



December 2013 Breakfast of Champions

Andrew Pilon Nominated by Ms. Backer

This year AJ has proven that he is capable of great things. He challenged himself academically, taking advanced placement and honor level courses. He has developed a solid work ethic in each of his classes. He is warm, compassionate and has a witty sense of humor. AJ has earned this award due to his perseverance and willingness to work hard. I have no doubt that Andrew will find even more success on the collegiate level.

Congratulations!

Alexa Levin.....Nominated by Ms. Wittman-Cahill

Alexa is a fantastic student and person. She is motivated, kind, compassionate and hard-working. In my Physical Education class, Alexa leads by example and consistently attempts to get others involved-even students she does not know. She looks after younger students and makes certain that they feel involved and connected with others. Alexa is an "old soul" and I am thrilled to have her as one of my students.

Amanda PacholikNominated by Ms. Kremer

I have nominated Amanda for this worthy program because of her special qualities. Since the first day she entered my classroom, Amanda has been a smiling, enthusiastic, energetic young lady. Although Amanda is just a freshman, I appreciate her zest for learning and wanting to know about the world around her. Aside from being extremely conscientious and determined to achieve high marks, she is sweet, compassionate, respectful and kind. I appreciate students like Amanda who make teaching rewarding. Her positive demeanor enhances the learning environment of the classroom. I look forward to seeing Amanda progress over the next 4 years. Hopefully, I will remain in touch with her and write her a letter of recommendation for college when she is a senior.

Colin Anderson.....Nominated by Ms. Trentowski

I am pleased to nominate Colin for Breakfast of Champions. In the short time I've known Colin, I couldn't be more impressed with his character. Colin possesses such dignity and humility that I do not always see in other students. His honesty and realistic outlook on life is admirable. Not only is Colin able to maintain a balance between personal responsibilities and the rigor of school demands, he does it with such a positive approach. This type of behavior is so refreshing and hopeful for me as an educator. I see so much promise in Colin, and I am proud to recognize him today.

Colin Anderson.....Nominated by Ms. Dreyer

Colin has been a model Chemistry student and a pleasure to have in class. He is very attentive during lessons, always makes up missed work in a timely fashion and is very kind to his teachers and classmates. He truly is a champion!

Dara Hoffman.....Nominated by Ms. Stevens

I am honored to present Dara as a Breakfast of Champion recipient as she is truly an altruistic and compassionate young person. Not only is Dara an exceptional and gifted student and artist, she has always sought to use her talents to help our school become a better place. Dara worked tirelessly last year for Every Child's Dream, designing and creating the immense and magical decorations for the event. As a member of the National Art Honor Society, the National Honor Society, the Anchor Club and the Art Club, Dara's volunteer efforts are selfless and commendable. Our district is grateful for her dedication and involvement. Dara is now extending her volunteer efforts as a member of Sayville's Community Ambulance Youth Squad. Furthermore, Dara has chosen a career path devoted to the service of others, as she will major in Nursing next fall.

Diana Ferretti.....Nominated by Ms. Killeen

I have known Diana since she was in ninth grade. She is a diligent student, a member of the cheerleading squad, a fantastic artist, and a good friend to those in need; I have seen firsthand what a loyal, concerned person she is. She radiates sweetness and I am happy to be her English teacher for the second time this year.

Dylan Nicholson.....Nominated by Ms. Chirichella

Dylan "Diego" is a true pleasure to have in class each day. He is extremely diligent, and dedicated to his studies. His enthusiasm and love of language learning is contagious. "La clase de Español" is a pleasure each day, largely in part because of Dylan's positive attitude and excitement of learning the Spanish language. He is an outstanding student!

Emily Llewellyn.....Nominated by Mr. Albers

You are being recognized this morning at Breakfast of Champions to receive an award that a select few get to embrace. As the only freshman in your Geometry class, in a new building with new faces, you model the qualities that your peers strive to possess. You have excelled in the rigorous coursework presented thus far, with a positive attitude and a level of maturity that warrants praise. I hope that you are very proud of your efforts. Enjoy your champion breakfast, you have earned it!

Erin Gunther.....Nominated by Ms. Makris

Erin is nothing short of a model student and an exemplary human being that excels at everything she does. In my nine years of teaching, she is one of the most responsible and conscientious students that I have ever had. Her work ethic is impeccable and to be admired. More importantly, though, Erin is a kind and compassionate human being. She possesses dignity and class. Without fail, each day, she would greet me with a huge smile and a hello. And, without fail, each day, she would exit my classroom with a smile and would tell me to “have a great afternoon.” Throughout the building, I have observed Erin treat others in this same manner. There is no one more deserving of this honor than Erin Gunther.

James McKeon.....Nominated by Mr. Vogel

James is a hard working student who is always challenging himself to do better. He quickly understood and applied the concepts taught to him, then was able to undertake substantial assignments and see them through to completion. All of James’ coursework comes out with professional quality. James is an exceptional young man; hardworking, honest, dedicated and most of all extremely responsible.

Kelsey Dargis.....Nominated by Ms. Bricker

Kelsey is a hardworking and compassionate individual. She is a humble student, one who does not share her accomplishments with others easily. So today I would like to recognize Kelsey for using her talents to help save someone’s life. As a volunteer on the ambulance this summer, she was able to speak up, in Spanish, to assist an older Spanish speaking woman in need of medical attention. Kelsey demonstrated composure and competence under pressure, and proudly used her Spanish training to make a difference.

Matthew McGrath.....Nominated by Mr. Hoffman

Matthew has joined Jazz Choir this year and in a few short weeks has become one of the leaders of the group. He has a wonderful work ethic both at school as well as at home. His manners and respect for the art form is only surpassed by the amount of effort he is willing to put forth. I very highly recommend Matt for a Breakfast of Champions honor.

Megan Ali.....Nominated by Ms. Gray

I nominate Megan for her constant positive participation. She always makes eye contact with me to let me know that she “gets” what is “going on.” She actually smiles with her eyes. I look very forward to seeing Megan or Monique, as I call her, on a daily basis. Congratulations!

Melanie McNeill.....Nominated by Ms. VanDorn

Not only does Melanie embody qualities of an exemplary student such as self discipline, integrity and perseverance, but is also community minded and compassionate. This was seen when she independently researched and drafted letters to charitable organizations to help a classmate in need. At the young age of 15, Melanie is a true humanitarian and an honor to know.

Michael Coan.....Nominated by Mr. Hammer

Complete devotion, genuine, mature and unassuming; this is Michael Coan. Over the last four years this senior has transformed himself into one of the top artists of the department, but this is definitely not how he started off. Through lots of hard work he has become confident, original, and quite prolific. As a returning member to my Advanced Placement art class, he now is serving as a mentor for others, sharing his found wisdom in a very professional way. I know he will have much success in the future because he built and developed such a substantial foundation. Thank you for always being the student I could count on!

Rachel Aronson.....Nominated by Mr. Sznitken

I nominated Rachel because of the transformation that I have seen since she joined our school. She was displaced because of the storm and as a junior came into our school, almost in the middle of the year.

To start this year, she asked to sit in front of the class, she comes to extra help almost daily and has really taken an interest in her learning. Rachel is a very mature, responsible young woman who has impressed me with her work ethic this year. She will do great things and is an example not only to other students who might have to change schools, but other students as well.

Ryan Kelly.....Nominated by Mr. Caskey

During Media Production class, Ryan took a leadership role with his group, making each project successful and created a positive working environment that allowed students to interact well with each other. His projects were high quality and now serve as a template for great work.

Ryan Kelly.....Nominated by Mr. Pace

Ryan has an infectious smile and positive attitude. He is a former student who still drops by to say hello, to share a good story or to just drive me a little crazy. However that in and of itself is not why I nominated him. Several weeks ago during the football game against Comsewogue, Sayville scored on a special teams play. The Sayville players on the field all ran to celebrate in the end zone including Ryan. However during the play a Comsewogue player was injured, and apparently it was bad. As a father with my three sons in the stands with me we saw the child lying on the ground injured. It was then that we saw Ryan, as he was heading to the end zone, stop and run over to the Comsewogue sideline to inform the coaching staff. It was a shining example of sportsmanship and a teachable moment for me and my sons. It is for this act that I would like to recognize Ryan Kelly as a Champion.

Susan Mangaluz.....Nominated by Mr. Kramer

Susan is an incredibly gifted violinist. She has been selected to be a member of the Long Island String Festival and the All-Area States throughout her career. Susan received a 6A + 100 solo rating last year at the All-State NYSSMA Solo Festival, a grade that helped solidify Susan's placement in this year's All-State Orchestra. Her talents have also landed Susan as our principle violinist, a leadership role she takes very seriously.

It is not these talents that make her a champion, though. It is Susan's desire to better the string department as a whole that has landed her with this honor. In Orchestra, she leads by example and through guidance of our younger players. In Chamber Orchestra, Susan decided to play in the second violin section in order to help push our freshman to new heights. As a true leader in our music department, Susan has taken on roles far beyond most students her age. She teaches violin lessons to underprivileged students, at no cost to them, merely for the betterment of those individual; a truly selfless act. She also takes a leadership role in the prestigious Tri-M Music Honor Society, taking on two different officer positions, escalating the Sayville Chapter to new levels of service.

Wyatt Pressler.....Nominated by Ms. VanDorn

Wyatt has an outstanding determination to achieve; he is consistently committed to improve and succeed in his academics. Wyatt's perseverance and positive attitude make him an admirable role model and an absolute pleasure to work with.

Zachary Rosario.....Nominated by Ms. Perlin

This award recognizes students like Zach who have overcome adversity and have risen to the occasion. Nowadays, Zach never misses homework, is an active participant in class and always has a smile on his face. I am so proud of Zach and view him as a role model for other students who may feel like giving up on school. I wish Zachary the best of luck in the future and hope that he continues on his journey to becoming the best person he can be.