 years in Sayville, appreciates the coincidence of her colleagues in the



Jeanette Ainslie

Sayville Art department. "I feel so humble and flattered to have been influenced by and to have influenced such terrific artists!"

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BOARD NOTES

At the January 11th BOE Meeting

Board Citations were awarded to the following Sunrise Drive students (right).

Dr. Rosemary F. Jones, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following:

- 2007-2008 School Budget: Dr. Jones
- Instructional Staff Retirees: Dr. Jones

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION:

- Board Reports

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 1** Board of Education Workshop – Administration Building - 7 p.m.
- February 7** Middle School Winter Concert II, 7:30 p.m.
- February 8** Regular Board of Education Mtg. – Administration Building – 8 p.m.
- February 14** 5th Grade Instrumental Winter Concert – Middle School – 7:30 p.m.
- February 15** High School Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- February 19-23 Schools Closed**
Midwinter Recess

Transportation Office

Requests for transportation to private and parochial schools must be filed by **April 1st** and forwarded to:

Sayville Public Schools
 Transportation Office
 99 Greeley Avenue
 Sayville, New York 11782

Transportation is provided to in-district and out-of-district schools to a maximum of 15 miles. State statutes and a referendum of Sayville voters have set this limitation.

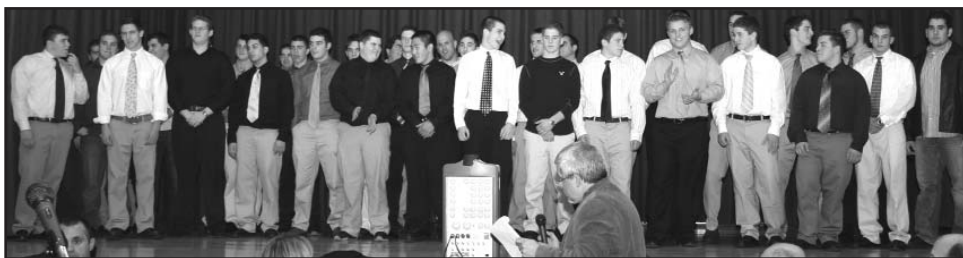
This request must be filed for each school year.

BOE Citations AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES/TEAMS

Awards presented by Athletic Director Charles Delargy and BOE members

Varsity Football Team Long Island Champions, Suffolk County Champions, Big 4 Division III Champions, NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team; Coaches: Robert Hoss, John DeLuca, Michael Guercio, Jim Knot, Joseph Buderman, Reade Sands, Kevin Noonan, Ryan Cox

Brian Ambrosio	Giulio DiGiovanni	Richard Hartmann	Michael Messina	Andrew Smith
Christian Bonacore	Kyle Ferrer	Craig Kessler	William O'Connor	Travis Tordik
Jonathan Bonacore	Tyler Fliedner	Raymond Kuhn	Charles Podgurski	Brian Wayne
Dillon Boos	Michael Fraccalvieri	Jonathon Lewis	Taylor Rhodes	Brian Wilson
Alexander Cafaro	Patrick Fraccalvieri	William McGarvey	Adam Rizzo	
Christopher Chuisano	Scott Fuchsius	James McGuckin	Ryan Romard	
Andrew D'Agostino	Zachari Gallo	William Meindl	Daniel Sergison	
Christopher DeLuca	Thomas Golka	Nicholas Meo	Brendan Shea	



Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team Suffolk County Champion, Division II Champions, NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team; Coaches: Betty Martin, Patricia Fedelem, Amy Bortzfield

Brianna Burnside	Erin Finlay	Meredith Johnson	Kellie Micillo	Kristy Sawyer
Cassandra Cabral	Erin Finnen	Kathleen Koehler	Veronica Pascariello	Jenna Squillante
Elizabeth Dini	Megan Fuchsius	Marissa Lamanno	Kerriann Pellegrini	
Shannon Doolin	Kathrin Gallo	Brianna Lind	Jaime Peterson	
Alexandra Dranoff	Erin Gross	Alexandra Mancuso	Stephanie Rossi	



Girls Cross-Country Team
 3rd Place in New York State, Suffolk County Champions, Undeclared League Champions, NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team

Mary Barrett	Sarah Pellegrini
Michelle DeBonis	Kristyn Reisert
Kristen Fargione	Melissa Santoro
Emily Jung	Sarah Schaefer
Jacqueline Kaste	Lindsay Schubert
Anne Kelly	Keryn Thorvaldsen
Kristy Longman	Jennifer Waite
Chloe Otto	Kimberly Walters

Boys Cross-Country Team Suffolk County Champions, Undeclared League Champions, NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team

Steven Baio	Eric Lodol	Thomas Rofrano
Casey Barrett	Matthew Martinez	Mark Russell
Thomas Barrett	Kyle McKenna	Matthew Santoro
Charles Cannini	Patrick McNeill	Matthew Sviridoff
Colin Culhane	Joseph McNulty	Stephen Tuozzolo
John Gil	Sean Nolan	Thomas Walters
Stephen Hayes	Christopher	Alex White
Jonathan Hunt	Norris	Kevin Zachman
Dylan Jung	Jason Ogden	

Coaches: Glenn Drago and Christine Richter

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BOE CITATIONS

Girls Swimming & Diving Team
Small School Division Champions,
NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team;
Coaches: Ed Kropp, Alice Kropp

Kierney Brennan
 Melissa Domenchello
 Michelle Fountain
 Carly Fullam

Jessica Jarzabkowski
 Amanda Kiernan
 Elizabeth Pallone
 Christina Pitrelli

Sarah Redding
 Jenna Redka
 Katelyn Roett
 Samantha Rosa

Tracey Rosa
 Caryn Rosenberg
 Hannah Schreck
 Jillian Squillante

Joan Weaver
 April Williams
 Brittany Winfield

In addition, the BOE recognized the Suffolk Zone Award Recipients

Deanna Esposito and Joseph Gugliotta.

(see story on back cover)



CHAMPIONS Honored...at Breakfast

Respected as positive role models in the school and community, the following High School students were recognized by faculty, family, and District administrators at the recent Breakfast of Champions. Every student had demonstrated exemplary character and received a certificate as well as a self-portrait on a Wheaties Box background at a special breakfast (sponsored by 21 Main) held in their honor. Congratulations to:

Andrew Almeida
 Anthony Annarumma
 Dominic George Bodkin
 Christian Bonacore
 Timothy Chandler
 Cynthia Cheng
 Colin Culhane
 John DeBonis
 John DiMartino
 Deanna Esposito
 Lauren Fiore

Jenny Gallagher-Chmiel
 Lea Johnson
 Alexandra Kempf
 Alexandra Mallilo
 Michael Miller
 Angelica Molinari
 Carol Patel
 Steven Redding
 Lisa Russo
 Katie Van Hulsentop
 Douglas Zagarolo



***** Middle School Students • Honored To Be At The NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION *****

A total of 52 Middle School Students (Pictured below right) were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society for exemplary qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Having maintained an average of 95 or above for four quarters, the inductees submitted letters of application for membership. Now newly inducted, they join the current society members and will actively pursue community service projects or activities throughout the school year. Congratulations to the new and current members for upholding the Society's standards of excellence.

SEVENTH-GRADE NEW MEMBERS

Madeleine Albano
 Robert Arrasate
 Joseph Black
 Althea Bourdeau
 Garrett Boyce
 Tiffany Bruno
 Madison Cannini
 Caitlin Donnelly
 Mollie Rose
 Drinkwater
 John R. Farese
 Julianna Fiorillo
 John Gatta
 Katherine Greenbaum
 Jesse Hirsch
 Jacqueline Kalomiris
 James Klopp

Michelle Langton
 Kathleen Maehr
 Allyson Marchan
 Kimberly Marra
 Jeremy Mayrose
 Courtney Mignone
 Payton Murphy
 Kiera Muscara
 Haley Nicolino
 Connie Nielsen
 Daniel Nolan
 Gabrielle Pacia
 Alicia Protus
 Michael Rahm
 Matthew Romeo
 Ian Scala
 Matthew Seeba
 Julia F. Segison
 Christopher Siracusa
 Zachary Stephan

Harrison Teplitz
 Kyle Tieman-Strauss
 Qxiara Tomasetti
 Helen Tristano
 Jesse Weaver
 Erica Weinberg
 Nicole Zanetti
 E. Jay Zarett

EIGHTH-GRADE NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Campbell
 Eileen Corrado
 Neha Kinariwalla
 Alexander Nolan
 Tyler Nolan
 Darryl Sliverberg
 Andrew Vetrano
 Madelyn Vetrano

CURRENT MEMBERS

Maria Bonacore
 Erin Caputo
 Kelsey Clair
 Francesca Cascardo
 Timothy Cowan
 Emily Crawford
 Rachel Crennan
 Andrea DeVenuto
 Marisa DiNovis
 Jared Drzal
 Matthew Farrell
 Ryan Gunther
 Matthew Hillsberg
 Gregory Kane
 Steven Leschinger
 Robert Lomangino
 Christopher Lowe
 Andrew Lotto

Brian Lutcha
 Lindsey Lyons
 Kathleen-Elaine Mangaluz
 Molly McCauley
 Sean McEnerney
 Alyssa Mignone
 Kenneth Murray
 Daniel Nordland
 Daniel O'Connell
 Katelyn Odierna
 Taylor Panzarino
 Michael Payne
 Austin Payret
 Sarah Pellegrini
 Nicholas Petrella
 Robert Pigott
 Lionel Pomerantz
 Travis Redding
 Catherine Rico
 Olivia Rivera

Erin Robson
 Jonathan Rolland
 Lyndsey Romard
 Tracey Rosa
 Alexandra Russell
 Daniel Ryder
 Kelly Salloum
 Kelly Santangelo
 Amanda Selanikio
 Alexis Semier
 Daniel Siegel
 Madeline Thayer
 Bryan Thornlow
 Kate Tobin
 Kyle Van Duyne
 Adam Winfield
 Tyler Young



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Middle School Musical

A Blast with Stars & Stripes in **GEORGE M**

Tap dancing their way through the biographical musical production of *George M*, approximately seventy Sayville Middle School students showcased their diverse talents with foot-stomping vitality.

Playing the lead role of “Yankee Doodle Dandy” George Michael Cohan, gifted performer Kenny Murray was the perfect fit for “the brash and brassy giant of the American musical theatre.” While it is a true story of his loves (wives: *Ethel-Emily Holub* and *Agnes-Molly McCauley*) and losses, the musical mostly focused on Cohan’s meteoric rise to fame and fortune. Accompanied by his parents Jerry,

(*Jimmy Harlin*), Nellie (*Marra Kassman*), and sister Josie (*Briana Gomez*), George led the Four Cohans away from vaudeville and revolutionized the Broadway musical.

In stylish period costumes, the Middle School cast performed Cohan’s most celebrated songs and dance routines, including: *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, *Give My Regards to Broadway*, *Mary’s a Grand Old Name*, *Harrigan*, *Over There*, and *You’re A Grand Old Flag* (an enormous flag, sewn by parent volunteer Laura Johnson, served as the backdrop to this patriotic number). Besides the extravaganza of dance numbers, the small vaudeville acts also

tickled the funny bones of the audiences.

In the tradition of Cohan, it is appropriate to thank the Musical producers, directors, stage crew, and runners, as well as the parent volunteers, High School students, and community members who pooled their resources for the many committees. (Extra special thanks go to Jenn Ferremi for styling the Gibson Girls up-dos on the female leads four nights in a row!) Such creative energy and hard work behind the scenes, combined with the remarkable center stage performers, made “the whole stage shine!” Congratulations!



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George M cast and crew
photo courtesy of
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(more George M photos)



Word Power Challengers

At Grade-Level Championships of the *Readers Digest National Word Power Challenge*, the Middle School announced Sixth-grader Thomas Bonny (left) the winner, with Haley Nicolino (right) as runner-up. Tom will continue on to compete at the state level.

Congratulations to the following students who honed their vocabulary skills in the schoolwide competition.

Sixth grade: Thomas Rodler, Kelin Stromberg, Courtney Takats, Thomas Bonny, Michael Sugarman, Kerry Keenan.

Seventh Grade: Kailey Schnurman, Haley Nicolino, Gabrielle Pacia, Alicia Protus, Matthew Seeba.

Eighth Grade: Matthew Marciano, Tim Cowan, Madeline Thayer, Rachael Crennan, Dylan Gallagher, Austin Payret, Kelly Salloum, Conor Johnston, Dariann Sellitti, Kassey Pond-Lucas

READING FOR HOLIDAY CHEER

Sayville Middle School reading students, in Mrs. Sue Rafferty's classes, shared their gifts of stories and song with residents in *Le Petite Fleur Nursing Home*. Congratulations to the following students who read—in one case sang—their selections: Liam Lankowicz (*Where the Sidewalk Ends*), Brian Novak (*The Gingerbread Baby*), Iain Straub (*Merry Christmas, My Friend*), Kayla Cempa ("Christmas Night," her own poem), Angelica Hernandez (*Christmas Always*), Taylor Brown and Patrick O'Connor (*Legend of the Candy Cane*), Jonathan Ratel (*Snowmen at Night*), and Johnny Aquilina sang (*The Twelve Dogs of Christmas*).



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It's All in the Mix At Cherry Avenue

At Cherry Avenue, Mrs. Jessica O'Rourke's Second-grade students had all the ingredients at their fingertips: a blend of math, with a touch of science, and a dash of fun. Voila! You have students learning to bake.



Thanks to the baking talents of parent volunteer Mrs. Tina Philbin who assisted Mrs. O'Rourke in the project, the children made **German Stollen Christmas bread** (with or without dry fruit and citrus peel according to individual taste) and **Challah Bread**.

They enjoyed measuring 2 tsp. of sugar and 4 cups of flour, using a thermometer to ensure the water temperature stayed between 105 and 115 degrees Fahrenheit, mixing the dry ingredients with wet, and watching the gourmet mixer transform the ingredients into dough. Each student



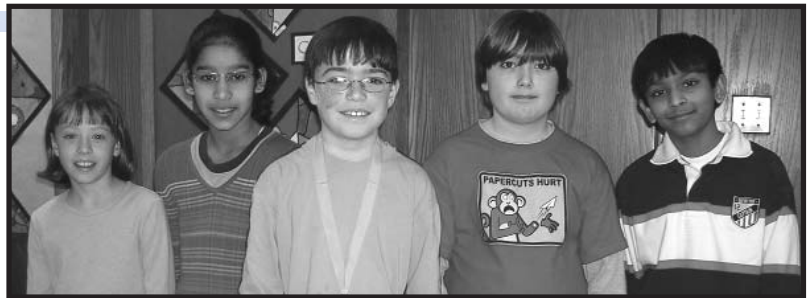
kneaded and molded their own ball of dough into whatever shape they wanted. After, Mrs. Philbin took their handiwork home to bake and returned the next day with the students' holiday breads, which they took home to share with their families. Student Chloe Gaconiere remarked, "It was really fun! The dough felt squishy like pizza dough."

BEE TIME AT LINCOLN AVENUE

"The hottest geography competition around," the **National Geographic Bee** is a contest designed to enliven student interest in geography, encourage curriculum studies, and increase general awareness about geography. As part of the National Geographic Society's educational outreach program, the Geography Bee has been successfully conducting entertaining Bee competitions for many years. Students in Fourth through Eighth grades are eligible to participate in this challenging test of all-encompassing geographic knowledge.

At Lincoln Avenue this year, the

classroom-based competitions yielded winners *Owen Guinessey, Aneri Kinariwalla, Robert Danzi, Erin HerbstTejas Patel* who competed at the school level. Congratulations to Owen Guinessey for winning the School competition. To continue in the competition, Owen becomes eligible through the January qualifying test for the State-level Geographic Bee, and then on to the National Geographic Bee in Washington, D.C. Good luck!



Lincoln Avenue School National Geographic Bee Competitors

Challenging Start

Only 192 Fifth graders earned perfect scores in the entire country at this year's WordMasters Challenge—a national language arts competition entered by over 225,000 students annually.

Two of them were from Lincoln Avenue. Fifth graders **Jennifer Lembeck** and **Tejas Patel** earned perfect scores in the year's WordMasters Challenge.

During the difficult Blue Division, the first of three separate meets in the Challenge, Jennifer and Tejas earned highest honors, while other Lincoln Avenue Fifth-grade students—Dara Hofman, Liam Hofmeister, Kara Finnen, Anerie Kinariwalla, Tristan Ramirez, and Jamie Sheraton—also received outstanding results in the meet. To Jennifer and Tejas, the Wordmaster students, and Lincoln Avenue teacher Carol Guinaw (their WordMaster coach who prepares them for the challenges)—congratulations on your remarkable efforts.

Mentoring Matters!

Did you know that students who are mentored have a higher rate of academic success and are more connected to school?

That is why the elementary school mentoring programs, facilitated by the social workers at Cherry, Lincoln, and Sunrise, have been set up at each building. Dedicated teachers

and staff members volunteer their time to meet with selected students once a week to build special friendships.

After holding a kickoff breakfast to celebrate the new mentoring year, this year's groups of students and staff members have been enjoying their time to share.

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COOKY FOR COOKIES AT SUNRISE

Mrs. Roberta Weisbecker's Kindergarten class at Sunrise Drive held a Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest while studying the letter "c." Keeping the brand names a secret, Mrs. Weisbecker presented the students with two kinds of cookies for a taste test. Each student voted on his or her favorite cookie. Afterwards, the students charted their votes, and it was revealed that the majority favored the *Entenmanns* over the *Chips Ahoy*. "Those students who chose *Chips Ahoy*, stated they liked it better because it was bigger," Mrs. Weisbecker added. After the contest, the class wrote a letter to Entenmanns with compliments to their winner.



Teddy Bear Clinic: a bearable experience!



Sunrise Drive Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Andrea Adams organized with Mrs. Roberta Weisbecker the "Brookhaven Teddy Bear Clinic" for their kindergarten students. Through the assistance of Mrs. Deutch, a Brookhaven Hospital nurse whose daughter Cathy is Mrs. Adams' student, the Teddy Bear Emergency Room was set up in each classroom for an assortment of stuffed animals. The students brought their "patients" through triage, or for x-rays, and observed how the nurses (some actual nurses and some students) bandaged their friends to make them all better. Mrs. Adams was quite impressed with how wonderful the event proved to be for the nurses and the students.

Holiday Generosity

AT SUNRISE DRIVE

HOLIDAY CHEER WAS SPREAD...

- ...by Student Council members, who coordinated efforts for food drives during November
- ...by The Annual Giving Tree (photo right), which collected items for several Sayville families. In addition, the Sunrise Drive community donated hundreds of toys and games to *Mercyfirst*, an adoption and foster care agency.
- ...when numerous homemade hats (photo right) were knitted for soldiers to wear under their helmets by Joan Tuminaro, grandmother of students Zoe and Jimmy Kalomiris, who donated them to the school's ongoing Care Package collection, now in its fourth successful year.



(from cover)
TV55
Educator of the Week
Congratulations
Sunrise Drive
Second-grade
teacher
Mrs. Heidrich!



SEPTA Holiday Party SUCCESS

The Sayville SEPTA Annual Holiday Party at the West Sayville Fire Department was a great success. Over 140 people attended and enjoyed the crafts, a magic show with live animals, face painting, balloon sculpting, raffles and prizes, and of course, Santa!

Along with hot chocolate, pizza donated by Sal's Pizza, and cookies donated by Audrey's bakery, were served to everyone's satisfaction!



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2006-2007 Suffolk Zone Winners

Congratulations to Deanna Esposito and Joseph Gugliotta, two outstanding Sayville Seniors, who were selected as this year's winners of the Suffolk Zone Physical Education Award, given by NYSAPERD. (NEW YORK STATE ATHLETIC, HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND DANCE.)

Deanna Esposito & Joseph Gugliotta

Sayville High School Senior Deanna Esposito has excelled in the classroom and on the athletic field. With an 88% GPA, she is a four-year participant in Sayville's Renaissance Program for academic excellence and has also volunteered her time at Sayville's soccer and basketball camps, as well as a junior coordinator at Sayville's Triathlon.

Deanna's athleticism, drive, and level of intensity in practice, athletic contests, and Physical Education class are unmatched by many. She spends most of her free time in the gymnasium where she participates for the love of sport. Deanna's spirit and positive attitude are contagious, and encourages her classmates to stay actively involved.

While Deanna has been an integral part of Sayville's varsity

soccer, basketball & softball teams, her most memorable experience occurred in the **2004 Softball L.I. Championship game.**

Deanna was only a freshman, but vividly recalls how special it was to compete at a top level. She saw, firsthand, the benefits of hard work, persistence, and dedication brought about by combined efforts of her and her team.

A true athlete who always exhibits the qualities of sportsmanship, healthy competition, and fair play, Deanna has made the PE classes at Sayville High School much more fulfilling for her peers and teachers. Deanna plans to attend either C.W. Post or LIU Brooklyn next fall on a soccer scholarship, where she will pursue a career in Education. Congratulations, Deanna!

Joey Gugliotta, a Senior at Sayville High School, has excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and throughout the community. Maintaining an 88% GPA, Joey is a four-year National Merit Role recipient and four-year Renaissance award recipient. Joey also spends considerable time assisting the community as a participant in disability awareness activities, and volunteers at Sayville's Soup Kitchen, as well as the Special Olympics.

When Joey is not in one of his academic classes, he can be found in the gymnasium. Described as a "spark plug" for his intensity, hustle, and sheer enjoyment of physical activity, he leads by example and encourages all students. In his own right, Joey is an exceptional athlete, and plays on the *L. I. Express, the L.I. Lightning*

and the *N.Y. Rollin' Knicks* wheelchair basketball teams. While he has also been a 3-year participant on the elite *Empire State Games* wheelchair basketball team, his most memorable experience was his **2005 Wheelchair Basketball National Championship** victory in San Jose, California.

Joey is truly a fine student-athlete who brings a great deal of positive leadership to Sayville High School's Physical Education classes! It is his determined work ethic, positive attitude, and desire to excel which make him a standout among his peers. Joey plans to attend college in Illinois, Arizona or Missouri next fall, where he will pursue a career in Sports Management. Congratulations, Joey!

Fall Athletic Individual Accomplishments

Congratulations to the individual team members, listed below, for their accomplishments at All-County or higher:

VARSIY GIRLS TENNIS

Kara Caulfield All-County Team
Jordan Lite All-County Team
Judith Lite All-County Team

VARSIY BOYS GOLF

Awards decided and given in spring

VARSIY GIRLS SWIM/DIVING

Kim Larson State Champion & All-American in 100 freestyle
Michelle Fountain All-State, 200 & 500 freestyle
Joan Weaver All-State 200 IM & 100 Butterfly, & All-American Consideration in 200 Individual Medley
Carly Fullam All-State Team for Diving & Suffolk County Champion
Liz Pallone Lester Sloane Award winner (best rookie diver in Suffolk County)
200 & 400 FREESTYLE RELAY TEAM
Michelle Fountain, Joan Weaver, Katie LaPorta and Kim Larson All-State Team & All-American Consideration

VARSIY GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Kristy Longman All-State & All-County 1st Team & All-County Academic Team
Sarah Pellegrini All-State & All-County 1st Team
Jackie Kaste All-County 2nd Team

VARSIY BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

Matthew Santoro All-State & All-County 1st Team & All-County Academic Team
Casey Barrett All-State & All-County 1st Team

VARSIY GIRLS SOCCER

Domenica Hodak All-State 1st Team, All-Long Island & All-County Team, & League V Player of the Year
Deanna Esposito All-State 2nd Team, All-Long Island & All-County Team, & Small Schools Goalkeeper of the Year
Jasmine DePompeo All-State 2nd Team & All-County Team

VARSIY BOYS SOCCER

Chris Tempera All-Region, All-State, All-County Team & League V Player of the Year
Tim Taylor All-County Team
William Beck All-County Academic Team

VARSIY FIELD HOCKEY

Marissa Lamanno Suffolk County Player of the Year, All-State, All-Long Island & All-County Team
Stephanie Rossi All-State, All-Long Island & All-County Team
Liz Dini All-Long Island Selection
Erin Finlay All-County Team

VARSIY FOOTBALL

Zachary Gallo All-Long Island 1st Team & All-County Teams, Golden 11 Award Winner National Football Foundation (NFF) Scholar-Athlete

Chris DeLuca All-Long Island 2nd Team & All-County Team, LI Championship Offensive MVP & NFF Player of the Week

Billy O'Connor All-Long Island 1st Team & All-County Team

Jon Lewis All-County Team

Andrew Smith All-Long Island 2nd Team & Suffolk County Championship Game MVP

Brian Ambrosio Long Island Championship Defensive MVP

The following Coaches received awards:

Betty Martin Suffolk County Field Hockey Coach of the Year & named Newsday All-Long Island Team Coach of the Year

Glenn Drago Don Bolinger Award Winner – Most Outstanding Cross-Country Coach in Suffolk County

Christine Richter League V Coach of the Year for Cross-Country

Rob Hoss Conference III Coach of the Year for Football
Val Winter League V Coach of the Year for Varsity Boys Soccer

Joe Nolan League V Coach of the Year for JV Boys Soccer