



Hempstead Herald

The Hempstead Union Free School District

DISTRICT HOSTS INAUGURAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

The Hempstead Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia and building principals honor students for their 2010-2011 academic achievements



The Hempstead School District community united in June to honor 41 outstanding students for their outstanding academic performance this school year at the district's Inaugural Academic Achievement Banquet. The event was the first of its kind in the history of the school district.

"The students being recognized this evening are the change makers of the future. They bring pride to our community now and will continue to do so in the future," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia stated. "I want all of our honorees to know that what you have achieved academically this year is astounding, and your school district is very proud of you and your accomplishments. I also extend to each and every one of you my personal congratulations for a job well done."

This wonderful school celebration featured a three-course dinner, musical entertainment by the Hempstead High School Jazz Band and a keynote address by Hempstead High School Class of 2010 Valedictorian Caleb Canas, who recently completed his first year at Harvard University.

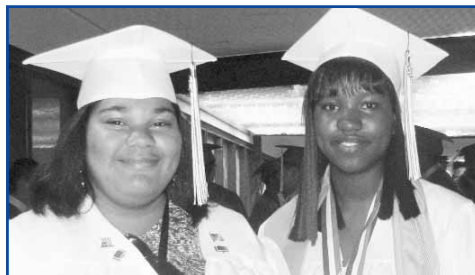
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia, Hempstead Board of Education President Charles Renfroe and the building principals also presented the honorees with a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of their academic success this school year.

2011 Academic Achievement Banquet Honorees

Eber Alvarado
Sardis Anang
Natasha Boswell
Margoth Caceres
Elvian Cali
Emerson Canales
Stephanie Chevez
Khadija Cisse
Darnell M. Colquhoun
Agnes Duru
Sarah Duru
Daraeno Ekong
Aashante Eley
Timothy Ellis-Hester
Tony Euceda
Leichanys Galetti
Jean Garcia
Gladys Guachun-Brito
Dayana Gutierrez
Sandra Henriquez
Tonniya Holley

Taj-Calvin Johnson
Amara Koroma
Iinoii Lawing
Carmen Lemus
Karen B. Lopez
Darius Meadors
Adam Nielsen
Sasha Pineda
Israel Romero
Isis Samuels
Reina Samuels
Javen Scott
Anjanie Sobhai
Samuel Stanley
William Tolliver
Jennifer Vanegas
Melvin Vasquez
Andy Arias Veloz
Andersen Vernard
Jonathan Lopez Zuniga

Student Achievement Corner



Congratulations to Hempstead High School's Class of 2011 Valedictorian Andra Smith, right, and Salutatorian Elvian Cali. Smith, who completed her high school career in three years with a 99 percent grade point average, will study biochemistry this fall at Rice University on a Gates Millennium Scholarship. The award will finance her entire undergraduate, graduate and post-graduation education. Cali, who finished her high school career with a 93 percent grade point average, will attend Baruch College this fall to study business.



The district also congratulates Hempstead High School student Melvin Vasquez, who finished 16th in the Class of 2011 after arriving to the United States four years ago from Honduras as an English as a Second Language student. Vasquez will attend Nassau Community College this fall on a full scholarship. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia, left, and Hempstead High School Interim Principal Chy Davidson presented this academic achiever with the Michael Alguera Memorial Award during the high school's 2011 Commencement in honor of his academic success.

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A Message from Superintendent of Schools *Dr. Patricia Garcia...*

Dear Parents, Guardians, Residents and Colleagues:

Thank you very much for helping to make the 2010-2011 school year a successful and academically rewarding one for the students in the Hempstead Public Schools.

Each year, we strive to elevate our school district to the next level in the face of many educational challenges. The Hempstead Board of Education and Central Administration is very pleased with the positive strides that our district made this year, and it is our intent to continue to move our school district in this upward direction.

On behalf of the Hempstead Board of Education and Central Administration, I would like to congratulate Hempstead High School's 2011 Valedictorian Andra Smith, our 2011 Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient, for representing our school district with such academic excellence and distinction. Andra is a bright, talented, motivated and intelligent young woman. This district is very proud of her and all that she has accomplished. We wish her success in her educational career and in all of her future endeavors.

This is the second consecutive year our school district has had a Gates Millennium Scholarship winner. In addition to this accomplishment, we also launched a Mandarin Chinese class and a new Theater Program at Hempstead High School, as well as began a districtwide Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) program for our kindergarten and first grade students. Our district is also proud to mention that voters approved a bond referendum in March to reopen Prospect School as a districtwide Kindergarten Center in September 2013. This project is one that is dear to our hearts, and we look forward to the reopening of this historical school building for our students.

This Administration also thanks voters for approving the 2011-2012 school year budget. This spending plan will enable our district to move forward with educating our students while remaining fiscally responsible. We thank district residents again for their continued support.

I truly hope that what we have accomplished this year and our plans for continued improvement will bring a renewed sense of pride to our entire school community.

As educators, parents, and a school district, I believe it is also imperative to remember that working collaboratively is essential in our efforts to properly educate the next generation of Hempstead leaders. "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." Therefore, this Administration asks that you to continue to take an active role in ensuring that providing "A Better Future for Every Child in Hempstead" remains the number one priority in the Hempstead Public Schools.

While our students and many employees are away for several weeks for summer break, many of our administrators, teachers and staff will be working to prepare for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. A new year is exciting because it presents many opportunities to implement changes and improvements, as well as strengthen academics and partnerships. I look forward to working with all of you in the new academic year and beyond to increase student success in our school district.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patricia Garcia
Superintendent of Schools



Administrators Retreat to Review and Improve

Just days after the 2010-2011 school year came to a close for students in June, district administrators headed to the conference center at the Residence Inn Hotel in Plainview to participate in their Annual Administrators Retreat.

As a part of the full-day retreat, administrators reviewed the 2010-2011 school year in detail and discussed ways that the district can improve in, among other areas, curriculum, technology, security, food services and business operations.

The event, which was sponsored by Renaissance Downtowns LLC, also featured an in-depth discussion about the new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) for teachers. The presentation was led by longtime education and professional development expert Dr. Rita Stein.



Schools Chief Named as a Círculo de la Hispanidad 2011 Spring Gala Award Recipient

Hempstead organization recognizes Dr. Patricia Garcia for becoming the district's first Hispanic superintendent and for her educational leadership

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia was honored in May for becoming the district's first Hispanic schools chief and for improving the educational opportunities for district students during the Círculo de la Hispanidad 2011 Spring Gala.

During the award presentation, Gil Bernardino, the organization's executive director and founder, commended Dr. Garcia and the Hempstead Board of Education for their efforts to institute new programs and initiatives in the school district this year and last year to increase student success.

"We know how hard it is to change the culture of a district," Bernardino stated. "Dr. Garcia, together with the Hempstead Board of Trustees, is working towards making the Hempstead School District a district of which we can be proud."

"The Hempstead Board of Education and I are working collaboratively to implement great changes in our school district, so that our students can succeed in their educational and professional careers and in life," Dr. Garcia stated during the award ceremony. "I am truly honored to be one of the award recipients at this wonderful gala. An award such as this one brings me great joy as a superintendent, as an educator, and as someone who truly values the importance of helping our students to excel."



Members of the Hempstead Board of Education congratulated Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia, second from right, during the award ceremony. From left are Board of Education President Charles Renfroe, Trustee Gladys Rivera, and Trustee Brandon Ray.

Prospect School Bond Project Moves Ahead

In March 2011, voters in the Hempstead School District approved an \$18.1 million bond referendum to renovate and reopen Prospect School on Peninsula Boulevard as a districtwide Kindergarten Center. The project, which is headed by BBS Architects and Engineers, is currently in the Construction Document Phase.

During this stage, the architects will meet with district departments to discuss design plans for the classrooms and other locations in the building in preparation for the Construction stage. The landmark school building is slated to reopen as a state-of-the-art educational facility in September 2013.

Prospect School Bond Project Timeline

Bond Referendum Approval: March 15, 2011

Verify Existing Conditions: April 5-6, 2011

Design Development Phase: April 4, 2011 – June 3, 2011

Kick-Off Meeting: April 8, 2011

Building Clean-Out: April 11, 2011 – May 13, 2011

R.F.P. Requests: April 11, 2011: May 27, 2011

Design Meeting 1: April 29, 2011

Investigative Demo/Review Existing Structure:

May 16, 2011 – May 27, 2011

Design Meeting 2: Easement/Access Input May 19, 2011

Design Meeting 3: May 27, 2011

Public Update: June 2, 2011

S.E.D. Preliminary Submission: June 3, 2011

Construction Document Phase: June 6, 2011 – October 3, 2011

Design Meeting 4: June 10, 2011

Design Meeting 5: June 24, 2011

Local Agency Submissions: August 8, 2011 – September 30, 2011

Public Update: September 1, 2011

Design Meeting 6: September 9, 2011

Design Meeting 7: September 23, 2011

Easement/Access Final Resolution: September 23, 2011

Final S.E.D. Submission/Est. Review: October 3, 2011- January 23, 2012

Final Document Preparation: January 24, 2012 – February 3, 2012

Bidding: February 6, 2012 – February 29, 2012

Awards/Contracts: March 1, 2012 – March 16, 2012

Construction: March 19, 2012 – June 28, 2013

Punch List/Close-Out/Occupancy: July 1, 2013 – August 30, 2013



Architects and project managers from BBS Architects and Engineers meet monthly with district administrators to discuss plans for the Prospect School Bond Project.



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A Nod to the Hempstead Tiger Athletes

District honors students for their 2010-2011 sports achievements at Athletic Awards Recognition Night

To recognize the remarkable 2010-2011 sports achievements of its talented students, the Hempstead Public Schools hosted an Athletic Awards Recognition Night in May. The event honored Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School and Hempstead High School student-athletes.

Throughout the celebration, the Hempstead Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia, District Athletic Director Dr. Robert Cincotta and sports coaches districtwide commended the students for excelling on the field and court as Hempstead Tiger athletes. The event also featured a keynote and motivational speech by Hempstead High School alumnus Ricky A. Cooke, Sr., a former Tiger basketball and football star.

During the award ceremony, ABGS Middle School athletes were honored with Project Neighborhood Peacemaker awards for their leadership and sportsmanship, and Hempstead High School students were awarded scholarships, varsity letters and Hempstead Tiger jackets for their athletic accomplishments.

"The Hempstead Public Schools' athletic program is an important part of our school district's efforts to provide our students with a versatile educational experience, and this has been a wonderful year for our student-athletes," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia stated. "Our students have demonstrated their determination, athletic abilities and sportsmanship throughout the year, which have brought a renewed sense of pride to our school community. Tonight, we gather together to celebrate these achievements as we congratulate our athletes on a job well done."



ABGS Boys' LAX Nets Perfect Season

Congratulations to the Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School boys' lacrosse team for remaining undefeated this season. The team, led by Head Coach William Cherry and Assistant Coach Eric Sacher, finished the season with an 8-0 record.

The district commends the coaches, and players Roberto Alveranga, Isaac Boone, Ivan Boone, Jerome Cunningham, Samson Fashakin, Jean Fleuriscar, Jayro Guerra, Shamar Jack, Nasheed Jeremiach, Jonathan Mingo, Isiah Morgan, Andre Morse, Chris Peters, Jawon Rainey, Shaka Shomari, K'Dave Strachna, Davon Thornton, Otha Ward, Durell Williams, Lamar Wells and Dante Yuanis for their perfect finish.

Hempstead Students

Pre-Kindergartners, kindergartners, fifth-graders and eighth-graders



June 2011 was a memorable month for many Hempstead elementary and middle school students, since they celebrated their official promotion to the next grade during their school's annual Moving-Up Ceremony.

The young faces of the Hempstead Pre-K School showed their singing talents at their ceremony as they celebrated their advancement to kindergarten. At the Early Childhood Center, kindergartners celebrated their achievement with a Broadway-themed ceremony. The program, entitled, "There Is No Business Like School

Business," featured students singing "New York, New York," "One Singular Sensation," "Consider Yourself" and other legendary show tune hits.

Marshall School kindergartners united to teach attendees all about the importance of friendship during their ceremony. While educating the audience, the students also performed songs including, "We're All in This Together," as well as recited a "Moving Up Day" poem.

During the Barack Obama School and Jackson Main



ents Move On Up

ighth-graders celebrate their promotion to the next grade



School ceremony, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia, Barack Obama School Principal Helisse Palmore, and Jackson Main School Principal Dr. Rodney Gilmore commended the students for working diligently at excelling in their academics. At the Franklin School and Fulton School ceremony, students were given similar compliments from Franklin Assistant Principal Sheena Burke and Fulton Principal Regina Armstrong-Robinson in recognition of their academic achievements. In addition, each of the joint elementary school ceremonies

featured musical performances, speeches by the students, and a Certificate of Promotion presentation.

And it certainly was a special Moving-Up Ceremony for the 2011 Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School eighth graders as they marked the completion of their junior high school education. This ceremony featured a farewell address from the class' valedictorian, Nataly Chevez, a message to the graduates from the class' salutatorian, Steffany Acevedo-Perez, an award ceremony and a Certificate of Promotion presentation.



The Future

The Class of 2011 college acceptances include:

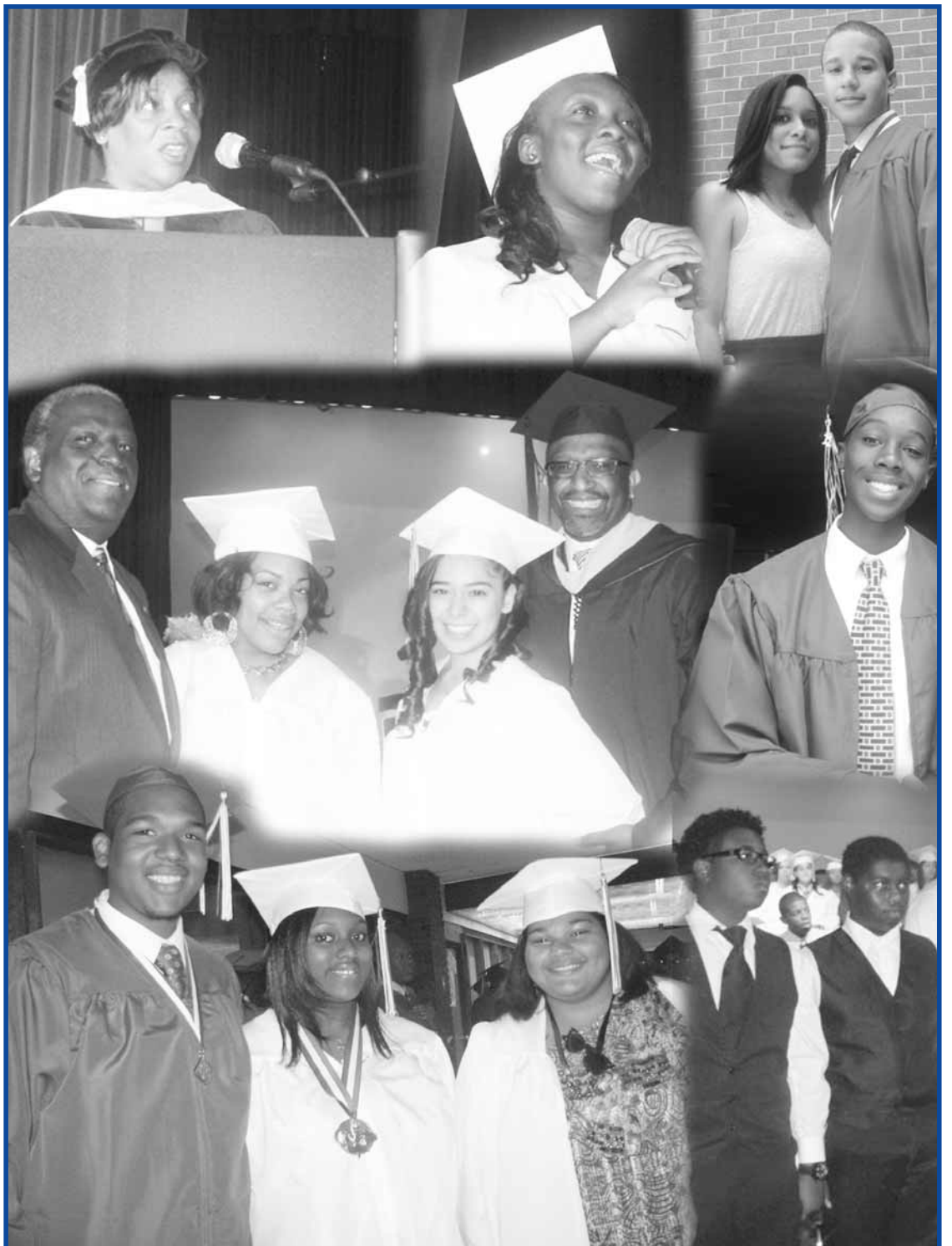
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 SUNY Delhi
 SUNY Fredonia
 SUNY Morrisville
 SUNY Nassau Community College
 SUNY Old Westbury
 SUNY Oswego
 SUNY Plattsburgh
 SUNY Potsdam
 SUNY Stony Brook
 Temple University
 Tuskegee University
 University at Buffalo
 University of Miami
 Virginia Union University

Pomp and *Hempstead High School*

A celebration of student success is the best way to describe Hempstead High School's Class of 2011 Commencement. Well-wishes, smiles, cheers, tears of joy, applause and more filled the school's auditorium as district administrators, teachers, staff, parents, families and community members joined one another to congratulate this year's seniors for completing their high school education.

During the greetings from the Central Administration, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia commended the students for spending 12 years working diligently at excelling at their studies, which enabled them to create an educational milestone in their lives.

"Graduating from high school is a remarkable accomplishment and with the education you have received here at Hempstead High School, we know that you are positioning yourself for the future, and we have no doubt that you will be successful," Dr. Garcia stated. "This district's Administration and staff want each of you to remember that you are the change makers of tomorrow and beyond. You have the power to make the Hempstead community, our state, our country and this world a better place. Yes, you can and yes, you will."



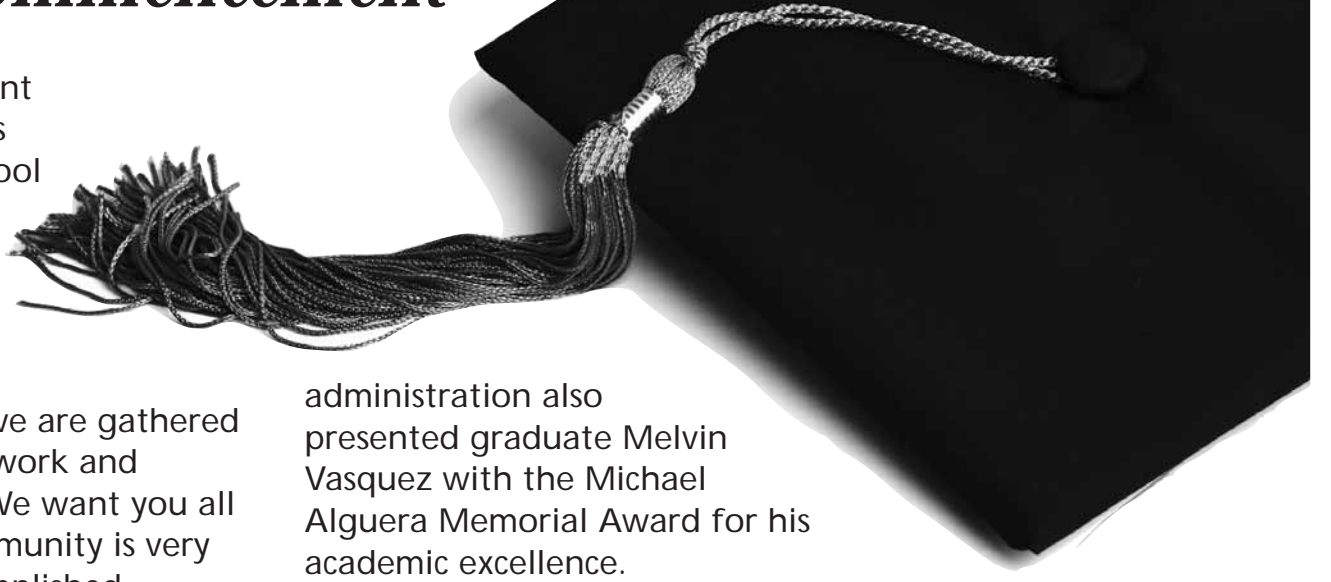
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celebrates 2011 Commencement

Hempstead Board of Education President Charles Renfroe shared similar sentiments during his greetings on behalf of the school board, which was followed by a performance from the international award-winning Hempstead High School Select Choir.

"Today is all about these amazing Hempstead High School graduates, and we are gathered here today to celebrate all of their hard work and dedication," President Renfroe stated. "We want you all to know that this school district and community is very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Congratulations."

Along with hearing words of wisdom from former Hempstead High School student Natalie Santana — a Class of 2007 alumna who recently graduated from Hofstra University — attendees also listened to inspiring messages from the class' Valedictorian Andra Smith, Salutatorian Elvian Cali and President Aprylle Albert. The school's



administration also presented graduate Melvin Vasquez with the Michael Alguera Memorial Award for his academic excellence.

Hempstead High School Interim Principal Chy Davidson later capped the commencement off on a tribute note by reading a poem that he penned to recognize the seniors for their remarkable academic achievement.

The Hempstead Public Schools congratulates Hempstead High School's Class of 2011!



Dates to Remember

August 25

Alverta B. Gray Schultz
Middle School Incoming
Sixth-Grade Orientation
Bandbox 10 a.m.

**August 31
and September 1**

Superintendent's
Conference Day

September 6

First Day of School

September 15

Board of Education
Meeting

Hempstead High School
Little Theater 7 p.m.

October 22

Hempstead High School
Homecoming Parade
Step-off 10:30 a.m.

Hempstead High School
Homecoming 1:30 p.m.

High Schoolers Earn National Honor Society Prestige

Eleven outstanding Hempstead High School students recently became members of the prestigious National Honor Society. With direction from their advisor Zephaniah Powell, the students were inducted into the organization in honor of their excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. This year's theme was entitled, "Just Stand Up," and during the ceremony, the honorees recognized the person in their life who has helped them to develop the courage to stand up in the face of adversity.



This year's honorees, along with their advisor Zephaniah Powell, were all smiles after they were inducted into the prestigious organization.

2011 National Honor Society Inductees

Jessica Avila
Deanna Bassett
Natasha Blagrove
Jacqueline Fleuriscar
Jamarr Lampart
Jessica Martinez-Menendez
Ladinia Okang
Marta Orellana

Daniella Rodriguez
Andra Smith
Meleka Young

Honorary Members

Angelica Frias
Mayelin Hernandez
Carmen Lemus
Karen Lopez
Iris Martinez
Erika Rivera



S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth, Inc. Executive Director Sergio Argueta, left, and, Hempstead High School National Honor Advisor Zephaniah Powell, right, congratulated students Marta Orellana, second from left, and Deanna Bassett for becoming members of the National Honor Society. Argueta was also the ceremony's guest speaker.



'Once on This Island' Comes to Hempstead High

Students bring one-act musical to life on the theatrical stage

Hempstead High School presented "Once on This Island" in May as its 2011 spring musical. The show was a part of the district's new Theater Program at the high school. The district congratulates the students, Music and Fine Arts Director Angel Perez, teacher Ms. Mazo and the entire musical staff for their wonderful performance of the one-act play, which was based on the novel "My Love, My Love" by Rosa Guy.



Immunizations Reminder

All incoming Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School sixth graders must have their immunization records updated by the first day of school on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Students who do not have their records updated will not be permitted to attend classes. For questions or additional information, please contact the ABGS Middle School's Nurse's Office at (516) 292-7111 ext. 1310 or 1320.



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