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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The listed local students have been recognized by their colleges or universities for the following achievements:

GRADUATIONS

Pace University (Part II)

Bachelor of Business Administration Cheick Houssena S Li of College Point; Giovanni Liparoto of Maspeth; Andrew A Lokenauth of South Richmond Hill; Min Lu of Flushing; Daphney Lys of Jamaica; Inga Manasherov of Forest Hills; William Moy of Flushing; Banibroto D. Nath of Bellerose; Janet O Nelson of St. Albans; Vjollca Nikci of Long Island City; Tenzin Nyndak of Elmhurst; Jennifer K. Pangilinan of Elmhurst; Jennifer Rahman of Richmond Hill; Dianne E. Rivera of Forest Hills; Freddy I. Rivera of Ozone Park; Sami M. Saafan of Woodside; Simple Sahni of Fresh Meadows; Charitin Salas of Corona; Lindsay Santos of Jamaica; Marven Senatus of Elmhurst; Prachee J. Shah of Floral Park; Jeffrey Shore of Bayside; Christopher S. Smith of Rosedale; Sarah Soumahoro of Holliswood; Taylor Spoelstra of Middle Village; Lauren M. Sussman of Jamaica; Cetin Temel of Sunnyside; Leslie M. Vargas of East Elmhurst; Aashish Vijay of Rego Park; Erica Wong of Bayside; Insu Yang of Bayside; Jie Yang of Flushing; Farah K Yar of Jamaica Hills; Yihong Yin of New York; Patricia J. Yndigoyen-Panama of Elmhurst; Ridwan Zaman of Jackson Heights and Qianming Zhou of Forest Hills;

Bachelor of Science

Zahir Ahmed of Bayside; Justin M. Allen of Saint Albans; Adina Allert of South Ozone Park; James W. Burke of Maspeth; Jaime R. Calderon of Woodhaven; Jennifer P. Camejo of Jamaica; Emily V. Estime of Jamaica; Joanna Feliz of Fresh Meadows; Beata Fik of Ridgewood; Alba M. Hernandez of Fresh Meadows; Saima Kazi of Elmhurst; Magdolen A. Kellel of New Hyde Park; Lisa Khaleque of Rego Park; Kelly Kusactay of Astoria; Kerri M McLean of Woodhaven; Anthony F. Morris of Jamaica; Samir Musovic of Astoria; Jaclyn L. O'Toole of Little Neck; Amanda L. Pneuman of Middle Village; Pierre Rollins of Hollis; Veronica B. Shim of Rego Park; Prachaya Sinsuwan of Elmhurst; Malvina Teixeira of Forest Hills; Sumeira Ullah of Astoria and Johana E. Vagani of Ozone Park;

Masters of Arts

Elba R. Lozano of Woodside and John V. Rivera of Whitestone. Pace University (End of Part II)

Next week Special Degrees

CHARITY DONATIONS



Allstate agency owner Joseph V. Thomas, whose office is located at 256-10 Union Turnpike in Floral Park was recently named an Agent Hero by Allstate Insurance Company's New York Region, and awarded a \$500 grant for a local youth program. Thomas donated the grant to the Kerala Spikers Volleyball Club of Greater New York, based in Briarwood, which encourages local children and teens to participate in sports and cultural events. The grant went to support the club's hosting of the 22nd annual Jimmy George Memorial Volleyball Tournament, held at St. John's University.

HONORS AND AWARDS

City Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley was honored by the **Italian American Labor Council** with the **Geraldine Ferraro Legislative Achievement Award** for her outstanding support for the Italian community. Crowley was also recognized for her background in organized labor, her ability to work with unions effectively on key issues that come before the City Council and her strong support for working families. Crowley warmed hearts when she dedicated the award to her mom, **Mary Crowley**, for being such a strong and supportive role model. Crowley was seven years old when her father, **Walter Crowley** died, leaving Mary to raise 15 children on her own while filling out the late Walter's term on the City Council.



Joe McDermott, executive director of Consortium for Workers Education; Lou La Carbonara, first vice president of the Italian-American Labor Council; Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley accepting the Geraldine Ferraro Award; Julia Bastiani, President of the Italian-American Labor Council from left to right.

B'nai B'rith Housing Foundation honors State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky with a plaque lauding "her years of dedication and support to the Nathan B. Nagler Queens B'nai B'rith House."



Anita Weisbord, vice president of the Nathan B. Nagler Queens B'nai B'rith House; Senator Toby Ann Stavisky; David Wanetik, president of the Jerome S. Beatus B'nai B'rith Housing Foundation; Rita Margulies, vice president of the Jerome S. Beatus B'nai B'rith Housing Foundation at the ceremony from left to right.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Students, staff and families from **The Lowell School** held their **8th Annual walk-a-thon** to benefit, in part, their cultural arts programs for the school year. Over 300 people attended the event held for both school campus sites. The event was held on Friday, October 8 at the Bayside High School Athletic Field, and Harvey Park in Whitestone and raised more than \$12,600 to support arts programs, educational field trips and performing arts events in and out of school.

The Lowell School's elementary and middle school students minutes before they kicked-off their annual Walk-a-thon held on October 8, 2010, at the Bayside High School Field.



Photo Courtesy of Noelle Webb

One hundred eighty third- and fourth-graders from P.S./I.S. 499 and P.S. 266 in Queens, along with approximately 75 undergraduate students from Queens College's elementary education program, recently gathered at the college to hear award-winning children's author David Adler talk about how he writes his books. The author of more than 200 books for children and young adults, Adler is the voice of experience. Among his



David Adler with some of his books.

most widely read are the Cam Jensen mysteries – over 25 million of them are in circulation around the world and have been translated into many languages; the Picture Book biography series co-authored with his son Michael; and several acclaimed works about the Holocaust.



Queens College's Italian American Club and other CUNY Italian American Clubs marched in the Columbus Day Parade. At St. Patrick's Cathedral they meet Bishop Nicholas DeMarzio and make him an honorary member of the Queens College Italian American Club. For more information, visit us on Facebook - QC Italian American Club

On Friday, October 8 **Sister Joan Martin** blew the whistle for the start and the entire student body, some parents and alumnae, were off on the **6th annual walk-a-thon** in support of St. Agnes Academic High School through the streets of College Point. Once again, 2010 graduate, Megan O'Neill's dad, Thomas O'Neill, generously supplied delicious, fresh squeezed lemonade for all. The walk raised \$40,000 for the school. The money will be used for various extraordinary expenses and for scholarships to deserving students.



Enjoying their lemonade at the end of the walk-athon were from left to right: freshman, Emily Noblesala, seniors Nicole Baricevic, Selena Ventura and Michelle Baricevic.

OPENINGS

Alistate Insurance Company is proud to announce the opening of a new office in Fresh Meadows, located at 69-27 164th Street, which is independently owned and operated by agent Kim Chen. "We're committed to helping Queens residents protect the things that are important to them, whether it's their car, life, home or business," says Chen, who resides in Rego Park. He can be reached by calling 718-591-8800.