

## **Spring 2013 Breakfast of Champions Recipients!**

### **Kaleigh Acevedo...nominated by Mr. Hammer**

*Complete devotion, never-ending inspiration, genuine, and unassuming; this is Kale. This senior has transformed herself into an art-making machine. She created some 50 artworks this year, truly a model Advanced Placement artist. She listens, she thinks, she feels, she helps...It is not unusual for her to be found conducting a class critique, mentoring a younger student or posting pictures of llamas around the room...gifts from a caring individual who is making the most of her time. I thank you for your absolute commitment; you are the reason I became an art teacher!*

### **Amanda Bonkoski...Nominated by Ms. Dashiell**

*Amanda is an intelligent, organized, caring girl who clearly knows what is important. Dedicated to helping others, Amanda is deeply involved with her family and the community. Because Amanda wants to become a special education teacher, she volunteers her time tutoring and mentoring children in the community. Amanda's patient teaching of a wide range of subjects has benefitted several students. Additionally, she is mentoring a girl experiencing personal challenges. Together, they have gone to sporting events and other fun activities. Amanda is truly a champion in my eyes!*

### **Alexander Bortzfield...nominated by Mr. Coon**

*It has been a pleasure to work with Alex for the past two years. During the Computer Maintenance class this year Alex assisted other students during the computer assembly and computer troubleshooting labs. He easily relates to his peers and demonstrates all the traits of a caring and considerate person. I am fortunate to have him as a student in my Computer Maintenance and CISCO Academy 2 classes this year.*

### **Jacqueline Johnson...nominated by Ms. Hayes**

*Jacqueline's diligent efforts have been consistently apparent throughout the school year in English 12. Whether working on her research paper, reading a novel, or analyzing Shakespeare's lines in *Hamlet*, Jacqueline displays an admirable enthusiasm and commitment to the task at hand, anticipating deadlines and submitting thoughtful and thorough assignments. Always respectful and supportive of her classmates, as well as all members of the school community, she is a valued member of our classroom community and a fine role model. It has been a supreme pleasure to have Jacqueline as a student.*

**Olivia Kaczmarek....nominated by Mr. Guercio**

*Olivia has made a tremendous transformation since entering high school. She is turning into a dedicated student with great college aspirations. Olivia is also a three year varsity starter on our softball team and is a hard worker, dedicated teammate and terrific role model.*

**Victoria Kechlian....nominated by Coach Doller**

*Physical Education class has brought out the best in this extraordinary young woman. She consistently demonstrates uncommon compassion for her classmates by bringing out the best in others. In competitive environments; her thoughtfulness and humility have afforded young people spectacular moments of achievement. Victoria knows what matters in life. Through her selfless service she has inspired me as a teacher and coach. Victoria represents the best of us and I am humbled to recognize the countless gifts she shares with her classmates.*

**Sean Lorthioir....nominated by Ms. Hart**

*Sean was my student for two years and an active member of History Club for 3 years. This year he initiated the formation of a National History Quiz Bowl Team. He has shown true leadership qualities in organizing a team of four that qualified at the district competition in January to compete in May at the Nationals. He has served as team captain preparing questions, meeting weekly with his team and helping myself and Mr. Pace plan for the National Competition. Sean's love of history helps to motivate the team! How refreshing it has been to work with such a mature young man. In addition, Sean's humility is to be commended. He was the only member to place at the district level making him eligible to compete at the bowl in the National Geography Challenge. Sayville can certainly be proud of this unassuming and dedicated young man.*

**Dylan McManus....nominated by Mr. Shaw**

*All teachers have an ulterior motive. Our primary goal is to instruct our students in our subject areas. Of course, reading, writing, math and science are all vital, but our ulterior goal is for our students to become people of character. It has been a pleasure to watch Dylan McManus grow into a fine, principled young man. His participation in several charitable activities, notably our Every Child's Dream Dinner has clearly demonstrated that he has learned well the importance of community service and has reminded me how important it is to instill these values in our students. Dylan is a delight to have in the classroom. He never misses an opportunity to laugh or to say thank you, and, perhaps most importantly, he has shown me the delight of Furci's Chicken Stroganoff Pizza!*

**Jamie Meere...nominated by Ms. Kremer-Parrott**

*I am so lucky to have such a wonderful girl in my classroom this year. Jamie is a hard worker who earns high marks in my classroom and always has a friendly disposition. I am so pleased to know her and I hope I have her in class again in the future.*

**Jenna Meere...nominated by Ms. Kremer-Parrott**

*I am so lucky to have such a wonderful girl in my classroom this year. Jenna always enters the room with a friendly greeting and a warm smile. She is a hard worker, and writes well.*

**Erin Murphy...nominated by Ms. Rizzo-Shore**

*Erin is an amazing young woman with great character, leadership skills and intelligence. She is one of the most involved and reliable members of the Anchor Club — and is one on whom I rely a great deal. Last year as club Historian, Erin compiled and submitted a yearbook that awarded our club The Anchor Club of the Year in the Northeast/Potomac Division. She continues being a leader this year by holding the position of Secretary.*

*Furthermore, Erin is also a great student, whose enthusiasm and interest for learning parallel her academic achievement. Erin Murphy is a true champion and very deserving of this award!*

**Brian Novak...nominated by Ms. Thelian**

*“Brian is a hardworking and truly impressive young man. At a time of year when many seniors are losing motivation, he is persistent and excelling. He appreciates the value of hard work and is seeing the rewards of his efforts in his grades. Brian is a pleasure to work with and I am so happy to see him succeed. Congratulations on a job well done!”*

**Caroline Pace ...nominated by Mr. Kramer**

*It is a true honor to nominate Caroline as a champion in every form. Caroline defines the term “leader”. As an All –State musician, Caroline has led the Sayville Viola Section for 2 years. But not even that was good enough! Caroline took it upon herself to learn violin, not only for her own personal gain, but so she could help teach and lead the violin section as well. In fact, Caroline leads with such intensity, she actually became the Concert Master of our very own Concert Orchestra. Leading by example, with true passion, is what makes Caroline a true champion and she will be missed.*

**Alyssa Racioppi...nominated by Ms. Perlin**

*Alyssa is such a polite, hard-working student. I can always count on Alyssa to participate in class discussions and help her fellow classmates. Even though Alyssa doesn't have the highest grade average in the class, she always puts forth 100% effort. She has a kind heart and deserves recognition for all of her hard work.*

**Jake Rubenstein...nominated by Mr. Guercio**

*Jake is a fine young man. In class Jake is constantly participating and speaking the truth. He is never afraid to express his beliefs and values, even though the average teenager might not be able to, or be too afraid to admit those thoughts. Jake is very honest about his past and how his goals are to be free of drugs and the dangers of these.*

*Jake is hardworking, honest and a positive role model for other kids his age.*

**Michael Santiago...nominated by Ms. Kremer-Parrott**

*I have had Michael in Global History and presently in Psychology class. What is special about Mike is that he is pleasant, kind and respectful. Michael is an unassuming, humble and quiet young man who works hard in the classroom. Although he may struggle with the material, he works hard and stays positive. Mike has a dignified presence, and I feel very fortunate to know him. I wish him continued success at the high school.*

**Andrew Schneider...nominated by Ms. Richter-Seidenberg**

*Andrew is a bright, energetic, young learner who has displayed an incredible enthusiasm and love for Spanish. He works so hard, converses only in Spanish and has truly been a pleasure to teach this year. I wish him luck next year in Spanish 3 Honors. I know he will have a brilliant LOTE career!*

**Katherine VanDorn...nominated by Mr. Kramer**

*Katie is the type of student that comes around, truly, once in a blue moon. As soft spoken as she is, Katie is a confident, hard-working, and very talented young adult. To watch her grow as a member of the Orchestra program over the course of these past four years has been a true joy for me. Katie has done everything possible to help our Sayville String Program grow, which truly defines why I consider her a champion. Though she is a leader in our highly selective String Ensemble, Katie also chose to be a member of our Concert Orchestra, to help guide our younger string players. Not only that though, she put the “violinist’s” ego aside, and sat in the second violin section (full of our freshmen) in order to teach the younger students the appropriate skills to be successful. For these reasons, Katie is a true champion.*

**Christine Ward...nominated by Ms. Kamensky**

*Christine is one of the sweetest, kindest girls I know. She lights up the room when she enters. She always pays attention, follows the rules and puts 100% effort into each of her projects. She is the kind of kid who makes teaching easy.*

**Cassandra Wilson...nominated by Ms. VanDorn**

*Cassie is “one of a kind.” She walks through the door each day with a smile and a hello. Her positive attitude radiates throughout class-she is always enthusiastic about English class as well as friendly and kind to her peers. Cassie also is self-motivated and determined, as seen when she sat with me for two weeks during her lunch to write and rewrite an assignment she wanted to perfect. I am so proud of Cassie!*