



POINTS OF PRIDE

The Pillars of Success

May 2014

Achievements

- Hundreds of students from Calhoun, Kennedy and Mepham high schools were inducted into the school's individual chapters of the National Honor Society on April 9.
- Calhoun student Rachel Ross was selected as a News 12/Capital One Scholar Athlete of the Week. Rachel will receive a \$1,000 scholarship as one of only 30 students from Long Island selected for this prestigious honor.
- Merrick Avenue teacher Nora Sheppard is one of only 42 teachers on Long Island and 215 in the state accepted into the New York State Master Teacher program.
- Two Kennedy students – senior Dean Ostrofsky and junior Beatrice Brown – were named finalists in the American Museum of Natural History Young Naturalist Awards Program.
- Analisa Coppa, a seventh-grader at Grand Avenue, won first place in the seventh-grade division of the Long Island Language Arts Council's Kenneth F. Gambone Writing Contest.
- Mepham has been recognized as one of the top 100 high schools in the nation for promotion of personal finance education by the Working in Support of Education (WISE) Financial Literacy Certification Program. This ranking represents the top-performing schools nationwide in the program's network.
- Mepham's Jaime Marvin has been selected as a winner in the 2014 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in writing.

Activities/Fundraising

- The student government at Kennedy hosted its annual Faculty Olympics, which raised \$2,300 for the Lung Cancer Research Foundation in memory of Ellen Sheldon.
- Students from Grand Avenue and Merrick Avenue began the transition into ninth grade in April by participating in two visits from students attending the district's high schools.
- Calhoun students explored a variety of healthy lifestyle choices during the school's annual health fair.
- Students at Merrick Avenue and Calhoun learned about the writing process from Jen Calonita, a teen author, entertainment writer and Merrick resident, during a recent visit.

Athletics

- After winning his second consecutive New York State Wrestling Championship in March, Mepham's Louis Hernandez took home a national championship title in the 152-pound weight class at the FloNationals tournament in April.