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Little Language Academy

The month of March was a very busy time for the World Language Department, as the teachers and volunteer high school students hosted an enrichment program for 3rd graders in the district. For four Tuesdays, 38 3rd graders came to the high school from 4:00 until 5:15 pm to learn vocabulary, songs and cul-

tural tidbits. The students were taught four different languages—Spanish, French, Italian and Russian. The goal of this program was to expose the children to different languages and spark an interest in learning and communicating in lan-



guages other than English. The program, sponsored by the Sayville Friends of Education Foundation, was a tremendous success.

DUAL LANGUAGE AWARDS

Five graduating seniors were honored at the June Board of Education Meeting for being dual language learners. Each of the students has

studied both Spanish and French, achieving four and/or five year sequences in the two languages. The honorees were awarded certificates by Ms.

Gray, the chairperson of the language department. Congratulations to: Zoe Gomes, Erin Koehler, Melissa Mangold, Brian Sputh, and Jordan Zanetti for this amazing achievement.

Did you know ...?

- **Spanish is spoken by 500 million people worldwide. By the year 2050, that number will jump to 600 million. Some people use the term ESPAÑOL to refer the the Spanish language, where others use the term CASTELLANO.**
- **French is both a working language and an official language of the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO, NATO, the International Olympic Committee, the International Red Cross and international courts. French is the language of the three cities where the EU institutions are headquartered: Strasbourg, Brussels and Luxembourg.**

SENIOR AWARD WINNERS

On Monday, June 1st the annual senior awards night was held and students were recognized for outstanding academic achievement. The following seniors were given awards for their unique skills and exceptional performance in foreign language:

French 5 Honors Award:

Lauren Nicholson

French 5 AP Award:

Dalen Ferreira

Spanish 5 Honors Award:

Lucas Brennan

Spanish 5 AP Award:

Gianna Fazio

Dual Language Award:

Erin Koehler

Dedicated Study of Language Award: **Jessica Reilly**

Senior Language Award: **Zoe Gomes**



Kara Galarreta Memorial Scholarship

Kara Galarreta was a Sayville High School graduate and foreign language teacher at both the middle and high schools. Kara was an amazing and compassionate person who touched many lives here in Sayville. She

had a great love for this community and was passionate about teaching languages. Unfortunately, Kara lost her battle to brain cancer last year. The Kara Galarreta Memorial Scholarship was established to recognize a student who demonstrates a

love of languages and other cultures. The individual must show exemplary character and concern for others. The 2015 award winner was **Gianna Fazio**. Gianna will continue with her studies next year at the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

PHI DELTA KAPPA

Phi Delta Kappa International is a professional organization for educators whose mission is to promote quality education, with particular emphasis on public education. On Friday, June 12th, Lisa Gray, chairperson of the Sayville World Language Department was recognized at PDK's Friends of Education Awards Dinner at Stony Brook University for her outstanding contributions to education. Ms. Gray has been a Spanish and French teacher in Sayville for 30 years and has been instrumental in implementing activities such as Foreign Language Week and the Little Language Academy.



Mr Hoffer, principal of Sayville High School, presents the award to Ms. Gray.