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Chestnut Street School Turns 100!



Chestnut Street School's tower is a West Hempstead icon.

It was a vintage 100th birthday party as West Hempstead celebrated Chestnut Street School's centennial.

Games children played 100 years ago were in order, as technology gave way for the day. Instead of ringtones, it was ring toss. Instead of a Google search, students undertook a haystack search. An appreciation for early twentieth century life was the result.

Although it's now the kindergarten center, back in 1913, the Chestnut Street building housed all of West Hempstead's students from K-12. At that time, there were only a few dozen families in the new school district. A teacher with 32 years of experience, Mary Davern, was the first principal.



Celebrating the Chestnut Street School centennial with a game of ring toss.



Searching the haystack at the Chestnut Street School centennial celebration.

Dear Community Members:

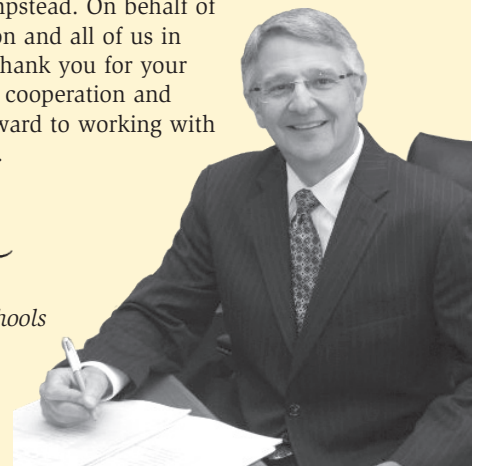
I trust this summer edition of The Educator finds you enjoying a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. Inside this edition you will find useful information pertaining to:

- The 2013 graduating class
- Our principalship appointments at the Middle School and George Washington
- Our new assistant principal at the High School
- Student and Staff Highlights

2012/2013 was both a challenging and successful year for the West Hempstead UFSD. Together we navigated the waters and devastating damage of Hurricane Sandy, an early November snow storm, new Common Core assessments and the vacating of Marian Delaney by BOCES. Through it all, we remained committed to our mission of educating and caring for the students of West Hempstead. On behalf of the Board of Education and all of us in the school district, I thank you for your continued assistance, cooperation and support and look forward to working with you again in 2013/14.

Sincerely,

John J. Hogan
Superintendent of Schools



INSIDE:

- New MS & GW Principals, HS Assistant Principal
- Great Graduates • Moving Up and On
- Student/Staff Successes

New Administrators Are Dedicated to Excellence

Principal Named for WHMS

Seasoned educator Teresa Grossane has been chosen to lead West Hempstead Middle School. Grossane, who previously had been an assistant principal at Westbury Middle School and Merrick Avenue Middle School in the Bellmore-Merrick district, comes here with an understanding of the social and emotional development of middle-school-aged children. This ten-year administrator has had experience with middle school curriculum and effective teaching strategies, and is skilled in communicating and working with faculty, staff, parents and students alike.

Grossane began her career as a secondary mathematics teacher in 1986, working in the Sewanhaka, Lawrence and Bellmore-Merrick



Teresa Grossane

districts. She served as math department supervisor/director in Wantagh, Deer Park and Westbury. She holds New York State certifications ranging from nursery to school district administrator, and is an expert teacher evaluator, mentor and trainer. She also has worked with student mentoring programs and developed parent-friendly information about common core standards.

Grossane holds a bachelor's degree from St. John's University and a master's in computer technology from C.W. Post. "I am very enthusiastic about student learning and excited at the prospect of becoming a middle school principal in West Hempstead," she says.

High School Has New AP

Arlene Martinez comes to West Hempstead High School from Baldwin Middle School, where this bi-lingual administrator was the English Supervisor. She also worked as an administrative intern at Freeport High School, assisting the principal, assistant principals and dean.

Martinez's career as an educator began as a middle school English Language Arts teacher in Queens, where she was a national presenter in her field and active in peer mediation, grant writing and curriculum building. She taught high school English in Freeport for six years, trained other teachers and created a Hispanic Literature



Arlene Martinez

curriculum. She also served as a literacy specialist in Hofstra University's Saltzman Center, teaching effective reading and writing strategies and organizing a public bi-lingual poetry forum.

Martinez earned her bachelor's degree from St. Francis College, a master's from Hofstra, and advanced leadership certification from SUNY/Stony Brook. She holds five teaching and administrative certifications from New York State. Martinez promises "to become an integral part of the school community, and attend community and school events."

Chestnut Street Principal Moves to GW

Since 2011, Michelle Notti has headed the kindergarten center at Chestnut Street School. She became principal of George Washington School July 17 and will be welcoming students there in September — including many of her Chestnut graduates.

Notti believes that "high standards, purposeful actions, high moral conduct, motivation and a safe environment" are keys to learning. She has practiced that philosophy for more than 20 years as an elementary school teacher and administrator. Before she came to West Hempstead, Notti was an assistant principal in the North Bellmore district, where she also served



Michelle Notti

as writing facilitator. In her administrative positions to date, Notti has been active in strategic planning, teacher training, data analysis, fiscal management, and shaping policies and procedures.

She received a bachelor's degree cum laude from Molloy College and earned her master's from Queens College. She holds certifications in elementary education, environmental education, and school building and district leadership.

Younger Students Mark Milestones and Move Up



Looking every inch the graduates in their mortarboards, Chestnut Street School kindergartners moved up to first grade at the elementary schools.



Cornwell Avenue graduates marked the end of elementary school before proud families, and looked toward September at WH Middle School.



Well prepared for middle school, George Washington School graduates celebrated their elementary school achievements as they moved up.



Making the big jump to middle and high school is a comfortable process for West Hempstead students; they become familiar with expectations and environments through visits and conferences -- and meet and get to know older students at their prospective schools.

West Hempstead Applauds the Gre

| Name | College/Military/Employment | Name | College/Military/Employment | Name | College/Military/Employment |
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| Andres Agudelo..... | Nassau Community College | Kristen Eckert..... | Pennsylvania State University | Sean Lee | Hofstra University |
| Tamara Alcantara..... | Fashion Institute of Technology | Luis Escobar..... | Nassau Community College | Kely Leiva | Nassau Community College |
| Demetrios Alexeas | LaGuardia Community College | Emily Esposito..... | University of Delaware | Gianfranco Leon | Nassau Community College |
| Liam Amoroso..... | CUNY John Jay College | Kirk Estes..... | St. Francis College | Jennifer Leon | Nassau Community College |
| Saige Amoroso | SUNY Brockport | Samantha Esturo | U.S. Navy | Naja Lewis-Pugh..... | Kishwaukee College |
| Michael Anderson..... | Nassau Community College | Avraham Ezor | Unknown | Vincent Longobardi | SUNY Binghamton |
| Jessica Andrikou..... | CUNY Hunter College | Peter Fabrizio | Nassau Community College | Kevin Macario | Nassau Community College |
| Hemwanti Antooa..... | Molloy College | Meagan Faria | SUNY Cobleskill | Alonso Maldonado | Suffolk Community College |
| Juliet Arana..... | Florida Atlantic University | Kelly Feeley | Nassau Community College | Leslie Maldonado | Berkeley College |
| Herard Auguste..... | Nassau Community College | Nicholas Ferretti | Molloy College | Alberto Manon | Nassau Community College |
| Josue Ayala | Employment | Eric Finkelstein..... | Ithaca College | Maria Manzanares | Nassau Community College |
| Mustafa Bacchus | LIU Post | Joel Finkelstein..... | SUNY Buffalo University | Alyssa Marra | Nassau Community College |
| Dillon Baird..... | Jacksonville University | Erickson Flores..... | Nassau Community College | Alex E. Martinez..... | Nassau Community College |
| Luis Barrera-McCraday | Nassau Community College | Marco Flores | Molloy College | Alex J. Martinez | LIU Post |
| Charles Battaglia..... | U.S. Air Force | Thomas Flower..... | SUNY Albany | Aaron Mauge..... | Tuskegee University |
| Andrew Bedard..... | Molloy College | Matthew Franco..... | Nassau Community College | Kerina Mauritsen | Nassau Community College |
| Kevin Bedard..... | Molloy College | Samantha Frigand..... | Nassau Community College | Gabrielle Mayo | Nassau Community College |
| Richard Bedard..... | Adelphi University | Christian Galeas | Nassau Community College | Christopher McAvoy | Fordham University |
| Marie Benoit..... | SUNY Cortland | Wendy Galeas..... | Adelphi University | Terhon McCall | Monroe College |
| Suzanne Berotti | Nassau Community College | John Gallant..... | Unknown | Christian McKoy | CUNY John Jay College |
| Brianna Berrios..... | Nassau Community College | Ramses Garcia-Benitez..... | Nassau Community College | Kathryn McSpedon | SUNY Buffalo University |
| Tonya Bettineschi..... | University of Mississippi | Jenna Garlasco | University of Hartford | Melissa McTigue..... | Full Sail University |
| Joseph Bitetto | Nassau Community College | John Garthaffner..... | Nassau Community College | Danielle Menardy | Rutgers University |
| Maurese Bramwell | Nassau Community College | DaQuan Gayle | SUNY Cobleskill | Farwah Mirza | Berkeley College |
| Andrew Brown | New York Institute of Technology | Thomas Gazzara..... | SUNY Buffalo University | Kristen Mongelluzzo | Nassau Community College |
| James Burke..... | SUNY Farmingdale | Tyree Glascoe | SUNY Cortland | Brittany Mongiello | Nassau Community College |
| Angel Caal..... | Nassau Community College | Brian Gomez | Nassau Community College | Justin Morales | Unknown |
| Melanie Caicedo | Nassau Community College | Veronica Gomez | Nassau Community College | Joseph Morrone..... | Unknown |
| Thomas Callahan..... | Unknown | Luisa Gonzalez..... | Nassau Community College | Nicholas Morton..... | SUNY Buffalo University |
| Yannick Cambry | Pennsylvania State University | Vincent Greco..... | SUNY Cortland | Caroline Moyer-Laurin | Wesleyan University |
| Hasret Can | CUNY Queens College | Allyson Gross | Nassau Community College | Daniel Nadal | Unknown |
| Alex Capetandes | Fashion Institute of Technology | Michael Guarascio | Nassau Community College | Gregory Naudus | Nassau Community College |
| Salvatore Cascio | Lincoln Technical Institute | Calvin Guevara..... | Adelphi University | Daniel Njoku..... | Marist College |
| Yancy Castaneda Cuellar | Nassau Community College | Tayvon Hall | University of Maine | Jonathan Nunez | Nassau Community College |
| Danielle Castronovo..... | Nassau Community College | Victoria Hanson..... | Boston University | Terry Oh..... | SUNY Stony Brook |
| Christopher Cedeno | Nassau Community College | Cadeem Harris..... | Siena College | Amanda Onorato | SUNY Oswego |
| Anna Chen..... | CUNY Macaulay Honors College | Kareem Harris | Siena College | Cesar Orellana | Employment |
| Ying Chen | Nassau Community College | Eric Hesselbach | Nassau Community College | John Padoginog..... | SUNY Farmingdale |
| Dominick Ciervo..... | Molloy College | Liana Hesselbach..... | SUNY Stony Brook | Brandon Paino | Nassau Community College |
| Lorissa Cipriani | LIU Post | Madison Hoffman..... | Ohio State University | Daniela Palacios | Nassau Community College |
| Chloe Cohen..... | SUNY Fredonia | Ricky Holodar | Nassau Community College | Joseph Palladino..... | Mohawk Valley Community College |
| Devon Cohen..... | SUNY Oswego | Mark Huguenin, Jr..... | Employment | Rachel Pallas | CUNY York College |
| Conner Corcoran | Nassau Community College | Nikolas Jackson..... | College of Mount St. Vincent | Luis Palomo | Adelphi University |
| Emily Corigliano..... | Adelphi University | Wisnide Jean-Baptiste..... | Nassau Community College | Vanessa Patti | Employment |
| Gina Crescimanno | SUNY Oneonta | Jose Jimenez | CUNY Baruch College | Alex Patton..... | ASA College |
| Stephan Cruz..... | Nassau Community College | Alexis Johnson | Delaware State University | Jennifer Pedreros | Queensborough Community College |
| Kirsten Curry..... | Laboratory Institute of Merchandising | Nia Jones..... | SUNY Farmingdale | Yeneiry Pena..... | Nassau Community College |
| Shannel Dawkins..... | CUNY York College | Joy Jurgensen | Nassau Community College | Ellison Pertuz | U.S. Marines |
| Julia Daya | Nassau Community College | Zev Kahn | Unknown | Michael Petrizzo | Pace University |
| Angelo DeLiguori..... | Nassau Community College | Matthew Kalichman..... | San Jacinto Central | Jason Pinzon..... | Nassau Community College |
| Alexander Detweiler..... | Molloy College | Kevin Karlis..... | St. John's University | Daniel Pirro..... | Hofstra University |
| Matthew DiGiovanni..... | SUNY Stony Brook | Meaghan Keating..... | Nassau Community College | Pedro (Aniel) Polanco | Suffolk Community College |
| Vincent DiLorenzo | Molloy College | Andrew Knickerbocker..... | Employment | Elise Portella | Nassau Community College |
| Samantha Doherty | Nassau Community College | Jacklyn Kohle | Nassau Community College | Giancarlo Proietti..... | Molloy College |
| Liam Donovan..... | SUNY Stony Brook | Eric Kronenberg..... | Adirondack Community College | Andoni Quispe | Nassau Community College |
| Jonathan Ducles | Nassau Community College | Peter Kutenics | U.S. Army National Guard | Alyssa RamLogan | Queensborough Community College |
| Taylor Duffy | Nassau Community College | Kerry Lamirande | Nassau Community College | Kayla Raso | SUNY Oswego |
| John Dumankaya..... | Drexel University | Pierre Leconte-Jr. | Boston College | Dylan Restrepo | Unknown |

Great Grads of 2013!

Military/Employment

Name

College/Military/Employment

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|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| University | Marilyn Reyes-Vigil..... | U.S. Army |
| Community College | Elizabeth Roberts..... | SUNY Cortland |
| Community College | Devin Rockensies..... | Mount St. Mary's College |
| Community College | Aaron Rodie | CUNY Queens College |
| College | Cristian Rodriguez | St. John's University |
| Anton | Maria Rodriguez | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Hamilton Roldan..... | University of Scranton |
| Community College | Robert Romero | Nassau Community College |
| College of NYC | Anissia Roper | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Nicole Rosenberg..... | Adelphi University |
| Community College | Jesenia Ruiz | Philadelphia University |
| Community College | Stephanie Rupay..... | Employment |
| Community College | Nasahr Sandi..... | Sullivan County Community College |
| University | Alexa Santiago..... | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Theodore Sarro..... | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Tyler Sarro..... | Nassau Community College |
| University | Danielle Saulon | SUNY Brockport |
| University | Laura Scully | Pace University |
| College | Mallory Sharon..... | New York Institute of Technology |
| University | Brandon Sherman..... | Nassau Community College |
| University | Khizar Siddiqui..... | Hofstra University |
| University | Nabila Siddiqui..... | New York Institute of Technology |
| College of NYC | William Signorile..... | SUNY Stony Brook |
| Community College | Courtney Sills..... | University of Scranton |
| Community College | Brittany Sinatro | Nassau Community College |
| University | Paige Smallwood | Temple University |
| University | Carl Smith..... | Nassau Community College |
| University | Ashley Someria..... | SUNY Old Westbury |
| Community College | Anthony Sookiasian..... | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Miranda St. Hilaire..... | Northern Arizona University |
| Community College | Zachary Surpris | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Bryan Taborda | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Jacquelyn Tartaglia | Fairleigh Dickinson |
| Community College | Steven Teran..... | Nassau Community College |
| Brook | Demi Terzakos..... | Tompkins Cortland Community College |
| dale | Manuel Torres | SUNY Old Westbury |
| Community College | William Torres..... | Molloy College |
| Community College | Philip Treglia | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Robert Treimanis | Employment |
| Community College | Steven Trezza | University of Rochester |
| College | Catelin Turcio-Cruz..... | Nassau Community College |
| University | Rebecca Turk..... | Nassau Community College |
| University | Michael Turner | SUNY Delhi |
| n Community College | Leanne VanBramer..... | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Alain Vartanian..... | Queensborough Community College |
| Community College | Daniel Ventura..... | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Kenneth Waldvogel..... | Molloy College |
| Community College | Kobie Walker..... | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Julia Waterhouse | Molloy College |
| Community College | SaraJo Weinstein | SUNY Stony Brook |
| Community College | Kaitlin Whitman | SUNY Albany |
| Community College | Jacob Wittenberg..... | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Thomas Wood | Nassau Community College |
| Community College | Magdalena Wysocka | SUNY Old Westbury |
| Community College | Darwin Yanes | University of Bridgeport |
| Community College | John Zabala Jr. | Employment |
| Community College | Christian Ziminski | Five Towns College |
| Community College | Jessica Zur | SUNY Cobleskill |

Top Two Take Center Stage

Valedictorian

Caroline Moyer-Laurin



Tireless, independent, ambitious, compassionate, enthusiastic and fearless are all words used to describe scholar, athlete and mentor Caroline Moyer-Laurin, who has worked her way to the pinnacle of the Class of 2013. "In my 20 years of experience, Caroline stands out as one of the top student leaders," said Director of Guidance Debra Strell of this year's valedictorian.

Honor Society president Caroline maintained an A-plus average during her time at West Hempstead High School, and has been a role model and leader in the classroom, on the athletic field and beyond. She was selected as two-year captain of both the varsity tennis and badminton teams, and spent many hours working for the service organization Athletes Helping Athletes. Caroline organized a portion of the 8th grade orientation at the high school and helped plan a set of ice-breaker games for 200 middle school students. She participated in mentorship training, and mentored a freshman student last year. For a number of years, she has volunteered as a tutor for neighborhood students. Last summer, Caroline not only worked as a counselor-in-training at an upstate camp, but also managed to take two college courses at Oxford! In the fall, she will attend Wesleyan University.

Salutatorian

Anna Chen



Gifted student and community volunteer Anna Chen's inquisitive nature and incredible work ethic have earned her the honor of standing second in the Class of 2013. Anna has excelled in every aspect of her high school career.

However, it is her commitment to community service that truly sets her apart. Anna is a youth leader with an Asian community-based organization that works to build the power of low-income Asian immigrants and refugees in New York City. In this role, she travels to Chinatown regularly to lead workshops and attend meetings. She is also working on a film about police brutality in Chinatown. Anna lights up when she speaks about her volunteer work, finding ways in which she can change lives and spotlight injustices.

Meanwhile, Anna has been a member of the varsity swim and badminton teams, and was in the school band. She was tapped for the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society and Mathletes. Our salutatorian was accepted into the prestigious Macaulay Honors Program of the City University of New York and will study either business or science.

The Community Honors Shining Stars of 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Nassau County

Carolyn Moyer-Laurin

Town of Hempstead

Anna Chen

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

Christopher McAvoy

Nassau County Legislature Student Citizenship Award

SaraJo Weinstein

NYS Comptroller's Achievement Award

Liana Hesselbach

New York State Senator Dean Skelos Youth Leadership Award

Christopher McAvoy

New York Assemblyman Brian Curran Leadership Award

Danielle Menardy

New York State Assemblyman Citation

Madison Hoffman

Nassau County Comptroller's Achievement Award

Victoria Hanson

West Hempstead Football Parents Club Scholarships in Memory of Kevin Colbert

Devon Cohen, Tayvon Hall

Character, Courage and Commitment Triple C Awards

Herard Auguste, Emily Corigliano

West Hempstead Community Scholarship Awards

Matthew DiGiovanni, Emily Esposito, Steven Trezza

West Hempstead Community Support Association Service Awards

Christopher McAvoy, Elizabeth Roberts, Steven Trezza

New York State Academic Excellence Awards

Anna Chen, Victoria Hanson, Pierre Leconte, Caroline Moyer-Laurin, William Signorile, Steven Trezza

Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union Making a Difference Scholarship

William Signorile

Service Scholarship in memory of Dusty Orlando

Emily Corigliano

Anna Gallagher Memorial Scholarships

Madison Hoffman, Pierre Leconte

West Hempstead Chamber of Commerce Awards

Saige Amoruso, Jenna Garlasco

SEPTA AWARDS

Vocational Award

Leslie Maldonado

Awards of Distinction

Kobie Walker, Michael Anderson, Vanessa Patti, Meaghan Keating

West Hempstead Rotary Club Student of the Year

Steven Trezza

Ira Walter Memorial Scholarship

Michael Petrizzo

The Janice Ricci Memorial Scholarship

Paige Smallwood

West Hempstead Middle-Senior High School PTSA

Paige Smallwood

Joshua L. Brandon Memorial Award

Paige Smallwood

James and Ethel Barry Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Roberts

Cory Jill Roven Scholarship

Madison Hoffman

West Hempstead Lions Club Community Scholarships

Nabila Siddiqui, Steven Trezza

Good Deed Awards

Tonya Bettineschi, Christopher Gabayan, Elizabeth Roberts, Steven Trezza

Nassau County Counselors' Association Award

Steven Trezza

Tri-County Stephen T. Dooley Community Service Scholarship

Steven Trezza

Island Park PTA Awards

Eric Kronenberg, Vincent Longobardi

Environmental Institute for Golf Ganske Collegiate Grant Program

Christopher McAvoy

Jewish Community Relations Council Student Building Bridges Award

Madison Hoffman



WEST HEMPSTEAD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AWARDS

WHEA President's Award

Anna Chen

WHEA Academic Awards

Christopher McAvoy, Caroline Moyer-Laurin, Steven Trezza

WHEA Service Awards

Emily Corigliano, Emily Esposito

WHEA Special Achievement Award

Ying Chen

Danette LoForte Fox Memorial Awards

Nabila Siddiqui, Eric Hesselbach, Steven Trezza

Natasha Vaduthala Memorial Scholarship

Steven Trezza

Joseph Harding Memorial Scholarship

Steven Trezza

Stephanie Hulse Memorial Scholarship Award

Tamara Alcantara

WEST HEMPSTEAD ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

President's Scholarships

Christian Galeas, Wendy Galeas

Class of 2013 Attendance Award

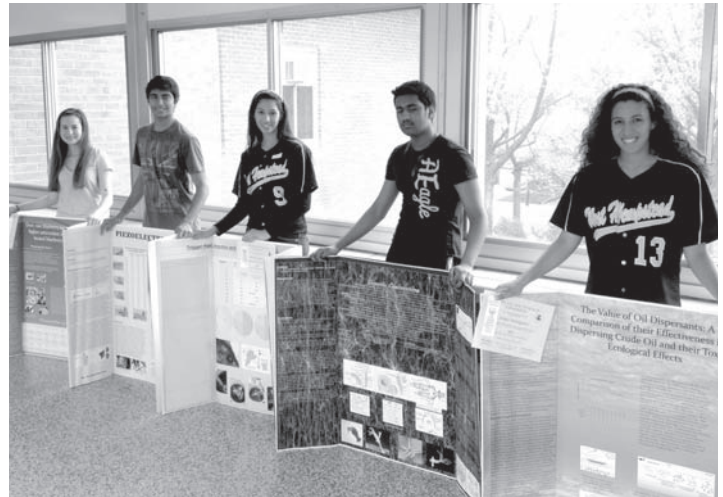
Liana Hesselbach

West Hempstead Science Students Shine!

Students Stand Out at LI Science Congress

Outstanding West Hempstead science research students competed in the Long Island Science Congress at Saint Joseph's College at the end of the school year. They presented their projects to the judges—describing their research, procedures, experimental findings and conclusions. Judges used a rubric of scientific criteria to choose award winners. Project proposals, scientific abstracts, and creative display boards illustrating the scientific method were also required. More than 300 students from some 40 schools participated in this event.

West Hempstead's Matthew Kallicharran and Chris McAvoy were awarded top prizes at a special ceremony. Matt received Honors for his project, "Genetically Engineered Regeneration in Non-regenerating Organisms." Chris won First Place for the Most Distinguished Categorical Project in Earth, Space and Energy (\$300), Highest Honors, and the Robert Nelson Award. Nelson was the founder of the Long Island Science Congress in 1949. The Current Director of the Long Island Science Congress, Allison Chanin-Bermudez, presented Chris with the pen that Robert Nelson had given her at the 50th Anniversary of the Congress. Chris's project is "Biomimetic Wind Turbine Blade Power, speed; Flow Analysis: Leading Edge Morphology." In fact, Chris earned finalist status and represented the region at the New York



Earning awards for their science research were, from left, Alexandra Schindler, Siddeeq Bacchus, Yeritssy Garcia, Matthew Kallicharran and Jamie Rodriguez.

State Science Congress at Brookhaven Lab. Awarded honorable mention for their projects were Yeritssy Garcia, Jamie Rodriguez, and Alexandra Schindler.

The congress is sponsored annually by the Long Island Sections of the Science Teachers Association of New York State (STANYS).



Showing their scientific prowess at the Molloy Science Fair were WH students Chris Mistretta, Perry Piatos, Christian Valle, Amanda Lombardo, Riya Kaushal, Eric Romano, Maheen Khan, Kannan Rajendran, Noble Thomas and Kelly Valerio.

Finalists at Molloy Science Fair

Amanda Lombardo and Kannan Rajendran were selected as finalists at the 2013 Molloy College Science Fair, and received honorable mention awards at a special ceremony. More than 250 ninth and tenth-graders from Nassau County public and private schools presented their science research projects to judges.

West Hempstead's Super Scientist McAvoy is Second in State

Ac researcher Chris McAvoy capped off a career of multiple science awards as he earned finalist status in the Long Island Science Congress. Chris represented the highly competitive Long Island region at the New York State Science Congress in June, where he won High Honors with second place – and took home a \$200 prize. Chris presented his research on wind turbine power to several panels of judges and answered their questions about his groundbreaking study. In this photo, the West Hempstead winner was congratulated by Glen Cochrane, Director of the New York State Science Congress.



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West Hempstead District Highlights

Chamber Orchestra Gets the Gold

Daniel DiPasquale's West Hempstead High School Chamber Orchestra earned the gold award in the Level IV category at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Major Organization Evaluation Festival at Hofstra University. The gold award is the highest honor given.

Student Excellence Recognized

Chris McAvoy was selected by Newsday editors to appear as an "Extraordinary Senior" in the Long Island daily newspaper's special graduation section June 9. Newsday photo staff visited West Hempstead to take photos of Chris in the environment in which he excels. Chris was selected because of his outstanding achievements and commitment to community service. West Hempstead is beaming with pride in Chris.

Veteran Teacher Earns Doctorate

Walk into **Ailene Cavaliere's** fourth-grade classroom at Cornwell Avenue School, and you'll be more than likely to feel the enthusiasm and energy of this caring teacher who has been in West Hempstead for more than ten years. But something recently changed in the way students address Mrs. Cavaliere – now they call her Dr. Cavaliere.

For the past three years she has been working tirelessly to complete her Ed.D. in instructional leadership from St. John's University. The attainment of Cavaliere's goal is the culmination of many years of high level education beginning more than 18 years ago. Graduating with her bachelor's degree from St. John's,



Cavaliere moved on to SUNY Stony Brook. There she worked closely with Dr. Tian-Lih Teng to write her thesis, and she earned an impressive master's degree in educational technology. Cavaliere then traveled to the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and in 2007 was awarded a certificate of advanced graduate study in educational leadership. The West Hempstead UFSD congratulates Dr. Cavaliere on reaching this milestone; it is an honor to have her working with our students.

Gratitude for WH Mentor Teacher

Every college graduate has a special person who made a big difference in his or her life. The "Stole of Gratitude" is worn to say, "Thanks for helping me make it through." Student observer and Adelphi University graduate **Tiffany Lopez** wore such a stole at Adelphi's commencement in honor of her mentor teacher, West Hempstead's **Jaclyn Andrejko**. After the ceremony, Tiffany presented the stole to Andrejko as a lasting symbol of appreciation and academic accomplishment. The new graduate was grateful for the wisdom and words of support she encountered in Andrejko's George Washington Elementary School classroom.



WH Guidance Director's ASCA Presentation

Debra Strell, West Hempstead's Director of Guidance, Fine and Performing Arts, co-presented a workshop entitled "Make Parents Your Partners" at the American School Counselor Association's (ASCA) Annual Conference

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