

PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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May 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Patchogue-Medford High School is proud to announce the top three students for the Class of 2010. **Norah Liang** is the Valedictorian, ranking first out of a class of 633 with an academic average of 101.64. She is a student who strives for excellence with outstanding academic performance across the disciplines, an AP Scholar with Honors, a member of the National, French, History, English and Tri-M Honor Societies and winner of the Rensselaer Engineering Medal. In addition to her academic success, Norah is an accomplished musician, having been a member of Juilliard's Pre-College Orchestra and High School Chorus, Patchogue-Medford High School's Jazz Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra, Boston University's Tanglewood Institute String Quartet and New York University's Summer String Quartet. She is also working at Cold Spring Harbor National Laboratory on cancer inhibitor genes and was chosen to present her scientific research on cancer and its relationship to certain genes at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's Cancer Center on June 8, 2010. An extraordinarily multitasking individual, Norah excels in academics, music and art and will be attending Harvard in the fall.

Ali Syed is the Salutatorian with an academic average of 101.03. Ali has consistently chosen and excelled in our most rigorous coursework. He has taken Advanced Placement English, Calculus BC, Physics, American History and Government, and Independent Science Research. Ali has been active in extracurricular and community activities throughout his high school career. A small sampling of Ali's extracurricular activities include the Academic Team, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), Spanish Honor Society and the National Honor Society. Ali is also involved in the Corporate Raiders program where he interns with a physician at the Neuroscience Center at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital. Ali will be attending either SUNY Stony Brook or Howard University and aspires to become a neurosurgeon.

Michael Accardo is the class Essayist with an academic average of 100.73. Throughout his high school career Michael has taken numerous AP courses receiving top grades on the exams. Michael's extracurricular activities have been many and varied including: Captain of the Academic Team, Secretary and Treasurer of the Gay Straight Alliance club, President of the Spanish Honor Society, Secretary of the History Honor Society, Captain of the Challenge Team, Vice-President of the Heifer club and a member of the National Honor Society. Community service has played an important role in Michael's life. He is President of the Patchogue-Medford Youth Council, a Board Member for the Patchogue-Medford Youth and Community Services and a Board Member on the Brookhaven Town Planning Committee. He has also been an active

volunteer for the Relay for Life, Toys for Tots, and a local soup kitchen. Michael will be attending the University of Pennsylvania this fall.

INTEL WINNER

Congratulations to Patchogue-Medford High School senior **Jonathon Greene** who won Second Place at the prestigious INTEL Long Island Science & Engineering Fair for his project, "Related Costs of Milk Pasteurization Using UV Radiation."

P-M HS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Robert Borowski's AP Environmental Science class was chosen to participate in an International study of biodiversity in the Pine Barrens watershed. The project will also involve work with Brookhaven National Lab in a joint effort with students from Pisa, Italy.

The P-M HS Club Thicket, a club dedicated to the promotion and stewardship of our very own Fish Thicket Nature Preserve, participated in the Town of Brookhaven's Clean-Up Day. Students donated their time and efforts to help keep the preserve clean and trash free. Club Thicket members are also teaching elementary and middle school students all about the natural wonders of the Fish Thicket by hosting guided tours of the Fish Thicket Nature Preserve.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAMS

Congratulations to the following Patchogue-Medford High School varsity teams who have received the Scholar Athlete Team Award for the Winter 2009-2010 sports season:

Girls' Basketball
Boys' Winter Track
Girls' Winter Track

The Scholar Athlete Team Award recognizes those varsity teams that have achieved a 90% minimum grade-point average while participating in a sport.

SPORTSMANSHIP TEAMS

Congratulations to the following Patchogue-Medford High School teams who have been recognized by Section XI, N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A., for outstanding sportsmanship for the 2009-2010 sports season:

Fall

Varsity Boys' Cross Country
Varsity Girls' Cross Country
Varsity Girls' Volleyball
Varsity Boys' Golf

Winter

Varsity Girls' Basketball

Patchogue-Medford Athletics ranked 20th out of 56 districts in Suffolk County in sportsmanship during the 2009-2010 fall season.

CONGRATULATIONS TO P-M HS MUSIC STUDENTS

On March 5, 2010, The Patchogue-Medford High School Wind Ensemble, under the direction of **Mr. Peter Randazzo**, was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Congratulations to the following P-M HS students who performed brilliantly that evening:

**Melissa Adams
Kyle Arendt
Matthew Boose
William Cheung
Charles Coons
Thomas Corrao
Nicholas Costanzo
Carolyn Cotty
Devynn Danziger
Jason Feuer
Thomas Fields
James Finnerty
Kayla Gogarty
Jonathon Greene
Holly Isenberg
Kara Johnson
Brittany Jones**

**John Keary
Emma Kentoffio
Scott Kesner
Tami Koller
Michael Lebrecht
Emma Lowery
Taylor Maj
Lauren Maniaci
Jennifer Maresca
Nola McAloon
Ryan Melcher
Brandon Melo
Mary-Katherine Michels
Nicole Mihalek
Darin Mihalik
Daniel Minogue
Justin Monelt**

**Tina Munch
Frank Norberto
Erin O'Brien
Connor Ohlhorst
Bryan Paul
Matthew Reed
Dana Roman
Kaity Roman
Christopher John Ryan
Deanna Savarese
Alexis Stenswold
Bryan Stressler
Robert Wagner
Devon Walker
Brendan Wright
Amanda Zecca
Raymond Zeidler**

The following students were selected to participate in the Suffolk County Music Educator Association Festival held on March 13, 2010:

Band

**Joseph Conserva
Kyra Feuer
Emma Kentoffio
Kathleen LoVerde
Mary-Katherine Michels**

Orchestra

**Matthew Boose
Martin Carlino
Michael Layton
Stephanie Liang
Nola McAloon
Elyse O'Shaughnessy**

Chorus

**Daniel Doherty
Max Hillman
Rebecca Keogh
Megan Nugent
Riley Straw**

BOCES HONOR ROLL

The Edward J. Milliken Technical Center has announced that the following students have achieved Honor Roll status for the third quarter of the 2009-2010 school year:

Kenia Alfaro, Charles Errigo, David Fried, Jose Granados, Pablo Matute, Alec O'Leary, Chasee Reilly, and Edwin Vargas. We at Patchogue-Medford High School are very proud of these students for this outstanding achievement.

BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY'S 2010 MODEL BRIDGE BUILDING CONTEST

Patchogue-Medford High School students recently participated in the Brookhaven National Lab's annual Bridge Building contest. Our high school students continued P-M HS's tradition of domination at this annual event with four of the top five slots. We are proud to announce the following P-M HS students who placed at this event: **JulieAnn Soeder** won First Place, **Alec Lovascio** won Second Place, **Dominick Raimondi** won Fourth Place and **Jonathon Greene** won Fifth Place. Congratulations to these students on this outstanding achievement.

2010 DECA WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students for winning in their category at the Suffolk County DECA Regional Competition held on January 6, 2010, at Suffolk Community College:

Kenneth Bello	Broadcast Advertising
Timothy Berdon	Business Services Marketing
Gaetano Cerullo	Business Services Marketing
Jennica Josema	Decision-Making Human Resources
Jessica Josema	Decision-Making Marketing
Christopher Margolin	Marketing Management
Dennis O'Leary	Wholesale Selling
Kimberly Proano	Broadcast Advertising
Daniel Weyant	Business Math
Ali Syed	Sports Marketing
Amanda Radalinsky	Travel & Tourism Marketing (HM)
Cherisse Smith	Travel & Tourism Marketing (HM)

LONG ISLAND BUSINESS EDUCATION COUNCIL COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following business students who placed at the LIBEC competition held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at Commack High School: **Sonya Khan** earned Second Place for Web Design, **Anne Porfido** earned Second Place for Web Design, **Samantha Kern** earned Fourth Place for Business Law, **Elisabeth Pagliuca** earned Fourth Place for Sports Marketing and **Brian Gordon** earned Fifth Place for Business Law.

In addition, the following business students represented Patchogue-Medford High School at this competition: **Kimberly Feliciano**, **Anna Junge**, **Jessica Mancuso**, **Michael McGinnis**, **Rachael Mirelli**, **Andrew Muolo**, **Tyler Rode**, **Shannon Storan**, **Richard Torre** and **Natasha Yee**.

PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD CONGRESS OF TEACHERS STUDENT CITIZEN AWARDS

The PMCT held their annual award ceremony on Thursday, April 22, 2010. The following P-M HS students were recognized and honored for exemplifying the qualities of responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, leadership and effort.

EVA DAVIS MEMORIAL AWARD

Karina Salinas

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Art
Ryan Grippi

Health
Kathleen Ferry

Physical Education
Michelle Cicero

Business
Michele Langenbach

LOTE
Brittney Roubal

ROTC
Silvia Guevara

English
Steffani Flaherty

Math
Kayla Gogarty

Science
Norah Liang

ESL
Maria Guaraca-Muy

Music
Robert Wagner

Social Studies
Molly DeNello

Technology
Molly Rooney

GRADE LEVEL AWARDS

9th Grade
Kimberly Carey
Claudia Dally
Steven Marzagalli

11th Grade
McKenzi Doolittle
Vanessa Flores Espinosa
Merit George

10th Grade
Matthew Boose
Chloe LaVelle
Karina Salinas

12th Grade
Paul Felice
Vishal Prashad
Emily Zurl

We congratulate these outstanding students.

REGENTS REVIEW CLASSES

The Patchogue-Medford Library is offering **FREE** Regents review classes. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

DISTRICT AND HIGH SCHOOL WEB PAGE

Parents are encouraged to check the district and high school web pages for updates, information and events. Our goal will be to increase the communication via e-mail to save costs on mailings. Your help is appreciated.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the Patchogue-Medford High School Students of the Month:

JANUARY	
Rotary	Ashley Bonanno, Shannon Epsky, Kenneth Hillman, Emily Jacobs, Annie Mandart
Elks – 11 th Grade	Ashley Altomare, Angelica Berrios, Holly Isenberg, Maria Robado, Bryan Zhispon
Elks – 10 th Grade	Kohl Bourque, Ashley Delgado, Jessica Martin, Zachary Roselle, Alyssa Torres
Elks – 9 th Grade	Troy Breud, Nicole Casamassina, John Hartsough, Nicholas Johnson, Deanna Martin
K of C – Business	Jennica Josema and Dennis O’Leary
Kiwanis	Megan Brewster and Elena Fernandez
Lions	Ryan Grippi and William Malia
Town of Brookhaven 5 th Council District Award	Patrick Greve and Ariel LaBounty
FEBRUARY	
Rotary	Megan Fenyo, Silvia Guevara, Garrett March, William Sorrentino, Xiao Zhuang
Elks – 11 th Grade	Debbie Cevallos, McKenzi Doolittle, Pamela Ghigliotti, Kara Hirsch, Luci Quintero
Elks – 10 th Grade	Meagan Anderson, Thalia Castro Jimenez, Justin Mercurio, Mary-Katherine Michels, Alistair Streat, Stephen Williams
Elks – 9 th Grade	Carla Castro, Anna Junge, Kaylee Kazi, Zackary Petker, Matthew Vogel
K of C – Business	Alexandria Olsen and Ryan Stears
Kiwanis	Michael Accardo and Mary Stephani
Lions	Victoria Galbraith and Settimo Prestano
Town of Brookhaven 5 th Council District Award	Brenden Cleary and Karinne Harney
MARCH	
Rotary	Melanie Devlopoulos, Steffani Flaherty, Jonathon Greene, Peter Reiland, Bryan Stressler
Elks – 11 th Grade	Marcus Brown, Myko Rhys Dornagon, Brianna Mikolich, Michele Mooney, Amanda Van Duyne
Elks – 10 th Grade	Devynn Danziger, Andrea Gabriellini, Eric Morales, Dimitri Morgan, Morgan Sanda
Elks – 9 th Grade	Kimberly Carey, Armand Di Carluccio, Alija Lee, Scott Renard, Danielle Wolf
K of C – Business	Shannon Epsky and Andrew Muolo

Kiwanis	Michelle Kawko and Dominick Sobotka
Lions	Henry Matute and Michael Opinante
Town of Brookhaven 5 th Council District Award	Jacqueline Pantina and Jeffrey Rosales
APRIL	
Rotary	Claudia Barreiro, Vienna Costanzo, Kevin Deutsch, Richard Douglass, Corey Flavin
Elks – 11 th Grade	Christopher Margolin, Ryan Melcher, Darin Mihalik, Emanuel Morales, Annie Vincenti
Elks – 10 th Grade	Amanda Doscher, Bria Jones, Brenden Kehoe, McKenna Rowland, Maggie Vallillo
Elks – 9 th Grade	Melanie Arndt, Gina Camarco, Alexandria Cermak, Tommy Chan, Kimberly Fazio,
K of C – Business	Charles Lynch and Peter Melanson
Kiwanis	Garrett Smith and Kyle Smith
Lions	Mishelle Alcivar and Alexandra Schropfer
Town of Brookhaven 5 th Council District Award	Shannyn Ball and Ralph Stephani

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3-14	Advanced Placement Examinations NYSESLAT Examination period ends
May 12	PTSA Senior Citizen Dance – Cafeteria – 4:00 p.m. Spring Concert #1 & Art Exhibit – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
May 18	G.O. Student Elections – Auditorium Patchogue-Medford Budget Vote
May 20	NHS Induction Ceremony – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
May 21	Junior Class Prom – West Lake – 7:00 p.m.
May 21-23	Senior Class Trip
May 22	Sophomore Class Trip
May 25	Spring Concert #2 & Art Exhibit – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
May 26	NYSSMA Majors – Auditorium – All Day
May 27	Site Based Management Team Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – H.S. Library PTSA Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – H. S. Cafeteria
May 28	DECA Blood Drive – 2 nd Floor Library & Room 212
May 31	Memorial Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

June 1	Senior Athletic Banquet – 7:00 p.m.
June 3	Senior Awards & Scholarships – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
June 4	Senior Supper – West Lake – 7:00 p.m.
June 5	SAT – 8:00 a.m. – P-M HS
June 5-6	Relay for Life – Athletic Fields – 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
June 7	Music Gala – 6:00 p.m.
June 9	Tri-M Honor Society Induction 7:00 p.m.
June 10	PTG Awards – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
June 11	Incoming 9 th Grade Mixer – Cafeteria – 6:00 p.m.
June 12	Junior Class Trip
June 14	Last Day of Classes
June 15-24	Regents Examinations & Finals
June 23	Senior Prom – East Wind – 7:00 p.m.
June 24	Graduation Rehearsal – 11:00 a.m.
June 25	Graduation – 6:00 p.m.
June 26	Graduation (Rain Date) – 11:00 a.m.

Sincerely,



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Principal

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