

# S2C...Baldwin School District's School-to-Career Advisory Breakfast

Fall 2010

## Teaching for Tomorrow

Lisa Strahs-Lorenc, Director of Educational Services at Long Island Works Coalition, was the guest speaker at this year's first School-to-Career Breakfast. She gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Workforce through Career Academies."

She noted that academy programs, like the one at

Baldwin High School, create a workforce pipeline to Long Island industry. Twenty-first century industries growing on Long Island include healthcare/bioscience, engineering, green energy, global business, and technology, she said.

However, Ms. Strahs-Lorenc stressed this is not vocational education. Instead, there are new 3 Rs: Rigor, Relevance, and



*Superintendent of Schools Dr. James Mapes thanks Superintendent of BOCES Dr. Thomas Rogers for his support of the academy programs*

Relationships to create motivated students, invigorate teachers, prepare students for success in the workforce, and develop early connections to companies.

## Baldwin Academies Putting their "Best Foot Forward"

Students in Baldwin High School's academies are joining in on a regional project and related contest sponsored by Long Island



Works called "Best Foot Forward."

The students in the nine Long Island districts that offer academy programs are learning about the manufacture of sneakers, recycling and good will through a curriculum guide from the Ford Motor Company. Meanwhile, they will vie to collect the most sneakers and shoes in a week-long drive and create the best

commercial that will be posted on YouTube for judging and voting. Under the direction of advisor Barbara Riess, the students have already brainstormed ideas for the commercial, which the new Broadcasting and Video class at the high school will help to produce, and bins have been distributed to every building to collect sneaker and shoe donations.

## Ten Years of BHS Mentoring

School-to-Career Coordinator Pat Banhazi announced that this is the tenth year for the high school mentoring program, which currently has 120 mentors. She thanked Naomi Johnson of State Farm Insurance Company for all her help and support. There will be a mentor training workshop on November 18 for new high school mentors given by Jean Cohen, Executive Director, and Franca Floro, from the Mentoring Partnership, who have trained all the mentors in the district for the past ten years.

## Medical Exploration

Science teacher Chris Sheehan thanked Kathy Fee, Mercy Medical Center Director of the Volunteer Office, for presenting an orientation to students about the Medical Explorer Club and internships. The 17th Annual Mercy Medical Shadow Day is scheduled for March 22, 2011.

### UPCOMING EVENT...

November 15 - Believe Symposium. 80 Baldwin students will meet business leaders for an inspiring day of workshops!

## Students Learn About Opportunities in Accounting

Seven Baldwin High School students were selected by the New York State Society of CPAs



Left to right: Tamaara Bostwick, Maria Rodriguez, Andrew Keiser, Brandon Brown, Sade Knox, Josue Etienne, and Justin Mahoney

(NYSSCPA) to participate in the Career Opportunities in the Accounting Profession (COAP) residency program at Hofstra University this past summer.

The students were Tamaara Bostwick, Brandon Brown, Josue Etienne, Andrew Keiser, Sade Knox, Justin Mahoney and Maria Rodriguez. The students lived on campus, attended a variety of classes and took field trips to local

accounting firms, businesses, and government agencies.

Said student Sade Knox, "One of the best classes was the social networking class. The program as a whole was truly beneficial." Business teacher Jason Rudish said this was the 12th year that Baldwin student participated in this program and thanked Baldwin resident Arlene Issacs-Lowe for her support.

## Middle School Mentoring Program Update

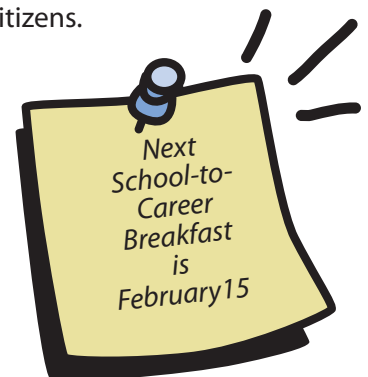
Baldwin Middle School teacher Kerry Xjimenez said the middle school mentoring program is continuing to grow. There are currently 100 mentors and mentees who meet each week to chat about their friends, frustrations, and futures.

This year, the mentoring program is focusing on college and career exploration. As part of the Career

Development and Occupational Studies program (CDOS), the mentoring pairs will read through college catalogs, learn about course prerequisites and the application process, and help the students to set goals. This exercise also ties into the school's monthly character goal: this month it's "responsibility."

Upcoming mentoring events

include an Uno competition and creating holiday cards for senior citizens.



## School to Career Goal for 2010-11



Assistant Principal Rich Miskiewicz said the goal for the School-to-Career program this year is to promote the learning academies. He said the academy concept helps students make intelligent post-secondary decisions and learn real-world skills. He thanked the business community for their involvement. "Even in hard times, our business partners inspire our students," he said.

### Teens are on the Job!

Pat Banhazl said Baldwin students will participate in the Teens on the Job Shadow Day for the 17th year on February 2, 2011. For the second year, Baldwin School District is organizing the event so pairs of tenth graders can visit job sites that day. "These are our future leaders," she explained. "We need to get them out of the building and into the business world," thanking all volunteer mentors.

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