

Highlights

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of the Sayville School District

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Looking Forward with the Rotary Club



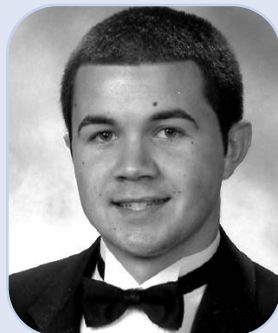
Appearing as the guest speaker at a recent Rotary Club Luncheon, Sayville Superintendent Dr. Rosemary Jones addressed the mutual concerns of Long Island educators, residents, and local businesses. Dr. Jones discussed how today's education must be forward thinking to respond to global challenges of tomorrow and suggested ways to think outside the box. Her topic evoked a lively question-and-answer session with the Rotary Club members.

Dr. Jones also presented an entertaining video of our students' activities and accomplishments that demonstrated the diverse opportunities of Sayville's great educational programs.

Volunteers NEEDED!

for Site-Based Team Steering Committee

PTA Council is actively seeking volunteers to serve on the Site-Based Team Steering Committee. If you have previous Site-Based Team experience and are interested in serving, please provide your name and phone number to the Sayville Council of PTAs, 99 Greeley Ave, or email kkrantz@sayvillepta.org or call 563-3478.



DANIEL CAPURSO Class of 2006 Valedictorian

A brilliant young man of science, music, sports, and letters, Sayville Senior Daniel Capurso has been selected Valedictorian for the Class of 2006 based upon his accumulative academic standings, with a weighted GPA of 108.059 and a rank of first in a class of 276. Yet, it is not Dan's High School accomplishments alone which have garnered him superlative praise from Sayville faculty and peers. Dan is also a sincerely modest, caring individual who relates well with others—a genuine humanitarian whose combined talents offer the future a world of hope.

Since childhood, Dan has been an avid learner who could process information and use it as a springboard to formulate new thoughts. That he turned much of his intellectual curiosity toward science is no surprise. Through independent mentoring sessions with Sayville Honors Science Teachers and Research Advisors Mrs. Adriana Adler and Mrs. Maria Brown, Dan completed authentic research that associated him with renowned scientists at SUNY Stony Brook, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and Dowling College. His investigation contributed to furthering ongoing research in the chemistry of methods for safely and inexpensively removing arsenic contamination from soil, while his passion for molecular genetics and immunology has involved him with current studies identifying the tumor suppressor gene.

Each of his scientific research projects entered into competitions has either placed or won. Such awards included DuPont Science Essay Competition Honorable Mention, Dowling College Science Symposium Honorable Mentions for two years in a row, the Intel Excellence in Environmental Health and Safety Award, the L.I. Intel Science and Engineering Fair Honorable Mention; the Manhattanville Annual Science Competitions

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AMANDA ASARO Class of 2006 Salutatorian

Leading by the finest example in diverse scholastic venues, Amanda Asaro has been named Class of 2006 Salutatorian. With a weighted GPA of 106.4, for which she ranks second in the class of 276, Amanda has been a dynamic scholar-athlete, as well as a positive, community-minded student throughout her High School career.

Mentally and physically fit, Amanda's winning ways have achieved greatness both within the classroom and on the athletic fields. As a student, she has demonstrated exceptional ability in the most rigorous Honors and AP courses, excelling in such courses as AP Calculus, AP Economics, AP English, AP Spanish, and AP U.S. History. She earned college credit from SUNY Stony Brook for Geology 121 and from Syracuse University for Forensic Science. With her strong communication and interpersonal skills, Amanda has offered motivating and valuable insights in class discussions, yet remaining mindful and respectful of others' opinions. Even though her aptitude appeared effortless, Amanda constantly challenged herself to exceed the course requirements by mastering each subject like a true scholar. By raising the bar for herself, she elevated the rest of the class along the way. In addition to her remarkable intellectual gifts, Amanda's teachers agree her solid work ethic and maturity have been equally outstanding.

Honored as a Scholar-Athlete, Amanda is definitely a young woman of action. As a

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD NOTES

AT THE JUNE 8TH BOE MEETING Recognition was given to Sayville's retiring staff (below):

- Tina Cuccia, Teacher Aide, 21 Years
- Peter Faith, Custodian, 34 Years



A Board Citation was given to District Volunteer (page 6.)

- Dr. Anthony Cappellino
Volunteer Physician • Students C.
- Student Recognition (see page 6-7)

DR. ROSEMARY F. JONES,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Sayville Public Library
2. Board of Education Meetings:
Thursday, July 6
 - a. Annual Reorganization Meeting:
7pm
 - b. Regular Meeting: 7:30 pm

and New Staff was welcomed



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 22 Pre-Prom @ The Grange:
4:30 –6pm
- June 24 High School Commencement,
Saturday, 11 am
- July 6 Board of Education
Reorganization Mtg., Admin
Bldg. 7 p.m. and Board of
Education Regular Mtg.,
Admin. Bldg. 7:30 p.m.

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3rd Place in Environmental Science, the L.I. Science Congress Senior Division Honors Award, as well as the L.I. Intel Science and Engineering Fair 2nd Place Grand Award. Additionally this year, Dan earned semifinalist status for both the Siemens Westinghouse competition and the Intel Science Talent Search—truly extraordinary accomplishments for even the most gifted of students. In May, Dan received the Science Student of the Year Award from the Suffolk County Chapter of STANYS.

Dan Capurso's impressive list of accomplishments exceeds the limits of mere words. Beyond his scientific accolades, Dan is an AP Scholar, Breakfast of Champions recipient, and two-time Quizbowl team champ, has been named a National Merit Scholar Commended student, has proven to be an accomplished Jazz and Wind Ensemble musician achieving an A+ NYSSMA rating for his solo performances nearly every year and a member of Tri-M Honor Society, has consistently been an award-winning League Bowler who was recently

named the "Most Valuable Bowler" in his Senior year, and is a literary scholar whose writing demonstrates outstanding maturity, sophisticated voice, and astounding skill, which capture his broad intelligence.

The true measure of Dan remains in this perfect balance of will, intellect, and compassion. Heralded by all his teachers as a "Renaissance Man," Dan has won the respect, admiration, and hearts of the entire Sayville High School community for his commitment, natural humility, and kindness. His community-service initiatives through SWEEP, Anchor Club, and Doctors Without Borders addressed local and global concerns.

Following his altruistic tendencies, Dan plans to continue devoting his talents to the betterment of others. Accepted to all institutions to which he applied (Brown, University of Connecticut, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Penn State, University of Rochester), Dan will attend the University of Chicago this fall with a focus on research in the medical fields, balanced with a liberal arts curricula.

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member of both the Varsity Soccer and Varsity Softball teams, Amanda learned through experience the value of teamwork, and as a result, enjoyed successful seasons. In her Junior year, both teams became League Champions, and the Softball team won the Small School/Suffolk County Championship. "One of the most dependable, unselfish athletes to take the field, Amanda is truly a team player," said Physical Education teacher and Softball coach Jen Wittman. "She has left a terrific impact on my career as a coach and educator." According to her soccer coach, John Schroeder, Amanda has been "very hardworking, intelligent," and "will be irreplaceable on the soccer field." She matured quickly and set the standard for a well-rounded player because she enjoyed the game while simultaneously deriving life lessons.

Recognizing life's relevance on the playing fields has enhanced Amanda's determination to succeed at whatever she does. She adapts to and relishes different social groups and is a positive and pleasing presence. Honored as a Breakfast of

Champions recipient in her Freshman year, Amanda was also a member of the Quizbowl Team Champs during her Junior year. She joined Band for three years and held officer positions in various clubs. Her extracurricular participation in Future Business Leaders of America, Anchor Club, Key Club, and Interact Club demonstrated her leadership qualities while her volunteer experience included tutoring in Spanish, Math, and for a child with disabilities, the Juvenile Diabetes Walk, and Curves for Charity. She helped send care packages to Iraq, and took the St. Jude's Trivia Challenge. Amanda also set up and ran the school Blood Drive this year. She has worked as a PAL camp counselor and as a Baymen Soccer Referee.

Likeable, effervescent, energetic, and intelligent, Amanda will go far. While she was accepted by all the institutions to which she applied (including Boston College, Skidmore University, University of Delaware, Muhlenberg, Cornell, Colgate, SUNY Binghamton, Tufts, and Manhattan College), Amanda has chosen Fordham University for its liberal arts program since she is currently an undeclared major.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Inducts One Hundred Three Students

During a candle-lighting ceremony, one hundred three High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society this year. Under the direction of Mr. Kevin Recker, the NHS welcomed the inductees, mostly from the Class of 2007, who maintained an average of 85 or above. Congratulations, all!



James Acierno
Amanda Aliperti
Andrew Almeida
Steven Baio
Casey Barrett
William Beck
Bryan Binder
Mercedes Bohaty
Allison Bohman
Christian Bonacore
Katherine Buono
Gina Casazza
Joseph Catapano
Trevor Caverly
Lisa Cecchetto
Meghan Cipriano

Michelle DeBonis
Elizabeth Dini
Veronica Domenchello
Kathryn Dulmovits
Jillian Dunleavy
Joseph Eterno
Ashley Ferrandiz
Kyle Ferrier
Victoria Finger
Erin Finlay
Matthew French
Garrett Fujarski
Lauren Gajewski
Zachari Gallo
Shannon Gentry

Modhura Ghosh
Marissa Green
Michael Haas
Daniel Hadler
Mark Hanlon
Jennifer Hasselriis
Nicole Hellmers
Emily Hepding
Christina Hesse
Eric Horvath
Alesandra Hubbard
Michael Iorio
Julia Jasuta
Lea Johnson
Conrad Jones
Elizabeth Keeney

Marissa Lamanno
Lauren Lankowicz
Kilian Loeb
Elysa Lomangino
Kristy Longman
Catherine Lynch
Kate Malenczak
Alexandra Mallilo
Alexandra Mancuso
Christina Maneri
Jordann Markowitz
Christie McHugh
Patrick McNeill
Kelly Meier
Scott Melynchuk
Zachary Milani

Natassia Miller
Daniel Moglia
Lauren Murphy
Melissa Murtha
Neil Nayi
Matthew Otto
Melissa Pagels
Alyssa Panzarino
Palak Patel
Viral Patel
Jessica Pirro
Whitney Pynn
Matthew Quarte
Katie Redmond
Caryn Rosenberg
Stephanie Rossi

April Rueb
Matthew Santoro
Melissa Santoro
Sarah Schaefer
Lara Schmitt
Thomas Schonig
Hannah Schreck
Michelle Schub
Lindsay Schubert
Alyssa Sciarrino
Rosalie Serra
Kieran Siao
Thomas Smallwood
Andrew Smith
Kristin Spallholtz
Matthew Spelman

Jillian Squillante
Keryn Thorvaldsen
Kristin Troccoli
Marc Tuozzolo
Alexandra Van Horne
Alyssa Vetrano
Jennifer Waite
Brendan Walsh
Jeanne Waters
Lindsay Weaver



On the town with the SAYVILLETES

On a weekend trip to Manhattan, Sayville Middle School Chorus teacher Betsy Cohen and her Sayvilletes enjoyed a Women's Barbershop Clinic. The half-day workshop, conducted by Constantine Kitsopoulos, gave the Sayville students lessons in voice and harmonization and fine tuned their musical skills. Mr. Kitsopoulos's professionalism, crossing many genres of musical styles, made a lasting impression on the girls.

After the clinic, the students "took Manhattan" at the South Street Seaport,

rose to the Top of the Rock, visited the Museum of Television and Radio; dined at Mars 2112; and closed their day with *The Producers!* at the St. James Theater. The trip ended with Sunday brunch at the Hard Rock Café. For some of the Sayvilletes, the weekend was an opportunity to grow and develop musically. For the original Sayvilletes, now Seniors who are bidding their good-byes this year, it was a special time to savor five years of memories singing barbershop.



A Stroll in the Park with Al Gore

During their Social Studies curriculum tour of Central Park and Harlem, Urban Studies students in Mrs. Susan Hart's class had an unexpected "stroll" in the park with Al Gore. For NBC News, Katie Couric and Tom Brokaw were interviewing Mr. Gore about his movie "The Inconvenient Truth" that deals with the severity of global warming. When the interview ended, the students wanted to talk with Al Gore. Mrs. Hart approached the security personnel who conveyed the message to Mr. Gore. When Al Gore came over, he shook hands



with each student, inquired about Sayville High School and the Urban Studies class in a brief but friendly chat. "The encounter with Mr. Gore was certainly the most memorable of our Urban Studies class this semester," Mrs. Hart said. "What a treat for us all!"

Sayville Student Pens Winning Holocaust Poem

In his poignantly written poem (below) entitled "yes, there was a holocaust," Sayville Sophomore Cory Faragon examines not just the horror, but also the hope:

yes there was a holocaust,
but there were also poems from
the children of Terezin:
beautiful, heartbreaking
discourses on butterflies and freedom,
and from the ghettos and camps,
yes, there was also hope.

and there was Schindler, and Wallenberg,
(and those who are less-known)
the Righteous Among Nations
with trees planted for them.

yes there was the holocaust
but there was Warsaw
and the uprising as well,
and the destruction of Crematorium at
Auschwitz.
the struggles for freedom in the
grip of despair.

and there was also justice,
Nuremberg, and
those convicted,

but most of all,
there was the world,
left with the pact between nations
and people:
never again.

Cory submitted his work to the 11th Annual Literary Competition sponsored by the Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center of Nassau County, where a panel of professionals judged his work a winner. Cory's poem was published in the compilation book of visual arts, prose, and poetry, composed by award-winning Long Island students, and printed for the ceremony. Congratulations, Cory!

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QUIZBOWL REPEATS HISTORY

Nail-biting tension in a close race may not describe this year's 6th Annual Social Studies Quizbowl event, but the contestants and audience still enjoyed the playful contest and challenging questions. In the first round, the Freshman team of Jason Cromwell, Tom Barrett, Keith Hecht, and Jeremy Pomerantz didn't let the odds crush their spirit, even though they were pitted against the unbeatable Seniors—who won as Juniors last year—alternate Harry Grimm for Amanda Asaro, John Barrett, Jonas Stankovich, and Dan Capurso

In the second round, Juniors Joseph Catapano, Trevor Caverly, and Kyle

Ferrier, although handicapped by missing member April Rueb (who was playing in the Lacrosse 2006 County Finals at Stony Brook), bested Sophomores Mike Cheng, Bishnu Panagrahi, Cory Faragon, and Steve Tuozzolo.

Living up to their reputation, the unbeatable Seniors repeated history by winning the final round for a second consecutive year (also accomplished by the Class of 2003). Each team member received individual plaques. The Class of 2006

team will also have the title "Winning Team" engraved on the larger school plaque on display in the showcase.



Sayville Retirees Honored

Superintendent Dr. Rosemary Jones, BOE Trustees, and District Administrators celebrated the retirement of fourteen Sayville faculty and staff members (Mary Anselmo, Tina Cuccia, Brian Denton, Ann Duncan, Dennis Fagan, Peter Faith, Donna Gist, Rich Lewin, Gail Page, Dena Rockwell, Sandra Schmidt, Ken Tully, Elaine VanCura, and Ellen Wels), thanking them for their years of great commitment, dedication, and service to our children and schools.



Saying Thanks TO OUTGOING BOE PRESIDENT

"In Sincere Appreciation for Service to the Youth of Sayville as a Member of the Board of Education,"

outgoing Board of Education President Kevin Spelman was presented with a special Board of Education plaque from Superintendent Dr. Rosemary Jones and the Board. Kevin Spelman served two three-year terms and held the position of President in 2005-2006. His contributions to board business and Board Policy have enabled Sayville Schools to enhance educational programs and maintain fiscal stability. Thank you, Kevin, for your dedication and commitment to our children.



Awards

SSBAB ends year with

At the last Sayville School Business Advisory Board (SSBAB) meeting of the year, various members were acknowledged for their contributions of service and commitment to the board goals. From the class of 2006 (photo below), Katie Pettick-Perez, Richard Pellegrini, Chris MacLellan, Aidan McCurdy, Angela Geraci, and Daniel Hahn (not in photo) were recognized for their school-to-business assistance. Two High

School Teachers and SSBAB members who are retiring, Donna Gist (photo center) and Dennis Fagan (not in photo) were also praised for their efforts. The Annual Senior SSBAB Scholarship award was presented by Public Relations Committee Chairperson Jerry Marlow to Richard Pellegrini (photo right). For his hard work and dedication throughout his High School career, Rich received a \$250 SSBAB scholarship.



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Art Exploration! in SAVA's Districtwide Art Festival

They were awesome! Visual treasures awaited the casual "explorers" at each turn, reflecting the artist's personal exploration in every expression.

During the Annual SAVA (Sayville Advocates for the Visual Arts) show, the Middle School Commons was a canyon of artistic endeavors. Student works that were crafted in a variety of mediums demonstrated great range. From the uninhibited creations of early works by the youngest students to the mature artistry of the Senior Exhibits, the Districtwide art festival was an expanse of ingenuity and a sight to behold.

Thanks to the significant undertaking of the Art Department faculty (Ainslie, Anselmo, Dalpiaz, Hammer, Kamensky, Lang-Shapiro,

Podlas, Troiano, Urso, and Verschure) and the loyal SAVA volunteers, the show went on. "This exhibition is designed for the viewers to travel through the various grades," explained Julia Lang-Shapiro, Art Department chairperson, "and see developmentally how our students have 'grown' artistically."

In addition to celebrating many student achievements, the SAVA art festival distributed student awards (see below), displayed alumni works, honored retiring Art Educator Mary Anselmo's years of service, and recognized the Art Department's contributions in local and state arts shows, juried exhibitions, and museums. What a show!



SAVA SENIOR AWARDS

Senior Fine Artist **Kerri Dougherty**
Senior 3-D **KT Martucci**
Senior Painting **Brianna Soldano**
Senior Drawing **Lindsey Feeley**
Senior Fashion **Kaitlyn Weber**
Senior Mixed Media (TIE) **Maggie Cerveny & Veronica Guzik**

3-D **Samantha Carley**
Mixed Media **Katie Buono**
Fashion **Kierney Brennan**

STUDIO ART AWARDS

Katrina Rocha, Patricia Hanlon, Kristen Scheff, Jillian Catapano, Sarah Bartlett, Jasmine DePompeo, Karl Hart, Lauren Dodaro, Colleen Roach

8TH GRADE ART AWARDS

James Rickard, Ashley Bortzfeld, Cassie Sammartano, Wyatt Terwilliger, Julie Macdonell, Jenna Ferremi



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BOE Citations Awards

Awards were presented by Principals John Stimmel (Cherry Avenue), Michele Gunther (Lincoln Avenue), Dr. Walter Schartner (Middle School), Joseph Buderman (High School), and Athletic Director Charles Delargy, along with BOE President Kevin L. Spelman, BOE Vice President Deborah Van Essendelft, BOE Trustees Allison J. Cruz, Maureen Dolan, Norm deVenau, Raymond J. Nelson, and John Verdone.



(left) CHERRY AVENUE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS
Michelle (K)
Cole (1st)
Jessica (2nd)
Emma (3rd)
Ryan (4th)
Sara (5th)



(right) CHERRY AVENUE SUFFOLK ZONE WINNERS
Erin
Robert



(left) NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES LEAGUE 4th-GR CONTEST WINNER
Sean (CA)
(below) POETRY PUBLISHED IN CREATIVE COMMUNICATION
Lorelei (CA)



(left) JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH AWARDS
• Distinction for Math
Julie, Michael, Bryan
• State Level Award in Reading
Madeline



(left) LINCOLN AVENUE QUIZ BOWL PARTICIPANT
Danielle



(LA) HONORABLE MENTION AT BROOKHAVEN SCIENCE FAIR (right) Leighann, Sarin (not in photo)



(left) HISTORY LEAGUE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAMPIONS

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tyler Young | Conor Fucci | Steven Wachter |
| Robert Pigott | Alexandra Freeman | Jonathan Rolland |
| Cassie D'Agostino | Jacob Winiiecki | Patrick Andrews |
| Kerishma Panigrahi | Conrad Volle | Patrick Doolin |
| Colum McCurdy | Caleb Larsen | George Meindl |
| John Farese | Jenna Ferremi | (coordinator Mr. Matthew Biscari) |
| Lionel Pomerantz | Anna Mizzi | |



(left) TOWN OF ISLIP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Michael (Fine Arts) and Tiffany (Math)



(MS) SPELLING BEE CHAMPION (right) Nicole



(above) DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS AWARD Wyatt, Julie, and John

25th ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ARTS COMPETITION



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| Sarah Bartlett | Elizabeth Green | Alyson Rofrano |
| Jillian Catapano | Kristen Guadagni | Erika Schreiber |
| Michelle DeBonis | Angela Link | Brianna Soldano |
| Kerri Dougherty | Jillian McManus | Erica VanEssendelft |

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS



Trevor, Michelle, Lara, Caryn, William, and April

BOE HONORS DISTRICT VOLUNTEER DR. ANTHONY CAPELLINO



Dr. Capellino volunteers as a physician for Sayville Varsity and JV Football

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BOE HONORS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD • SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAMPIONS



Members of the undefeated Girls Track & Field Team and Suffolk County Champions

Erika Bailey
Olivia Burns
Alana Cadolino
Samantha Carley
Alyssa Clark
Amanda Clark
Chelsea Cook
Chantelle Curtin
Michelle DeBonis
Elizabeth Demeusy

Jaimee DePompeo
Katherine Donals
Alexandra Dranoff
Kathryn Dulmovits
Jillian Dunleavy
Kristen Fargione
Bryanna Fatigate
Allison Groening
Patricia Hanlon
Carolyn Hartmann
Sadie Hartmann
Amanda Jacob
Megan Jahnke
Jamie Jarzabkowski

Jessica Jarzabkowski
Emily Jung
Jacqueline Kaste
Anne Kelly
Allison Kovarik
Kristie Lankowicz
Lauren Lankowicz
Brittany Llobell
Kristy Longman
Jessica Lyons
Lisa McNulty
Malarie Molinari
Cara Mullagh
Lauren Mulry

Christina Natoli
Rebecca Neugebauer
Chloe Otto
Lauren Paciorek
Kerriann Pellegrini
Sarah Pellegrini
Alexandra Peterson
Michelle Quirk
Jenna Redka
Brittany Rende
Colleen Roach
Alyson Rofrano
Ashley Rolon

Samantha Rosa
Melissa Santoro
Sarah Schaefer
Kristina Schroeter
Colleen Schwarz
Jennifer Seeba
Kaitlyn Siegel
Arielle Theofield
Dana Thornlow
Jennifer Waite
Kimberly Walters
Kathryn Yusko
Jacklyn Zerilli
(Coach MacKenzie)

Recyclable Robots

Recycling took a new form at Cherry Avenue. Teachers Karen Donnelly (Third-grade) and Beth Ann Fulton (Fourth-grade) had their classes collaborate on an Earth Day awareness activity; making robots out of recyclable products.



To increase awareness of recyclables in their homes, the students were asked to collect and bring to school bottles, cans, paper, etc. In addition, the students worked cooperatively, attaching "body parts" with tape and glue. Students learned more than just how to assemble robots. They grew to understand the relevance of saving the earth. "We all need to do our part," Third-grader Chris Keyser said. "We can all make a difference if we care," added Fourth-grader Julia Magnarti. Third-grader Paul Close had a slightly different revelation: "I didn't even know my partner, and we were able to put together a really great robot!"

Their collaboration yielded some amazing robots that were on display during the Earth Day Celebration at Gillette Park.

BOE HONORS GIRLS GOLF TEAM • SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAMPIONS



Cynthia Cheng
Jennifer Clinton
Erin Finlay

Jennifer Hoek
Michelle Lichtwald
Catherine Lynch

Julie MacDonell
Melissa Murtha
Sarah Redding

Keryn Thorvaldsen
Paige VanWormer
Jeanne Waters

(Coach Tim Dillon)

Spring Chickens at Lincoln



Hearing peeps at Lincoln? That's because Lincoln Avenue students in Mrs. Longobardi's First-grade class hatched baby chicks as part of the First-grade science curriculum.

Cherry Blossoms Poets

During National Poetry Month (April), seeds of poetic awareness and appreciation were planted at Cherry Avenue. The Cherry Site-Based Team provided each teacher with the book and CD, Poetry Speaks to Children, to kick off the enlightening month of poetic experimentation.

Everyone used poetry in their daily routines. Morning announcements included favorite poems recited by faculty members. Trivia questions followed. Reading teachers used poems to help students develop fluency, rhythm, and

appreciation. Students in art classes were asked to enhance their creative lessons with "concrete poems." Staff and students shared the many wonderful poetry books contained in the library, and students were encouraged to enter the library-sponsored poetry-writing contest. The very halls of Cherry were used to showcase the students' poetry or biographies of poets. By the end of the month, the students were truly ready to appreciate a Poet-in-Residence, Robert Plath, who conducted workshops in the classes.

Songs for A Soldier at Sunrise

On leave for two weeks, U.S. Army Specialist 4 Jeffrey Wunsch came home from Baghdad and made a special appointment to visit with all the Third-grade classes at Sunrise Drive. SP4 Wunsch wanted to come in person to thank the students for their cards and care



packages sent to him and his troops. He told them the highlight of his day would be when someone would tell him he had mail. He could always identify Sunrise Drive packages by their outside decorations with stickers and drawings. He especially wanted the students to know their thoughtful care-package campaign brought indescribable happiness to him and his fellow soldiers stationed so far away. His sincerity made everyone's eyes well with tears.

Many students had questions. When one asked him "what was his toughest battle," he replied, having to spend his birthday in Baghdad when he really wanted to be home with a cake. Later the Third-graders sang *God Bless American* and a *Grand Ole Flag* to honor SP4 Wunsch and added *Happy Birthday* to their repertoire.

The Care-Package Campaign, sponsored yearlong by Mrs. Christine Engelbert, Mrs. Mary Beth Dieterle, and Mrs. Toni Fabian, saw a renewed surge in supplies after SP4 Wunsch's visit.

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Dr. Rosemary F. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

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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.

ATHLETIC SPECIAL AWARDS

THE PILOT CLUB AWARD:
Amanda Jacob

THE SAYVILLE COACHES AWARD: Jennifer Moretti

THE OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD—MALE:
Michael DeLuca

THE OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD—FEMALE:
Amanda Asaro

THE WILLIAM COSTANZO MEMORIAL AWARD: Richard Pellegrini

WARREN COLLINS MEMORIAL AWARD: David Bachy

THE HARVEY CASE MEMORIAL AWARD: Jaimee DePompeo

THE BUCK MACKENZIE AWARD FOR SERVICE, SPORTSMANSHIP AND ATHLETICS: Jessica Lyons
(see photo right)

THE MARINUS BUYS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE: Melissa Pascarella
(see photo right)



Jessica Lyons (COACH MACKENZIE)



Melissa Pascarella (COACH WITTMAN)

GOLD KEY AWARD RECIPIENTS

WITH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CHARLES DELARGY (PHOTO RIGHT L-R)

Jaimee DePompeo

Jessica Lyons

Melissa Pascarella

Amanda Jacob

Richard Pellegrini



The Most Valuable Boys Cross Country Award • Casey Barrett

The Most Valuable Girls Cross Country Award • Kristy Longman

The Carl Varone Track Award
• Andrew Smith

The Paul Kelley Track Award

• Matthew Santoro

The Ron Smith Award

• Charlie Stenzinger

The Most Valuable Field Hockey Award

• Stephanie Rossi

The Demie Bineares Scholarship Award

• Danielle Guida

The Huron Smith Memorial Soccer Award—Boys • Ryan Paul

The Huron Smith Memorial Soccer Award—Girls • Jessica Lyons

The Most Valuable Boys Soccer Award

• Thomas Herrmann

The Most Valuable Girls Soccer Award

• Melissa Pascarella

The Most Valuable Cheerleading Award

• Kristen Spallholtz

The Most Valuable Baseball Award

• Vincent Giovanniello

The Golden Bat Baseball Award

• Vincent Giovanniello

The Most Valuable Softball Award

• Karlyn Grasso

The Golden Bat Softball Award

• Melissa Pascarella

The Barney Pazourek Annual Football Award • Dan Neugebauer

The A.C. Edwards Award • Joseph Meo

The Gerry Corrado Memorial Award

• Richard Pellegrini

The Most Valuable Female Golf Award

• Jeanne Waters

The William Zeller Memorial Golf Award

• Cory Muscara

The Most Valuable Boys Golf Award

• Michael Furci

The May Hazen Girls Basketball Award

• Jaimee DePompeo

The Major Merrill Wish Basketball Award

• Dan Moglia

The Bud VanWyn Memorial Basketball Award

• Anthony Plunkett

There's Glory in the Hoop Award

• RJ Kuhn

The Most Valuable Girls Volleyball Award

• Alex Mantello

The Most Inspirational Volleyball Award

• Brittney Soldano

The Most Valuable Girls Swimming Award

• Bridget Corso

The Otto Kubelle Memorial Girls Tennis Award • Kara Caulfield

The Otto Kubelle Memorial Boys Tennis Award • Matthew Otto

The Evelyn Stoll Girls Track Award

• Amanda Jacob

The Atalanta Girls Track Award

• Lauren Paciorek

The Gold Baton Award

• Jessica Lyons

The George Rhodes Memorial Wrestling Award • David Bachy

The Jules Molson Memorial Award

• Corey Sullivan

The Most Valuable Bowler Award

• Dan Capurso

The Most Valuable Girls Lacrosse Award

• Rebecca Burns

The Most Valuable Boys Lacrosse Award

• Chris DeLuca

The Boys Lacrosse Gladiator Award

• Dan Neugebauer

The United States Army Scholar-Athletes

• Amanda Asaro and Michael DeLuca

The United States Marine Corps' Excellence in Athletics Award

• David Bachy and Melissa Pascarella

Sayville Team Accomplishments

14 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Boys Cross-Country
Boys Lacrosse
Boys Soccer
Boys Outdoor Track & Field
Football
Boys Golf
Field Hockey
Girls Cross-Country
Girls Golf
Girls Lacrosse
Girls Swimming/Diving
Girls Tennis
Girls Indoor Track & Field
Girls Outdoor Track & Field

COUNTY FINALIST

Girls Lacrosse
Girls Tennis
Girls Soccer
Boys Golf
Girls Swimming/Diving

COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Girls Golf

Girls Indoor Track & Field
Girls Outdoor Track & Field
Boys Cross-Country
Girls Cross-Country

20 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAMS

Boys Cross Country
Boys Soccer
Boys Tennis
Boys Indoor Track & Field
Boys Outdoor Track & Field
Field Hockey
Football
Bowling
Girls Volleyball
Girls Cross-Country
Girls Golf
Girls Lacrosse
Girls Soccer
Girls Swimming/Diving
Boys Swimming/Diving
Girls Indoor Track & Field
Girls Outdoor Track & Field
Girls Tennis
Softball