

SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO:

Ian Surdi

I am thrilled to recognize Ian Surdi, one of my students in AP Seminar. I have known Ian and his parents since Ian was a baby, as they are neighbors, but only this year, did I truly understand how special he is. Very quickly, Ian became my technology expert. At times, I can be very technologically challenged. Seminar, however, requires great technological prowess. For example, I have to record students making presentations, so I was given a wonderful camera to use. However, initially, my video skills were not so wonderful. Patiently, Ian helped me learn the equipment. Now, whenever I have any questions about computer keyboard shortcuts or Chromebook questions, I just ask Ian. He always seems to know the answers. But what is so special is his wonderful ability to patiently answer my questions and offer help without being demeaning. I also love how Ian cares about his classmates. Seminar is a class that requires great focus, but since the class falls right before lunch, students are often thinking more of their stomachs than the classwork. I often bring snacks and ask the same of the students.

Ian made a generous donation to our food supply, and when I thanked him, Ian modestly commented that everyone would enjoy the candy, which they did! He often also stops in my room during 10th period. No matter what student is there, Ian is unfailingly friendly and kind. Ian is truly one of those students who gets along with everyone. Ian Surdi is a true gentleman and one of the quiet heroes of our school.

Given this 16th day of May, 2017

Assistant Principal

Nominator