



LINDY SPOTLIGHT

LINDENHURST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Lindenhurst Union Free School District

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Valedictorian and Salutatorian Achieve Highest Academic Standings *at Lindenhurst High School*

Valedictorian Taner Aydin



Valedictorian Taner Aydin has been selected to represent the Class of 2011 as valedictorian. He has attended Lindenhurst Schools since preschool and will be attending Cornell University in the fall.

Taner has held leadership positions in various clubs. He currently serves as vice president of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the Science Contest Club, secretary of the Key Club, and is a representative on the Student Council. He is also involved with the Homework Club, Science Club, Class Council and Character in Action.

The National Honor Society has been one of the highlights of his high school career. Its emphasis on leadership and community service makes the NHS an important asset to the community of Lindenhurst. Taner enjoyed the events and holding the position of vice president. He felt like he was "truly making a difference in the lives of people." Outside of school, Taner has also volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital in the Acute Care for the Elderly unit.

Taner received the President's Volunteer Service Award, Advanced Placement Scholar Award and the Teachers of Lindenhurst Award for French, among others.

He explained, "I attribute my success to my family and teachers. My family prepared me to take on the various challenges with which life and school present me. My teachers have allowed me to gain a significant grasp on the materials they present. I also attribute a great deal of my success to self-motivation. I have learned through the years to work toward various goals and to push myself to achieve those goals."

Salutatorian Michael Colbert



Salutatorian Michael Colbert has attended Lindenhurst Schools since pre-kindergarten. He will be attending the State University of New York at Stony Brook, majoring in meteorology.

Michael intends to have a career in meteorology as a weather forecaster for the National Weather Service. He would like to conduct research and field studies on severe weather, such as tornadoes and hurricanes. Outside of school, Michael is part of the SKYWARN spotter network, providing the National Weather Service with observations during severe weather events.

Michael has been involved in the Lindenhurst High School Marching Band for the past four years. For the past two years, he served as the Woodwind captain. He is active in the Jazz Band and was in the orchestra pit for the musical "Urinetown." He has served in leadership positions in the National Honor Society, Science Competition Club, Science Olympiad, and on the "Long Island Challenge."

Michael has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship, the Salutatorian Scholarship, a Kiwanis Scholarship and an academic scholarship from Stony Brook. In addition, he has been awarded the Sigurd B. Olsen Foundation Scholarship from the Electrical Industry, where his father is a Local 3 electrician. He has also received a Science Olympiad medal and the Teachers Association of Lindenhurst Award.

One of Michael's favorite moments at Lindenhurst High School was during this year's Family Science Night. Michael was stationed at the static electricity display, in front of a Van de Graaff generator. He demonstrated static electricity by holding his arm up to the machine and letting the children observe his arm hair stand up. The looks on the faces of the children as the mini lightning bolts hit his arm were truly priceless.

Michael will miss the teachers here in Lindenhurst. He believes many of the teachers, especially those who teach Advanced Placement courses, go "above and beyond" what is required of them for the betterment of the students.

Michael said, "My mother always pushed me to be studious. My father has also helped me with my work ethic and discipline. He is a hard-working man, commuting to Manhattan every day to work as an electrician." He added reflectively, "My parents signed me up for piano lessons when I was five years old. Playing piano helped to develop my brain and taught me skills such as self-discipline and practice."

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Lindenhurst Community Passes School Budget

Voters in the Lindenhurst Public School District passed the 2011-2012 budget by a vote of 2,154 to 2,026. The budget reflects an estimated tax increase of 6.89% for the average Lindenhurst homeowner.

The Board of Education and administration limited the expenditure increase to 2.23%, while still presenting a budget that provides for the needs of all Lindenhurst students. Edward J. Murphy, Valerie McKenna, and Julie Bartolomeo were elected as Board of Education Trustees.

"I'm happy for the positive response from the Lindenhurst community," said Superintendent Richard Nathan following the announcement of the voting results to the residents gathered at the McKenna Administration Building. "We worked very hard. It was a very open process. We maintained program, and obviously the community supported us in that."

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS LINDENHURST STUDENTS

The 35th annual Teachers Association of Lindenhurst (TAL) award ceremony was held on May 16 at Lindenhurst High School. Former Lindenhurst student and actor Dan Lauria was the guest speaker. "Whatever you do in life, do it with passion and make sure there is a little left for the other guy," he stated, paraphrasing Vince Lombardi, whom Lauria has played on Broadway.

Teachers selected one student in each grade level from every school for recognition. "Tonight we are here to honor students," stated co-chairperson and teacher John Savastano in his welcoming remarks.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners. The Geraldine Cuneo Scholarship was awarded to Hayley Geyer; the Teachers Association of Lindenhurst Scholarship was bestowed on Valerie SanFilippo; the Joseph Pozowicz Scholarship was given to Vinessa Soluri; and the John Canestraro Scholarship was presented to Megan Aquilina.



Teachers Association of Lindenhurst members with actor and guest speaker Dan Lauria (second from left).



Fifth-grade TAL Award winners.



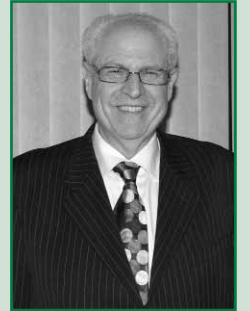
Kindergarten TAL Award winners.



Guest speaker, actor and former Lindenhurst High School student Dan Lauria.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE:

As the 2010-2011 school year draws to a close, I want to thank our parents and the community for their continued support and involvement. In a year where we lost another three million dollars in state aid, we were nevertheless able to pass our 2011-2012 budget and maintain most programs. I also want to



express my appreciation for the commitment of Lindenhurst's students, teachers, administrators and support staff in helping to fulfill our mission of educating students in the values, critical skills and essential knowledge necessary to their growth as informed and responsible citizens, prepared to take the next steps in their education, careers and lives in our diverse society. I believe we're well on our way to making Lindenhurst not merely the home of good schools, but the home of **great** schools.

June is a feel-good-month filled with award ceremonies, promotion exercises and graduations. It is a time when educators can be proud of the differences they have and will continue to make in the lives of our students. The Lindenhurst community should also be proud of the high-quality professional staff that makes up our schools. To paraphrase President Obama, we want our students to grow up in a world with no limits on their dreams and no achievements beyond their reach, and to grow into compassionate, committed men and women who will help build that world. As we face the challenges that lie ahead, we will continue to find opportunities for growth and creative problem solving.

Best wishes for a safe and pleasant summer in the company of family and friends.

Lindenhurst Embraces *The Art of Racing in the Rain*

Lindenhurst Public Schools invited the entire Lindenhurst community to participate in a literary and community awareness project called "Lindy's Big Read."

For the second year in a row, Lindenhurst Public Schools and Lindenhurst Public Library teamed up for a celebration of reading and community service.

The goal was to encourage the entire Lindenhurst community to read one book. This year's selection was Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. During National Library Month (April), numerous events took place in the schools, library and community. Author Garth Stein held a live book talk with students and staff at a special Skype event held at Lindenhurst High School.

Many thanks to Lindenhurst High School's Library Media Specialists Tina Lackner and Diane Miller and Assistant Principal Linda Flannelly for coordinating the events.



A Skype event with author Garth Stein was held in the Lindenhurst High School auditorium for Lindy's Big Read.

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A Message from The Board of Education

Dear Lindenhurst Residents:

As the school year draws to an end, it is with pride that I thank everyone for making this another year of accomplishments. The Lindenhurst School District is proud to boast a special mix of achievements from our students, staff and administration.

The Board of Education, with the administration, worked especially hard this year at creating a sound budget. The budget process was open, programs were maintained and the community supported it. Congratulations to the newest Board of Education trustees Valerie McKenna and Julie Bartolomeo. I am looking forward to working together.

The Lindenhurst community understands the importance of a great education. Our PTAs are a moving force in the schools, our faculty is a diverse group of professionals that include experienced mentors and competent newer teachers, and our administration makes sure the daily operation of the district runs smoothly.

Thank you for re-electing me to serve on the Board of Education for the next three years. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Cordially,
Edward J. Murphy Jr.
Board of Education President



Lindy Students Compete in Empire State Games

Students from throughout Lindenhurst participated in the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged, held recently at the Mitchel Athletic Complex. New York State withdrew funding for the games, but the Committee to Save the Games reached its fundraising goal and the games continued for the 26th year.

Festivities began with a parade of athletes in the opening ceremony. Lindenhurst High School junior Rebecca Rama was selected to help light the torch.

Athletes, buddies, parents, faculty and administrators were all there to cheer on the athletes in various track and field events. Athletes also competed in slalom, swimming, wheelchair basketball and ping pong. True Lindy Pride was evident, as participants wore green t-shirts. The students joined in spirited competition against each other and other schools from throughout Long Island.



Lindenhurst High School junior Rebecca Rama holds the opening ceremony torch.

Celebrating the Arts

The tenth annual Celebration of the Arts was held at Lindenhurst High School on May 14, showcasing the fine and performing arts from all nine of the district's schools. Families and friends were invited to view the talents of Lindenhurst students through visual art exhibits, as well as in theater, dance, instrumental and choral performances.

The art exhibits included wire sculptures, photography, self-portraits, drawings, computer graphics and paintings. The music program featured band, orchestra and choral performances. There were also special presentations from the Communications Media, Theatre Arts and Dance ensembles.

"The arts continue to have an impact on the minds of Lindenhurst students. We appreciate the continued support of the fine and performing arts programs," said Coordinator of Fine and Performing Arts Rose M. Marvel.



Music teacher Deborah Vaccaro's violin students perform at Celebration of the Arts.



LHS art teacher Ceclia Mattera with some of her students at Celebration of the Arts.

PTA Car Show Soars

The Lindenhurst Council of PTAs sponsored a car show and raffle to raise money for Lindenhurst students on Saturday, May 14. There was food, music, booths, baskets, displays and various events. More than \$23,000 was raised.

Two thousand raffle tickets were sold for the opportunity to win a new Toyota Prius hybrid. Congratulations to raffle winner Charles Clyne! Other raffles included a NASCAR drive experience package, portable navigation systems and remote starters.

There were also first and second-place trophies awarded in 15 different categories, including Best of Show. A special thank you goes to Laura Chapter and Donna Fazio for all their efforts in making the show a huge success.



Elementary students take a break from the competition at the Special Games.



Middle School athletes and buddies at the Special Games.

A special thank you to all the Special Games buddies.



Teacher of the Year Awarded to Caroline Naluai

Congratulations to Lindenhurst High School's Family and Consumer Science teacher Caroline Naluai for winning the "Teacher of the Year" Award from Long Island Family and Consumer Science (LIFACS) Professionals at an awards dinner held recently. Caroline also won the challenge "Let Them Eat Cake" with Lindenhurst High School students Nicholas Decuitiis and Amanda Takach (The contest was held by the LIFACS organization).

The annual competition, sponsored by the professional organization, had more than 20 schools throughout Long Island participating.



Teacher Caroline Naluai with her certificate for Teacher of the Year.

Elementary Learning

E.W. Bower Through the Years

A special showcase was held at E.W. Bower Elementary School to commemorate the school's 59th anniversary during the annual Spring Exhibit, an event in which parents, siblings and relatives are invited to view the work students have been doing in class, including writing and art projects.

The building was open for tours and Bower memorabilia was displayed in the gymnasium. Old photos, yearbooks, memory books, proclamations, certificates, collages and programs were shown. "It was an emotional evening, as it was Bower's last Spring Exhibit," stated Principal Donna Smawley.



Bower yearbooks on display at Spring Exhibit.



Bower students point to their self-portraits displayed at the Spring Exhibit.



Attendees peruse through old yearbooks at the Spring Exhibit.

William Rall Celebrates Fun Day

William Rall Elementary School's Fun Day had a Disney theme this year.

Rall students enjoyed four blow-up games, an obstacle course, slides and sports centers to further develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Principal Patricia Castine dressed up as Minnie Mouse for the festivities. Fifth-grade student Isaiah Johnson created the artwork for the t-shirts.

Event company The King of Themes also came to the school's fields and engaged students in various relay games. Students enjoyed an assembly with the Million Dollar Machine (MDM), sponsored by the Rall Parent-Teacher Association Cultural Arts. The program focused on decision making and responsibility.

The PTA also grilled lunch for the students. "It was a great day," said Ms. Castine. "The weather even cooperated."



William Rall third graders at Fun Day.



Fifth-grade Rall students get ready for outdoor relays at Fun Day.



Musician Johnny Cuomo played instruments for Daniel Street students.

Johnny Cuomo Entertains Daniel Street Students

Musician, songwriter, guitarist, author and vocalist Johnny Cuomo visited Daniel Street Elementary School for a special Arts-in-Education program in conjunction with Mr. Riccardi's music classes. His presentation was customized for each grade. Mr. Cuomo's music tells tales of nature and animals from cultures around the world, with a focus on Irish traditions.

He started the special program by giving students some background on Irish instruments. He talked about the penny whistle and then entertained the students by playing one. The students clapped along with his upbeat tunes. He also talked about and played the Irish flute (which has a lower tone than the penny whistle), the flat-styled mandolin (a stringed instrument similar to a violin, but using a pick), and a bagpipe with a unique pillow.

Mr. Cuomo played a traditional folk song with his acoustic guitar entitled "Thousands Are Sailing." It was originally a song written in the 1840's as people were leaving Ireland due to poverty. He explained to the students how traditional songs change through the years and how ballads tell a story.



Songwriter Johnny Cuomo talks to Daniel Street students about Irish ballads.

Across the District

Fundraiser for Japanese Tsunami Victims

Congratulations to the West Gates Student Council who completed a Red Cross Japanese Tsunami fundraiser. Students, faculty, and staff helped raise \$323 for the victims of the tsunami. In addition, students wore red on a select day in April.

Every donation added a red square that helped to fill in the rising sun of the Japanese flag on the "Fill the Flag" poster. Thank you to teacher Joe Mancuso for all his help in coordinating the efforts.



West Gates Student Council's "Fill the Flag" poster.

Allegheny Students Celebrate Harry Potter

Allegheny Avenue fifth-grade students enjoyed a special *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* party. Maura McLoughlin's class celebrated the book with "Hats and Wands Day."

While reading the book, the class was divided into the four houses at Hogwarts. Each group earned points for how cooperatively they worked together and listened. After finishing the story, the house with the most points enjoyed planning and organizing the party. Naturally, Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans was the favorite snack.

"The students enjoyed reading the book and celebrating as well," said Ms. McLoughlin.



Allegheny Avenue fifth graders with their Harry Potter hats and wands.

Author and Illustrator Angelo DeCesare Visits Albany Avenue

Author and illustrator Angelo DeCesare visited Albany Avenue Elementary School to present his new anger management workshop to third-grade students.



Third-grade students act out bullying issues using character puppets.

Mr. DeCesare visited each third-grade classroom to read his new book, "Flip's Cool Video Journal." The book explains how to deal with issues that make someone angry. After reading the book, he allowed students to act out their ideas dealing with anger or bullying by using his character puppets Flip, Sniffie, Muzz and Baby Digger.

Students presented different ideas about issues that make them angry or upset. As a group, the class discussed ways to handle their difficult situations. At the end of the presentation, Mr. DeCesare showed students how to draw his characters using simple shapes. The children loved the program and Mr. DeCesare's enthusiasm.



Author and illustrator Angelo DeCesare visits Albany Avenue third graders to present an anger management workshop.



Third graders in Jen Cavallaro's class read their writings at the Poetry Café.

Harding Poetry Café Inspires Writers

Harding Avenue third-grade students in Jennifer Cavallaro's class participated in the Poetry Café, where they read their writings to the rest of the class and invited guests.

The readings included a dedication page and writings such as "I Made a Mistake," "I'm Learning," "If I Were in Charge of the World," and "Once I Was." Students wore black berets.

Congratulations on a great job by Ms. Cavallaro's students: Adem Akyasar, Justin Alvarez, Zachary Baldassare, Carley Bosco, Emilio Bosco, John Breitfeller, Mikaela Callow, Alexandra Ferrara, Gia Forletta, Donna Loiacono, Rachel Lombardi, Jack Malone, Nicole Nelson, Olivia O'Hanlon, Gabrielle Previti, Ashley Rukab, Salvatore Savelli and Austin Sherman.



National Honor Society Inducts Sixty-Three New Members

It was a proud evening for parents of Lindenhurst High School students, as the 63 newest members were inducted into the National Honor Society. Holding the celebratory lit candles, the inductees streamed into the school's cafeteria to join parents, friends and teachers for the special ceremony and celebration.

Students of this year's National Honor Society Executive Board gave speeches and conducted the official induction of new members. Principal Daniel E. Giordano and administrators congratulated the students. Speeches were made for leadership, character, service and scholarship, the qualities that placed the students in this prestigious group.

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization to recognize outstanding high school students. The organization honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.



National Honor Society members old and new listen to speeches during the induction ceremony.



Lindenhurst High School students before the National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Amazing Recess for Students Visiting France and Spain



Lindenhurst High School students before their trip to France and Spain.

Lindenhurst High School students had the opportunity to enjoy a trip of a lifetime over the spring recess, as approximately 40 students visited Paris, Normandy and Barcelona. Most of these students are enrolled in the Adelphi French and Spanish classes. The tour was coordinated by teacher Erin Randazzo in conjunction with EF Customized Tours. guidance counselor John Rossillo and teacher Tim Henderson were also chaperones.

Students enjoyed seeing the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, the Normandy Beaches, the Normandy American Cemetery, the Church of the Holy Family and Parque Güell, which contains the longest bench in the world. They enjoyed an evening cruise along the Seine River and an evening of Flamenco.

"What an amazing opportunity to visit France and Spain!" exclaimed junior Alexandra Weidman. "It was my first time overseas."

High School Art Award Winners

Lindenhurst High School senior Sarah Frohn was chosen for the Renzo S. Bianchi Scholarship for her photographic interpretation of Linda McCartney's photograph of John Lennon. She was part of the Heckscher Museum of Art's School Discovery Program, which consists of students from public and private high schools located throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. The award was one of several given out as part of a juried art show, held at the Heckscher Museum of Art in Huntington. Kaitlyn Smith and Shannon Tingo were also named Digital Photography portfolio winners. Two Lindenhurst High School students, Christina Rodriguez and Dorothy Chiapperino, had their digital photography named "Best in Show" this year at the Long Island Media Arts Show, which took place at Five Towns College. Students from 36 districts on Long Island participated in the event. Senior Kelcie Birsner earned the prestigious Jurors Award at the Advanced Visions Exhibit at Long Island University - C.W. Post Campus.



Digital Photography portfolio winners Sarah Frohn, Kaitlyn Smith and Shannon Tingo are shown here with teacher Suzette Picozzi (far right).



Arsenic & Old Lace Performed by Thespians

Lindenhurst High School's Thespian Troupe performed *Arsenic & Old Lace* as their annual spring drama production. The comedy was originally written by Joseph Kesselring in 1939.

The story follows the Brooklyn-born Brewster sisters. They are two of the sweetest ladies who give to charity, raise their nephew who believes that he is Teddy Roosevelt, and give free room and board to those who cannot afford to go elsewhere. They have one little flaw in their characters...they like to poison old men and bury the bodies in the basement. The characters are eccentric and kooky.

"Thank you to everyone who made this year's play a huge success," said Director John Savastano. "We truly created something special together."

Business and Marketing Honor Society Inducts Ten

Congratulations to the ten Lindenhurst High School students who were inducted into the New York State Business and Marketing Honor Society. A special ceremony was recently held in the Lindenhurst High School library, during which inductees received their certificates.

New members were inducted with the assistance of business teacher Jessica Rogovitz. Inductees were Tyler Frusco, Thomas Gilroy, Victoria McGibbon, Syam Patel, Vrunda Patel, Kacie Pereira, Tiffany Poliviou, Carissa Randazzo, Jolina Wang and Olivia Zambito.

"We are proud of all the students inducted into the Business and Marketing Honor Society," said advisor and coordinator Joanne Williams.



Business and Marketing Honor Society members with teachers Jessica Rogovitz (left) and Joanne Williams (right).

Ridgewood Savings Bank Educates Students on Money Matters

Representatives from the local branch of Ridgewood Savings Bank visited the Lindenhurst Middle School's Family and Consumer Science classes to give a special lesson on money and budgeting. Students learned about preparing a budget, the concept of savings and setting goals, and the importance of using a bank. Various types of savings and checking accounts, as well as money markets and Certificates of Deposit, were discussed.

The bank representatives gave an example of saving for a prom, an event that young people could relate to. "Just from making small adjustments in spending, students can have the money needed," explained bank representatives Alex Forgit and Joseph Porto, who were also assisted by Rosa Salazar and Rosemarie Shepard.

"We want our students to truly understand the importance of savings and personal finances," said teacher Christin Mansfield.

Ridgewood Savings also sponsored an essay contest for Lindenhurst Middle School students. Congratulations to the winners of the Ridgewood Essay Contest on "The Importance of Saving Money for the Future":

- 1st Place - Emma Gillam
- 2nd Place - Julia Robinson
- 3rd Place - Charles Hager



Ridgewood representatives Alex Forgit and Joseph Porto discuss various types of bank accounts with seventh-grade students.

Great Minds Think Alike Showcase

Lindenhurst Middle School students in the Orion gifted and talented program displayed their work at a "Great Minds Think Alike" showcase. Students researched a great historical figure or inventor and then wrote a detailed report that identified six character traits of the famous person, three traits the student has in common with him or her, and how the inventive discovery or change evolved. Students followed specific guidelines and presented their findings to the class.

Some of the famous people included Anne Frank, Jackie Robinson, the Wright Brothers, Leonardo da Vinci, Beethoven, John F. Kennedy, Jr., Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas Edison, Harriet Tubman, Michelangelo and J.K. Rowling.

"These students are truly gifted. Their research and presentations on their 'Great Minds' were excellent," stated sixth-grade teacher Nancy Bracht.



Sixth-grade students display their Great Minds projects with teacher Nancy Bracht (right).



National Junior Honor Society inductees before the ceremony.



Current Junior Honor Society officers before the induction ceremony.



National Junior Honor Society students and guest teachers after the induction ceremony.



Program coordinator and teacher Debbie Gloor and Principal Frank Naccarato at the induction.

National Junior Honor Society Inducts Seventy

Congratulations to the 70 newest members of the National Junior Honor Society, who were inducted at a special ceremony recently held at Lindenhurst Middle School.

Holding lit candles symbolizing scholarship, leadership, character, service, and citizenship, the students represent the best and brightest of the middle school. Principal Frank Naccarato stated, "These students truly represent what Lindy Pride is all about. They are the future." Students must maintain a 90 average, show leadership, and participate in extracurricular activities.

Special thanks to Debbie Gloor and Michelle Corcoran, who serve as advisors to the society and coordinated the beautiful induction ceremony.

International Day Highlights Countries Around the Globe

More than 300 students and over 60 countries were represented at Lindenhurst Middle School's seventh annual International Day. In teams of two or three, middle school students set up booths that detailed different countries from around the world. Students displayed photos and memorabilia and served traditional foods from the countries they had researched. They also played music native to these countries.

The foods, music and sights from all the countries were amazing. Special events included a taco eating contest, won by middle school Assistant Principal Leonard DiBiase, and a performance by the Select Chorus, led by Kathleen Reilly and Candice Rice.

"This year's International Day was an amazing display of cultures from all around the globe," said co-coordinator Lisa Carboy. "The students loved putting it all together."



Superintendent Richard Nathan with students at International Day.



Girls display Egyptian headwear.



Italian masks at International Day.



May Breakfast for Champions winners with Principal Frank Naccarato (left) and sponsor Lindenhurst Association of School Administrators (LASA) representatives Donna Smawley and Lisa Omeis (right).

Champions Honored at May Breakfast

Congratulations to the May Breakfast for Champions for all their accomplishments at Lindenhurst Middle School. Thirteen students, nominated by their teachers, were rewarded with a breakfast at the Lindencrest Diner. Coordinated by Debbie Gloor, this is the thirteenth year the middle school has conducted this event.

"Be proud of everything you do," said Principal Frank Naccarato. "You earned this breakfast for all your hard work and dedication."

The champions were: Justine Betz, Stephen Breitfeller, James Burks, Alexander Damone, Gabrielle Dellara, Kelly Dietz, Bryan Dimino, Leanne Lettow, Lindsay Mitts, Aidan Mohan, Kaylee Tobolson, Kayla Vincent and Yasmin Zohny.

Athletes Sign National Letters of Intent

Congratulations to the following athletes in signing National Letters of Intent to attend the following universities. "We are proud of all our athletes," said Athletic Director Anthony Amesti.

Girls Varsity Lacrosse:

Gabrielle Valela – University of Bridgeport
Jessica Wharry – Dowling College

Girls Varsity Softball:

Amanda Ramirez – Concordia College

Boys Varsity Football:

Evan Wildberger – Pace University

Boys Varsity Lacrosse:

Steve Zolezzi – Coker College
Dylan D'Airo – Saint Leo University
Christopher Caiazza – Saint Leo University



Top row: (L-R) Dylan D'Airo, Evan Wildberger, Christopher Caiazza and Steve Zolezzi. Bottom row: (L-R) Amanda Ramirez, Gabrielle Valela and Jessica Wharry.

Swim, Bike and Run Triathlon Held at Lindenhurst High

More than 70 students participated in the fifth annual Bulldog Triathlon at Lindenhurst High School. In the event, coordinated by Angelo Cioffaletti and the high school's physical education department, the students swam 200 yards, biked five miles and ran/jogged/walked two miles.

Students trained and documented workouts for eight weeks prior to the big day. On the day of the triathlon, students were given hats, sports beans and t-shirts in donated bags. Warm-up stretches were mandated. There were aid stations with water and race bibs, simulating an actual triathlon. At the end, each competitor

received a medal.

The overall winners were Brandon Ahl, Kyle Cropsey, Ray Kelly, Greg Fothergill and Chris Meame. The top female winner was Maria Manno. Congratulations to all the students who participated.



Angelo Cioffaletti gives final instructions to Triathlon participants.

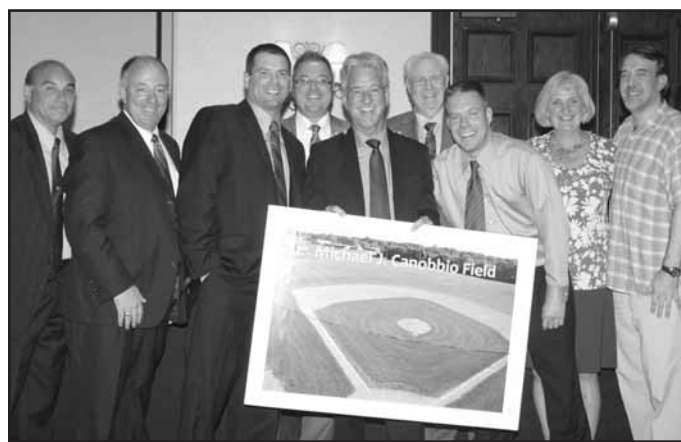


LHS girls cross the finish line at the Triathlon.



Brandon Ahl holds the Triathlon winner's plaque.

Lindenhurst Middle School Baseball Field to be Named Michael J. Canobbio Field



Coach Canobbio with his sons, Superintendent Nathan and members of the BOE at the announcement.

The Lindenhurst Board of Education and Superintendent Richard Nathan will name the Lindenhurst Middle School Baseball Field the Michael J. Canobbio Field in honor of the longtime bulldog coach.

Canobbio has coached the Lindenhurst High School baseball team for the past 35 years. He achieved his 500th career win when the team clinched the second straight Suffolk County league II title. He led this year's team to an 18-4 record. Last year, the team won the New York State championship.

"Thank you so much, you've floored me!" exclaimed Coach Canobbio. Superintendent Nathan said, "Mike's life has been devoted to giving back to the Lindenhurst community. There is no more fitting honor to him than this."

Stephen Skon Wins Top Male Athlete in Suffolk County



Lindenhurst High School senior Stephen Skon won the Dellecave Award as the top male athlete in Suffolk County.

Congratulations to Lindenhurst High School senior Stephen Skon for winning the Dellecave Award as the top male athlete in Suffolk County. Skon will play football for Georgetown University in the fall. He played both football and baseball for the Lindenhurst Bulldogs.

Congratulations to Coach Canobbio

Congratulations to Varsity Baseball Coach Mike Canobbio. He became the fifth coach in Suffolk County history to win 500 games, as Lindenhurst defeated Whitman to take the Suffolk League II baseball title.



Baseball Star Vrana Receives Recognition

Congratulations to Lindenhurst High School varsity baseball pitcher, senior Rich Vrana, on receiving a special plaque at a recent Board of Education Community Forum. The plaque contained a feature story about Rich from *Newsday*, entitled "Vrana's a real."

The 5' 11", 198-pound lefty has committed to play baseball for Division I Marist in the fall.



(L-R) Director of Athletics Anthony Amesti, Superintendent Richard Nathan, Lindenhurst resident and athletic supporter Richard Kunz, senior Rich Vrana, the Vrana family and varsity baseball coach Mike Canobbio, as Rich receives a recognition plaque containing a *Newsday* feature story.